

Annex 1.9 Exercise briefing presentation



Simulation Exercise Vector
Exercise Briefing Day 1



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Welcome

Ministry of Health
Member State



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Content

- Introduction to the day one of the exercise
- Timetable for the day
- Set the scene for scenario
- Exercise specifics/guidance

Exercise aim

To exercise the public health emergency preparedness of the participating countries to a major outbreak of mosquito-borne viral disease, of both national and international dimensions.

Importance of emergency preparedness



Being prepared and understanding what to do will reduce the fear, anxiety and losses that accompany most emergencies.

To lessen the impact of disasters on vulnerable populations, to prepare an organization for an influx of activity, and to design a coordinated plan that reduces the waste of resources, time, and efforts.

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Exercise Objectives



- In-country emergency recognition and management: detect and risk assess the situation, activate emergency organisation and plans, manage and monitor the emergency;
- Inter-sectoral collaboration: work effectively between the health and key related sectors, to assess the risks and manage the emergency;
- International collaboration: interact effectively with contiguous and other countries in the wider region, and international authorities, to assess, manage, communicate and work collaboratively to address, mitigate and resolve the international emergency;
- Risk communication: to communicate effectively regarding the health risks, between stakeholders, professionals and the public.

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Review and Evaluate

Also we will review and evaluate: for each country to reflect on potential lessons from the exercise relating to their present state of preparedness for public health emergencies, involving mosquito borne viral diseases in particular, and for communicable disease events more generally.

(NB this is very important part of TTX process, but not classed as an objective)

Exercise timetable – Day 1

- 0900 Welcome and exercise briefing
- 0930 Introduction to scenario, table introductions then group work
- 1050 Coffee
- 1110 Scenario continues
- 1230 Lunch
- 1330 Scenario continues
- 1500 Coffee
- 1530 Scenario continues
- 1700 Close day 1

How the exercise will work

- Work through the scenario and address the questions
 - In your country group
 - As a table group
 - Bulleted points are prompts – use as a guide but don't limit yourself to these
 - Facilitator on each table to facilitate discussion and keep time
 - Evaluator on each table to report back against objectives
 - Please fill in green forms (3 key points) – written feedback
 - Group to feedback in plenary at end of each session – 3 key points

How the exercise will work

- There are a range of subject matter experts and international representatives (WHO, ECDC, EC) available to help – please talk to them
- You can also write messages to international organisations eg IHR/EWRS using the forms provided and delivering them by hand
- If for any reason you need to contact anyone outside of the exercise preface your discussion with “exercise exercise” so they are aware its not real
- Use this experience as a good networking opportunity

How to participate

- TTX is not a test of you as an individual, but plans and processes. It is a safe learning environment to 'rehearse' organisations
- Artificialities and limitations – make allowances. Accept the scenario!
- Identify limitations, but also note good practices and system strengths

Communicate

- What information might you need?
- Who can you get this from in this room?
- What information might others need from you?
- What information are you willing to share/ less willing to share?
- Share new information

Ground Rules

- Safe learning environment
- Networking opportunities
- Share information
- Everyone's contribution is valuable
- Support decisions with plans and procedures

TTX Evaluation and Debrief

- Group evaluators
 - collect information from your group's decisions and actions
 - Evaluation form
- Hot debrief
 - Group feedback
- Participant feedback
 - Questionnaire at Endex
- Cold debrief
 - Two weeks post-exercise

After-exercise activities

Evaluation report:

- Lessons identified

Areas for improvement:

- Improvement plan

Exercise Report (within 4-6 weeks)

Implementation and follow up

ANY QUESTIONS?

Table group introductions – 10 minutes

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Feedback

- 3 key points to feedback per table

EXERCISE STARTEX

Welcome back

Welcome to day two of the Simex
Exercise Vector

Content

- Introduction to day two of the exercise
- Timetable for day two
- Set the scene for day two
- Exercise specifics/guidance

Exercise aim

To exercise the public health emergency preparedness of the participating countries to a major outbreak of mosquito-borne viral disease, of both national and international dimensions.

Exercise timetable – Day 2

- 0900 Welcome back
- 0910 Review day 1/scene set day 2
- 0930 Scenario continues
- 1040 Coffee
- 1100 Scenario continues
- 1230 Lunch
- 1330 Evaluation – reflections on preparedness
- 1500 Coffee
- 1501 Evaluation Continued
- 1550 Closing Address
- 1600 Close

Exercise day 2 – Key points to note

- 1st session this morning – prepare a situation report in your country group for reporting up to Central Government
 - ~30 minutes to prepare the report
 - Identify the key issues you want to feed in to the government
 - ~30 minutes for feedback
- Use the scenario from session 3 yesterday afternoon as a reminder (and your notes)

Inject 3 summary



- you have deployed resources to the border area
- investigation identified 5 confirmed cases (by serology) and 100s of suspected cases of dengue close to the border.
- five confirmed cases hospitalised; it is expected some of the suspected cases will also need to be hospitalised.
- three suspected cases identified in a hospital in a suburb of the capital city (one of the cases has recently returned from the border region where the outbreak is, other two have not visited the border region).
- (Remember there is still an ongoing outbreak in your neighbour country too)

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Closing address



Summarise main findings

Explain next steps:

- Exercise Evaluation
- Improvement plan
- Exercise Report [and DATE]
- Follow up

Encourage participants to share key findings with colleagues within/out their organisation

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Exercise wrap up

- **Important** - Complete participant evaluation feedback form to improve future exercises
- You will receive a certificate of participation on receipt of your feedback form
- Thank you all for your participation