

# Key READY Resources

## READY Outbreak Readiness and Response Learning Hub

Are you ready to respond to the next big outbreak? The READY Outbreak Readiness and Response Learning Hub provides a variety of courses, digital simulations, and resources for humanitarian actors to strengthen their readiness and response to major disease outbreaks. With over 80 technical and operational courses across a wide variety of topics, sectors and providers, the READY Learning Hub is available at no cost to users. Available in [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#), and [Spanish](#).

**Outbreak Foundations Collection:** This collection includes eLearning courses and key resources that provide foundational knowledge for those approaching outbreak preparedness and response in humanitarian settings for the first time, or those who are interested in familiarizing themselves with the work of other sectors.

- [Introduction to Infectious Disease Outbreaks in Humanitarian Settings. \(English, French\)](#) (90 minute). This eLearning course aims to provide learners with foundational knowledge around infectious disease outbreaks which is needed to help them effectively prepare for, adapt, and/or respond to outbreaks in a humanitarian setting.
- [Introduction to Risk Communication and Community Engagement \(RCCE\) for Outbreaks in Humanitarian Settings. \(English, French\)](#) (90 minute). This eLearning course aims to provide learners with an introduction to RCCE and the significant role it plays in outbreak responses.
- [Introduction to Business Continuity Planning for Outbreaks in Humanitarian Settings. \(English\)](#) (60 minute) This eLearning course aims to introduce and highlight key considerations that can guide BCP for NGOs from all sectors working in humanitarian settings, emphasizing complexities related to major infectious disease outbreak.

**Child Protection during Outbreaks Collection:** Developed in partnership with the [Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action](#), this collection includes eLearning courses and key resources that will explore key topics for protecting and prioritizing the needs of children during infectious disease outbreaks in humanitarian settings with six short courses and their associated mini-guides. The collection also includes the foundational course on infectious disease outbreaks in humanitarian settings. All eLearnings in this collection are only available in [English](#).

- [Adapting child protection programming in infectious disease outbreaks.](#) This 25-minute eLearning course and the associated mini-guide will equip learners with foundational knowledge and skills for adapting critical case management interventions for children during infectious disease outbreaks in humanitarian settings to ensure these services continue operating safely.
- [Advocating for the centrality of children and their protection in infectious disease outbreaks.](#) This 20-minute eLearning course and the associated mini-guide will equip learners with foundational knowledge and skills to advocate for the centrality of children's protection during infectious disease outbreaks in humanitarian settings
- [Collaborating with the health sector in infectious disease outbreaks.](#) This 20-minute eLearning course and the associated mini-guide will equip learners with key knowledge to identify why and how child protection and health actors should work together during infectious disease outbreaks in humanitarian settings to maximize positive outcomes for children and caregivers
- [Communicating with children in infectious disease outbreaks.](#) This 25-minute eLearning course and the associated mini-guide will equip learners with the foundational knowledge and

skills to use child-friendly approaches when communicating with children during infectious disease outbreaks in humanitarian settings.

- [Preventing harm to children in infectious disease outbreaks](#). This 25-minute eLearning course and the associated mini-guide will equip learners with the knowledge to identify intersectoral strategies and key actions to prevent harm to children during infectious disease outbreaks in humanitarian settings.
- [Prioritizing child participation in infectious disease outbreaks](#). This 25-minute eLearning course and the associated mini-guide will equip learners with the foundational knowledge to make safe, meaningful, and inclusive child participation a priority in outbreak preparedness, response and recovery in humanitarian settings

**Risk Communication and Community Engagement during Outbreaks** Collection: This collection includes foundational courses to build your knowledge on the basics of infectious disease outbreaks as well as RCCE courses for how to plan and implement tailored approaches during epidemics and pandemics.

- [Introduction to Risk Communication and Community Engagement for Outbreaks in Humanitarian Settings. \(English, French\)](#) (90 minute). This eLearning course aims to provide learners with an introduction to RCCE and the significant role it plays in outbreak responses.
- [Participatory Community Engagement during Major Disease Outbreaks in Humanitarian Settings. \(English\)](#) (45 minute). This eLearning course provides learners with a five-step process on designing and delivering a participatory community engagement approach to mitigate outbreaks and their impacts on communities.
- [Data Collection, Analysis and Use during Major Disease Outbreaks in Humanitarian Settings. \(English\)](#) (45 minute). This eLearning course aims to provide learners with foundational knowledge on how to collect, analyze, and use data to design community-centered RCCE interventions during outbreaks in humanitarian settings.

**Outbreak READY! Digital Readiness and Response Simulations:** Through unique, digital interpretations of an outbreak simulation, READY brings the complex nature of a humanitarian outbreak response to life utilizing a computer-based serious game that allows participants to test and refine their outbreak readiness skills and knowledge.

- [Outbreak READY! \(English, Spanish, French\)](#) (2 hours and 30 minutes) This simulation will place learners in the role of a Team Lead managing a multi-sectoral humanitarian program portfolio, they must make decisions that determine how the NGO adapts and expands programs to respond to the outbreak with a focus on how operational readiness actions influence response outcomes.
- [Outbreak READY 2!: Thisland in Crisis \(English, French\)](#) (3 hours and 15 minutes). This simulation will place learners in the role of a Health Program Manager leading the health response for an NGO operating in Thisland, a fictitious, low-income country that has experienced recent civil conflict, mass displacement, and an influenza epidemic

#### Additional READY developed eLearning courses

- **WASH in Epidemics.** ([English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#)) (2-3 hour). This eLearning course will introduce learners to the role of WASH in an infectious disease outbreak setting, focusing specifically on respiratory, fecal-oral, and direct contact infectious disease outbreaks.

- **Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) in Emergencies during Infectious Disease Outbreaks.** ([English](#), [French](#)) (60 minute). Developed in partnership with the [Infant Feeding in Emergencies Core Group](#), this eLearning course aims to equip learners with foundational knowledge on how to protect, promote, and support recommended IYCF practices in humanitarian settings during outbreak preparedness and response.
- **IYCF Remote Counseling: How to support caregivers during infectious disease outbreaks and other settings.** ([English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#), [Indonesian](#)) (1-hour) This eLearning course aims to equip learners, especially IYCF counselors, with the knowledge and skills to remotely counsel clients to understand, adopt and sustain optimal IYCF behaviors and practices during infectious disease outbreaks and in other remote settings.

## Resource Library

READY maintains and updates this library of multi-sectoral resources for outbreak readiness and response in humanitarian settings. The library is searchable by topic, disease, and resource type. More than 50 new tools and guidance were recently added to this growing repository – take a look! Our most downloaded resources are highlighted below! If you have relevant resources, you'd like us to add, please email READY at [ready@savechildren.org](mailto:ready@savechildren.org).

- **Infectious Disease Outbreak Response Coordination: An Introductory Guide for Non-Governmental Organizations.** ([English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#)). This guide provides an overview of outbreak response coordination, the factors that influence how coordination structures are operationalized at the national level, and tips on how your organization can effectively engage with and support outbreak responses.
- **Communicating with Communities in Epidemics and Pandemics: Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) Readiness Kit.** ([English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#)). This tool guides users through outbreak preparedness and response phases and readiness actions to help them better prepare and plan to use RCCE in an outbreak response.
- **Why the Delay? Perspectives of National and Local Actors on Progress Toward Locally Led Outbreak Readiness and Response.** ([English](#)). This paper covers the result of consultations with key global humanitarian and outbreak actors, local and national organizations in the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Syria, and Yemen, and a comprehensive desk review of existing literature. It centers on their perspectives, needs, and priorities and provides recommendations for locally led action during infectious disease outbreaks in humanitarian settings. This [two-page brief](#) outlines the key findings and recommendations.
- **Fit for purpose? Global Coordination Mechanisms of Large-Scale Epidemic Response.** ([English](#)). This report examines global structures and processes for epidemic coordination mechanisms, identifies gaps in current coordination structures during epidemics in humanitarian contexts, and presents clear recommendations for improving epidemic coordination mechanisms in humanitarian emergencies. This [two-page brief](#) outlines the key findings and recommendations.
- **Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights during Infectious Disease Outbreaks: Operational Guidance for Humanitarian and Fragile Settings** ([English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#)). This guide provides practical advice for health staff undertaking infectious disease preparedness and response activities to ensure that the sexual and reproductive (SRH) needs

of the population are met when an outbreak occurs. It is an operational guide to support health actors to maintain critical SRH services during infectious disease outbreaks.

- **Maternal and Newborn Health During Infectious Disease Outbreaks: Operational Guidance for Humanitarian and Fragile Settings** ([English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#)). This guidance provides humanitarian actors responsible for maternal and newborn health (MNH) programming with priority readiness and response actions to maintain the continuity, quality, and safety of health care for pregnant and postnatal women and adolescent girls and their newborns during an infectious disease outbreak response in a humanitarian or fragile setting.
- **Community-based Surveillance of Infectious Diseases: A Systematic Review of Drivers of Success.** ([English](#)). This paper details the findings of a systematic review and narrative synthesis of the evidence describing the drivers of success of community-based surveillance systems.

### Tools For Strengthening Collaboration Between Child Protection and Health Actors for Infectious Disease Outbreak Preparedness and Response

- **Checklist for child-friendly isolation and treatment centers: Considerations for design, implementation, and budgeting.** ([English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#)). This checklist is designed to be used during outbreak preparedness and readiness phases to improve child-friendly services when responding to an outbreak.
- **Confidentiality guidance note: Advice for health actors addressing child protection concerns during infectious disease outbreaks.** ([English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#)). This tool is for health actors and outlines how to collaborate with child protection actors appropriately. It explains what confidentiality means, why it is important, how it can be maintained, and best practices for sharing information confidentially when it is in the child's best interests.
- **Tip sheet: Child-friendly approaches for health actors undertaking vaccination campaigns.** ([English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#)) This tool suggests practical ways to integrate child-friendly approaches into vaccination campaigns in the following four areas: sharing accurate information, addressing children's fears and concerns, providing family-centered and inclusive services, and offering post-vaccination support.

**Child Protection in Outbreaks: Mini-Guides.** Developed in partnership with the Child Protection Alliance for Humanitarian Action this series of six mini guides is designed primarily for child protection and health practitioners and the social service workforce in settings impacted by infectious disease outbreaks.

- **Adapting child protection programming in infectious disease outbreaks.** ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#), [Arabic](#)). This Mini-Guide is designed primarily for child protection practitioners and the social service workforce in settings impacted by infectious disease outbreaks. It provides an overview of why and how to adapt national and community-level child protection interventions during outbreaks.
- **Advocating for the centrality of children and their protection in infectious disease outbreaks.** ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#), [Arabic](#)). This Mini-Guide is designed primarily for child protection practitioners and managers in settings impacted on by infectious disease outbreaks. It can also be used by coordinators of inter-agency groups or technical task forces, and other sectors engaging with children as part of outbreak management.

- **Collaborating with the health sector in infectious disease outbreaks.** ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#), [Arabic](#)). This Mini-Guide demonstrates how and why child protection considerations can and should be integrated into outbreak management. This Mini-Guide is intended for use by health and child protection practitioners during infectious disease outbreaks, preparedness, response and recovery.
- **Communicating with children in infectious disease outbreaks.** ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#), [Arabic](#)). This Mini-Guide is primarily for child protection and health practitioners and explains how to communicate with children on a one-to-one level. Personnel working in settings impacted on by infectious disease outbreaks may encounter children and will need to know how to talk and listen to them effectively.
- **Preventing harm to children in infectious disease outbreaks.** ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#), [Arabic](#)). This Mini-Guide is aimed at humanitarian personnel working in health and child protection as well as those specializing in mental health and psychosocial support and members of the social service workforce. This Mini-Guide is for use during the preparedness, response and recovery phases of an outbreak, in settings that are in crisis or that become a humanitarian setting.
- **Prioritizing child participation in infectious disease outbreaks.** ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#), [Arabic](#)). This Mini-Guide aims to support children's agency and amplify their voices, ultimately improving the overall quality and effectiveness of subsequent interventions. This Mini-Guide sets out: 'WHAT' child participation is; 'WHY' child participation is important in outbreak settings; and strategies as to 'HOW' potential challenges may be overcome.

Please note that the [READY website](#), [READY Learning Hub](#), the [Resource Library](#) and all the resources listed above will continue to be available.

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