

## EBOLA VACCINE COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT (3C) GAP ANALYSIS TOOL

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- **3Cs:** Communication, Community Engagement & Compliance Management
- **AEFI:** Adverse Events Following Immunisation
- **CDC:** Centre for Disease Control
- **DHIS:** District Health Information Systems
- **EBODAC:** Ebola Vaccine Deployment, Acceptance & Compliance
  - **EPI:** Expanded Programme on Immunisation
  - **EOC:** Emergency Operations Centre (aka Public Health Emergency Operations Centre)
  - **EVD:** Ebola Virus Disease
  - **GEVIT:** Global Ebola Vaccine Implementation Team
    - **HIS:** Health Information System
    - **HMIS:** Health Management Information Systems
  - **HPEC:** Health Promotion, Education and Communication (Health Education)
    - IEC: Information, Education, Communication
    - **ICTs:** Information Communication Technologies
    - IC: Interpersonal communication
    - **IPC:** Infection, Prevention & Control
    - **KAP:** Knowledge, Attitudes & Practices
  - **LSHTM:** London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
    - M&E: Monitoring and Evaluation
    - MoH: Ministry of Health / and Sanitation / and Social Action
    - **MOTS:** Mobile Training and Support
    - MOU: Memorandum of Understanding
    - NGO: Non-Governmental Organisation
      - RI: Readiness Item
    - **RRT:** Rapid Response Team
  - SitRep: Situation Report
    - **SoP:** Standard Operating Procedure
    - **ToR:** Terms of Reference
  - **UNICEF:** United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
    - **WHO:** World Health Organization
      - WV: World Vision

#### **COMMUNICATION:**

Real time exchange of information, opinion and advice between frontline responders and people who are faced with the threat of Ebola to their survival, health, economic or social wellbeing.<sup>1</sup>

#### **COMMUNITIES:**

Different groups existing in the area targeted for 3Cs for Ebola vaccine deployment including the area surrounding targeted for vaccine deployment. Communities maybe defined by geographical area, purpose or other social cultural dimensions but for the purpose of this tool, the above is the operational definition of communities for 3Cs for Ebola vaccine deployment.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS:**

Mutual partnership between Ebola response teams and individuals or communities in affected areas, whereby community stakeholders have ownership in controlling the spread of the outbreak.<sup>2</sup>

#### **COMMUNITY ENTRY GATEKEEPERS:**

People with formal or informal authority who have to be consulted before or during entry into their communities to conduct any sort of activity. This often includes political office bearers, religious leaders, cultural or traditional leaders.

#### **COMMUNITY SEGMENTS:**

Layers of target population with differences in geographical location, socioeconomic status, gender, occupation, power dynamics and thus differential access to channels of communication such as TVs, FM radios, community radios, social media and health facilities.

#### **COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS:**

Formal and informal institutions/organizations, groups and influential personalities operating within the community who have direct or indirect roles in planning, implementation or evaluation of community-based activities, including health interventions.

#### **COMMUNITY STRUCTURES:**

Groups and networks within the community such as women's group, mother's union, father's union, farmers group, market women associations, youth groups, teachers' groups, burial groups, cultural dance groups, religious denominations, saving and credit cooperatives, traditional healer's associations, ethnic and cultural groups.

#### **DEMAND-SIDE PREPAREDNESS:**

Behavior and inputs of recipients or intended recipients (individuals, households and communities) to service delivery inputs provided on the basis of formal sectoral planning by technical planners and managers. Furthermore, these are activities that will generate and sustain demand towards the Ebola vaccine.

#### **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC) AND PARTNERS:**

This refers to the section of Government of the Ministry of Health that is responsible for leading and coordinating the Ebola preparedness and response. The partners may include the private for profit, private not for profit and traditional health providers, UN agencies, development and global health agencies, international and local non-governmental organizations, and community based organizations who are supporting the Ebola response.

#### **ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES:**

Equipment, methodology, system, or innovation that have the ability to support and enhance the performance and capabilities of the user. Within the context of 3Cs for EBODAC, enabling technologies can be used to support enhanced performance in: media monitoring; identification of persons, including biometric approaches, such as fingerprinting or iris scanning; tracking persons, such as for the purposes of twodose vaccine compliance tracking; capturing and managing case management data; training, including Mobile Training Support Tools (MOTS); and coordination.

#### **EXPANDED PROGRAM ON IMMUNISATION:**

The section of the Ministry of Health that develops and expands immunisation programs in a country.

#### **GENDER:**

Refers to the socially constructed characteristics of women and men – such as norms, roles and relationships of and between groups of women and men.

#### **HEALTH PROMOTION EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION:**

The section of the Ministry of Health that increases community awareness and literacy on disease prevention and promotion; promotes public participation and involvement in health-care delivery, increases demand and utilisation of services provided by the health sector.

#### **HOTLINES:**

24/7 telephone number which people can call free of charge to reports of any incidences. Example are 117 hotline in Sierra Leone and 0800100066 hotline in Uganda.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCE:**

All people engaged in actions whose primary intent is to enhance the health of populations.

#### IEC:

Information, Education and Communication: An approach whose aim is to change or reinforce support behaviour in a specific target audience towards a specified problem within a period of time. IEC materials are designed to effectively promote this approach.

#### **MECHANISMS:**

Procedures, rules and regulations.

#### **MICRO PLAN:**

Field level work plan documents that outlines specific activities, methodology, their schedules, venues, targeted beneficiaries, budget lines and responsible persons/institutions for implementation.

#### **MOBILISATION:**

The process of bringing together all community influencers to raise awareness of and create a demand for health-care, assist in the delivery of resources and services and cultivate all-round involvement.

#### **OPERATIONAL PLAN:**

Provincial, regional or district level documents that stipulate specific objectives, activities and budget lines that should be implemented to achieve the strategic goals and objectives.

#### **PORTAL:**

Physical or digital site or system where people can drop a text message, letter, email or other digital reports. One example is 8080 in Uganda where people can send SMS to the ministry of health.

#### **READINESS ITEMS:**

Things, systems or mechanisms that could be put in place or done before vaccine deployment (whether many months before, or immediately before) to mitigate the issues that could arise in relation to Ebola vaccine deployment and acceptance.

#### **RISK COMMUNICATION:**

The exchange of real-time information, advice and opinions between experts and people facing threats to their health, economic or social well-being.

#### **RUMOURS:**

Stories or reports that circulate amongst communities of uncertain or doubtful truth.

#### **SENSITISATION:**

Provision of experiences and knowledge of a particular issue or situation so that individuals or communities can take notice of this and understand it well.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

National level document that stipulates goal, broad objectives and approaches that would be preferred, prioritized and funded for curbing a disease or health problem in question for a specified period of time, usually 5 years. An example is the Uganda Ebola viral disease preparedness and response strategic plan 2010-2014.

#### SYSTEMS:

Technologies and tools

#### TEAM:

Group of people with joint defined scope of work. This can be a department, unit, or committee. Examples are Rapid Response Team for Ebola, national and district task force for Ebola in Uganda, risk communication and social mobilization committee, etc.

#### **TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS:**

Conversation whereby both parties speak, listen and provide feedback to each other.

#### **VACCINE ACCEPTANCE:**

Refers to willingness or hesitancy or refusal of vaccines despite availability of vaccination services.

#### VACCINE COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT:

Ensuring the targeted are the ones receiving the vaccination and in case of a two-dose vaccine, those who received the first dose are the ones who receive the second dose at the right time.

#### **VULNERABLE GROUPS:**

Refers to groups of people who may lack access to social-cultural amenities and services compared to general members of the population due to possession of certain characteristics such has being children, pregnant women, elderly people, malnourished people, prisoners, migrants and refugees, people who uses drugs, and people who are ill or immunocompromized, etc.



## WHAT IS A GAP ANALYSIS?

A gap analysis is the comparison of current performance state with potential or desired performance state (i.e. where country is versus where the wants to be). The difference between the two is 'the gap' to be analysed and addressed. Gap Analysis are often presented in a gap analysis tool format (see Figure 1).



### WHAT IS A GAP ANALYSIS TOOL?

A gap analysis tool is a framework (usually checklist with response options and scoring system) that outlines what the potential or desired performance is, and assists users to measure their current performance against this benchmarks or set performance targets so they can analyse their gaps and look at the steps they'll need to take to reach their goals (often by creating specific action plans to move forward with the steps).

### WHAT IS THE EBOLA VACCINE 3C GAP ANALYSIS TOOL?

The Ebola vaccine 3C Gap Analysis tool is a framework that establishes a countries readiness for Ebola vaccine deployment in non-emergency and emergency scenarios in terms of communication, community engagement and vaccine compliance management (3C). It does this by establishing the gap between 3C items the country has in place and what 3C items should be in place for optimal Ebola vaccine deployment, acceptance and compliance.

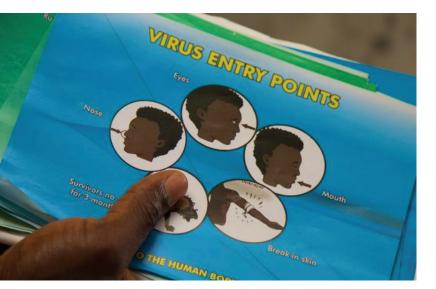
The Tool poses readiness items and levels of readiness to undertake Ebola vaccine communication, community engagement and compliance management (3C) for both countries and the international community to answer as they are planning or are in the process of deploying Ebola vaccine as a preparedness or outbreak response option. This tool establishes four levels of readiness namely:

- **LEVEL 3:** Where 3C items are fully available and functional/operational
- **LEVEL 2:** Where 3C items are partially available or partially functional/operational
- **LEVEL I:** Where 3C items are not available or not functional/ non-operational but in process of being developed
- **LEVEL 0:** Where 3C items are not available or not functional/non-operational and there are no plans of developing them

The above level of readiness may be redefined by national authorities on the basis of existing regional and national context.

The Tool is designed to prepare for Ebola vaccine deployment in a variety of different deployment scenarios; regardless of the exact vaccine profile, across Sub-Saharan African countries.











## WHAT DOES THE EBOLA VACCINE 3C GAP ANALYSIS TOOL COVER?

The Ebola Vaccine 3C Gap Analysis Tool covers 15 aspects of readiness assessment namely:

ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO ENSURE THERE IS A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF THE TARGET POPULATION(S), CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATION AND THEIR AUDI-ENCES – FROM DEMOGRAPHICS TO ATTITUDES – BEFORE AND THROUGHOUT THE VACCINE DEPLOYMENT.

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ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO ENSURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF 3C STRATEGIES AND PLANS (INCLUDING WORK-PLANS, M&E PLANS) HAPPEN AT ALL LEVELS (NATIONAL, DISTRICT, COMMUNITY).



ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO ENSURING TIMELY PRODUCTION OF TAILORED COM-MUNICATIONS PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS (FAQS, LEAFLETS, POSTERS, VIDEOS, TRAINING MATERIALS ETC) BEFORE AND THROUGHOUT THE VACCINE DEPLOYMENT.

4

ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO ENSURING FORMAL AND INFORMAL LEGITIMATE AND TRUST COMMUNITY GROUP LEADERS ARE ACTIVELY AND MEANINGFUL ENGAGED THROUGH THE EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT.

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ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO ENSURING TIMELY, CONSISTENT, CREDIBLE PUBLIC AND MASS COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES ABOUT THE VACCINE.



ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO ENSURING APPROPRIATE, TRUSTED CHANNELS, MES-SENGERS AND PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES ARE USED TO REACH, ENGAGE AND DIALOGUE WITH COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS ABOUT THE EBOLA VACCINATION.



ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO ENSURING EBOLA VACCINE MISINFORMATION, RUMOURS AND AEFIS ARE MONITORED THROUGHOUT THE VACCINE DEPLOYMENT, AND THAT COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FORM PART OF THE WAY IN WHICH THEY ARE ADDRESSED.

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ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO ENSURING VACCINATION COMPLIANCE IS PROMOTED AND TRACKED THROUGHOUT THE VACCINE RESPONSE, AND THAT COMMUNICA-TIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FORM PART OF THE WAY IN WHICH VACCINATION COMPLIANCE ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED.



ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO ENSURING INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES ARE USED AS INTEGRAL PART OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR THE EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT.

ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO ENSURING EBOLA VACCINE COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES CONSIDER CROSS BORDER DIMENSIONS.

ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO ENSURING EBOLA VACCINE COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES ARE RESPONSE TO VULNERABLE GROUPS AND GENDER ROLES IN THE COMMUNITY.

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ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO ENSURING ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES ARE USED TO IDENTIFY AND TRACK PEOPLE TO BE VACCINATED AND ALSO EDUCATE REMOTE COM-MUNITIES DURING THE EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT.

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ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO ENSURING COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES ABOUT EBOLA VACCINE ARE INTEGRATED INTO THE BROADER HEALTH SYSTEM.

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READINESS LEVELS AND SCORING SYSTEM.

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GAP IDENTIFICATION, PRIORITIZATION AND ACTION PLANNING.





## WHAT DOESN'T THE EBOLA VACCINE 3C GAP ANALYSIS TOOL COVER?

The Ebola Vaccine 3C Gap Analysis Tool does not cover 6 aspects namely:

- EBOLA VACCINOLOGY
- 2. GUIDANCE ON HOW TO SELECT A VACCINA-TION STRATEGY OR SET-UP A HEALTHCARE WORKER OR FRONTLINE WORKER OR RING VACCINATION WITH EBOLA VACCINE.
- **3.** SUPPLY-SIDE ASPECTS OF EBOLA VACCINATION, I.E.:
  - A. VACCINE STOCKPILES;
  - B. SUPPLY CHAIN;
  - C. COLD-CHAIN MANAGEMENT;
  - D. VACCINE STORAGE & HANDLING;
  - E. CLINICAL TRAINING OR TRAINING ON ANYTHING OTHER THAN COMMUNICATIONS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, OR COMPLIANCE-TRACKING;
  - F. WASTE MANAGEMENT & DISPOSAL;
  - G. MONITORING OR ASSESSMENT AFTER VACCINE DEPLOYMENT.
- 4. CLINICAL SCREENING FOR EBOLA VIRAL DIS-EASE
- 5. EBOLA CASE MANAGEMENT, SURVEILLANCE AND LABORATORY TESTING
- 6. GUIDANCE ON HOW TO SECURE FUNDING OR EXACT FIGURES SHOWING HOW MUCH IS NEEDED FOR DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES.



<sup>3</sup>WHO Ebola Situation Report, 10th June 2016 http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/208883/1/ebolasitrep\_10Jun2016\_

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Ebola Vaccine Implementation Team (GEVIT) Practical Guidance on the Use of Ebola Vaccine in an outbreak response. http://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/gevit-guide/en/ WHAT REAL WORLD CHALLENGES PROMPTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 3C GAP ANALYSIS TOOL?

The 2014 Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak in West Africa was of an unprecedented scale. Between January 2014 and January 2016, a total of 28,616 confirmed, probable, and suspected EVD cases, including 11,310 deaths, were reported in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone<sup>3</sup>. The outbreak devastated affected populations and caused considerable socioeconomic disruption across the region.

The EBODAC (Ebola Vaccine Deployment, Acceptance and Compliance) Consortium was formed at the height of this West African Ebola outbreak as part of Ebola vaccine development efforts, and in the recognition of the complex social and cultural hurdles which prevent vaccine acceptance by target populations<sup>4</sup> and particular unique challenges that may prevent acceptance and uptake of an Ebola vaccine.

With several Ebola Vaccines in clinical trial stage showing compelling results<sup>5</sup>, the world is moving closer to having a licensed Ebola Vaccine. When an Ebola vaccine does receive regulatory approval for use, exceptional levels of demand-side preparedness will be key to ensuring its successful deployment. Vaccine hesitancy and refusal are issues with all vaccines, but an Ebola vaccine is likely to be especially sensitive for several reasons, from the fear Ebola invokes to the unfamiliar way in which an Ebola vaccine may be deployed, or even different levels of safety testing for vaccines deployed in public health emergencies. Effective communication and community engagement to inform, interact, and create a dialogue with target populations could be the difference between high vaccine confidence, uptake and compliance and height-ened vaccine concerns, mistrust, low uptake and compliance, and even boycott.

The World Health Organization's Global Ebola Vaccine Implementation Team (GEVIT) Practical Guidance on the Use of Ebola Vaccine in an outbreak response<sup>6</sup> is the only known guidance that exists for the introduction of an Ebola vaccine. While this tool excels in providing guidance on supply-side preparedness for deployment, it doesn't fully cover exploration of demand-side readiness, and, thus, does not enable governments to systematically assess their own readiness to deploy. Therefore, the Ebola vaccine Deployment, Acceptance & Compliance (EBODAC) Consortium developed this Ebola vaccine 3C Gap Analysis tool to complement the guidance provided by the aforementioned GEVIT tool.

### HOW WAS THE 3C GAP ANALYSIS TOOL DEVELOPED?



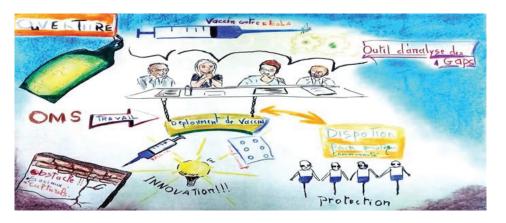
The EBODAC Consortium's 3C Gap Analysis Team worked in collaboration with the Ministries of Health (MoH) in Sierra Leone, Senegal, and Uganda to develop and pilot the Ebola vaccine 3C Gap Analysis Tool. The team executed four phases of development: (1) rapid review of existing literature on tools; (2) expert consultations; (3) tool prototype development, piloting and refinement into the final Tool; and (4) dissemination (see Figure 2). The expert consultations were conducted from Uganda, Senegal and Sierra Leone, countries selected because of their unique experiences of Ebola outbreaks and responses and significant expertise and notable achievements in this field.

The expert consultation process provided avenues for obtaining efforts from various national Ministries of Health (MoH), EOC and international institutions including WHO, UNICEF, Red Cross, PATH, MRC, MSF and CDC.Additional inputs into the development process were solicited through meeting with multi-disciplinary Project Steering Committees and joint writing workshops with ministries of health officials in Senegal, Sierra Leone and Uganda. Further development efforts included regional subject expert reviews, comments and pilot testing with future end users in Senegal, Sierra Leone, Uganda and DRC.

The involvement of expert stakeholders in the design of the 3C Gap Analysis Tool ensured that it has been on built on the latest research, best practices and lessons learned from clinical trails and Ebola vaccine deployments.







## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE 3C GAP ANALYSIS TOOL?

The purpose of the 3C Gap Analysis Tool is to generate reliable information on countries' readiness to conduct Ebola vaccine communication, community engagement and vaccine compliance management in non-emergency and emergency scenarios. Specifically, the 3C Gap Analysis Tool is meant to enable governments in sub-Saharan Africa to ensure that communications, community-engagement, and vaccine compliance management (the 3C) strategies, plans and activities are effectively mainstreamed in Ebola vaccine deployment by enabling countries to:

- Assess their own readiness in terms of communications, community-engagement and vaccine compliance management.
- 2. Identify the gap between the 3C items they have in place and what needs to be in place for optimal Ebola vaccine deployment.
- **3** Prioritize 3C gaps to address prior to or during the Ebola vaccine deployment.
- 4. Undertake action planning to address prioritized 3C gaps

In view of its aforementioned abilities, the 3C Gap Analysis Tool will serve as a resource document for governments and partners to undertake a process of identification and prioritization of gaps; action planning; and subsequent decision making related to preparation for Ebola vaccine deployment.

### WHEN TO USE THE 3C GAP ANALYSIS TOOL?

Countries should consider completing the 3C Gap Analysis Tool when a country's Ministry of Health has made the decision to deploy Ebola vaccine whether in non-emergency scenario as part of preparedness intervention package and in emergency scenarios as part of outbreak response intervention package. In non-emergency scenarios, countries can consider completing the Tool as a routine Ebola vaccine 3C readiness baseline or midline or endline status assessments that can be presented to the Ministry of Health Ebola National Taskforce. Whereas in emergency scenario, the Tool should be used to conduct rapid assessment of the status of Ebola vaccine 3C by the Communication and Community Engagement Experts within the National Rapid Response Team (NRRT) within a minimum of one month to Ebola vaccine deployment as part of the outbreak response intervention package. However, it is recommended to plan for sufficient time to address any priority gaps that will emerge between the time of completing the Tool and the vaccine deployment.









## WHAT RESOURCES ARE NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE 3C GAP ANALYSIS TOOL?

Country teams should ensure they have access (physically, online or through consultations) to the following information resources before using the Tool:

- National Strategic Plan for Ebola Viral Disease (EVD) Preparedness and Response
- Ebola vaccine communication and community engagement (i.e. risk communication and social mobilization) strategies and plans including human resources and budgets
- Expanded Programme for Immunization (EPI) strategies and plans including human resources and budgets
- Health Promotion, Education and Communication (HPEC) strategies and plans including human resources and budgets
- National policies and guidelines on production, distribution and dissemination of communication products and materials
- National policies and guidelines on vaccine related misinformation, rumours and AEFI management
- National policies and guidelines for routine immunization
- National polices and guidelines for Ebola vaccination
- National policies and guidelines for Health promotion, education and communication
- National gender mainstreaming policies and guidelines
- Cross border coordination mechanisms for Ebola preparedness and response



# WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THE 3C GAP ANALYSIS TOOL?

Regardless of the scenario and the version of the Tool, the 3C Gap Analysis Tool should be completed by a multi-disciplinary team comprising of staff and stakeholders from:

- Health Promotion, Education and Communication (HPEC)
- Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI)
- Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)
- Surveillance and Epidemiology
- Epidemic Disease Control

## WHO SHOULD TAKE LEADERSHIP IN ORGA-NIZING COUNTRY TEAMS TO COMPLETE AND ACTION THE PRIORITY GAPS IDENTI-FIED BY THE 3C GAP ANALYSIS TOOL?

The Tool should be completed by a multi-disciplinary team of assessors in a meeting format that involves interactive processes such as group discussion, verification of records or quick expert consultative processes (through online emails, phone or social media).

The entire process of forming or enlisting the multi-disciplinary team of assessor(s), filling out the different parts of the Tool and action planning could take between 2-4 meetings. This should be taken into consideration when planning for the assessment.

The Ministry of Health particularly the headships of the departments for Health Promotion, Education and Communication (HPEC) and Expanded Programme for Immunization should take:

- Leadership in forming or enlisting the multi-disciplinary team of assessors to complete the Tool
- Responsibility of presenting the priority gaps and action plans identified through the Tool to relevant higher authorities including potential funders
- Responsibility of following stakeholders including potential funders on the implementation of priority gaps and action plans identified through the Tool





### STRUCTURE OF THE GAP ANALYSIS TOOL

The Gap Analysis Tool is divided into four modules:

MODULE I: STRATEGIC 3C ACTIVITIES

**MODULE 2:** OPERATIONAL 3C ACTIVITIES

MODULE 3: INTEGRATION OF 3C BEST PRACTICES AND GUIDELINES

MODULE 4: SUPPORTIVE AND ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR 3C

Each module is broken down into three parts:

#### PART I: GAP IDENTIFICATION AND SCORING

There are a set of headings or topics nested under each module. And under each heading, there are readiness items with a scoring system which is assigned codes using the following schema:



#### **PART 2: GAP PRIORITIZATION**

Part 2 for Gap Prioritization provides a framework for heading-level prioritization and item-level prioritization for the 3C Gap Analysis Tool.

#### **PART 3: ACTION PLANNING**

Part 3 for action planning provides a framework for identifying actions or solutions to the priority gaps.





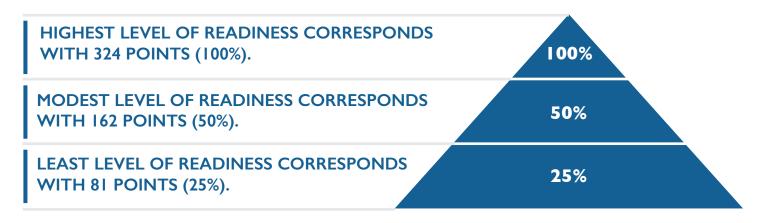
**HOW TO COMPLETE EACH MODULE** 

#### I. COMPLETE THE READINESS ITEM

To complete the readiness item scoring, read each readiness item, reflect and discuss with the team, tick ( $\sqrt{}$ ) and write one score corresponding to the response option that best reflects the country's current level of readiness regarding the item in question. At the end of the list of readiness items under each heading, you will be prompted to calculate a total score for the heading. Based on the total score for heading, you can calculate summary score for the heading as a percent score.

#### HOW TO INTERPRET THE OVERALL LEVEL OF READINESS SCORE?

Whereas overall level of readiness can range from 0-100%, as shown below, the three (3) critical overall levels of readiness are:



#### AN ILLUSTRATION OF HOW TO FILL IN THE READINESS ITEM SCORING:

		3	2	1	0	SCORE
IA.SA.01	Has the EOC incorporated the distribution of 3Cs products and materials for Ebola vaccine deployment into the routine distribution system across the country?	Yes, information sources have been collected and analysed to context	Yes, information has been collected but not yet analysed	No, but plans in place to collect information	No and no plans	0
I A.SA.02	Do the routine healthcare service delivery programmes in public and private health facilities integrate 3Cs for Ebola vaccine deployment?	Yes, information is available and analysed to context	Yes, information is available but not yet analysed	No, but plans in place to collect information	No and no plans	2
I A.SA.03	Has the situational analysis and risk communications planning for the vaccination campaign included the following: I. Identification and description of information related to known health effects of the vaccine; clinical management of anticipated AEFIs; and planned alert system and management locations/ protocol for AEFIs 2. Cultural meanings for anticipated AEFI symptoms and their management	5 or more	Only 4 or 3	Only 2 or 1	None	ı
Total Score for Heading (out of 9 total possible points)					e points)	3/

### 2. PRIORITIZE HEADING-LEVEL AND ITEM-LEVEL GAPS

TABLE MI.I						
HEADING CODE	TOTAL PERCENTAGE SCORE (%)	PRIORITY RANK				
ΙΑ.	30%	IST				
IB.	80%	4TH				
IC.	60%	3RD				
ID.	50%	2ND				

#### TABLE MI.2.I

IST PRIORITY HEADI	NG CODE	
ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED
IA.SA.04	0	Lack of SOP for quick KAP surveys
I A.SA.02	0	Social mob are not part of rapid response team for Ebola
I A.SA.06	0	Insufficient funds for SA for 3Cs
I A.SA.06	0	A few in-country stakeholders trained in SA for 3Cs

#### **3. CREATE AN ACTION PLAN**

PRIORITY GAPS	ACTION PLAN	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	TIMELINE	SUPPORT NEEDED
Lack of materials in usable format	Activate standing MoUs	Comm HPEC	l week	Funds for accessible format translation (etc)



EBOLA VACCINE COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT (3C) GAP ANALYSIS TOOL



## **MODULE I: STRATEGIC 3C ACTIVITIES**

**PART I.I.I: (GAP IDENTIFICATION AND SCORING)** This module covers situational analysis, 3C strategy and plans, communication products and materials and 3C messaging to audience. MoH can use the module to determine their own readiness to conduct effective strategic planning in 3C for Ebola vaccine deployment.

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HEADING IA. SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS FOR 3C								
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I	0	SCORE		
A.SA.0	Has information been collected on population distribution by age, sex, religion, ethnic group and socio-economics status of the area where the vaccine will be deployed?	Yes, informa- tion sources have been collected and analysed to context	Yes, informa- tion has been collected but not yet analysed	No, but plans in place to collect information	No			
I A.SA.02	Is there available detailed information on the targeted community's knowledge, attitude, beliefs, behaviours and perceptions on Ebola, Ebola vaccines, global partners, the government and health system?	Yes, informa- tion is available and analysed to context	Yes, informa- tion is available but not yet analysed	No, but plans in place to collect information	No			
I A.SA.03	Does the situational analysis for Ebola vaccine deployment include the following? I. Identification and description of information related to known health effects of the vaccine; 2. Clinical management of anticipated AEFIs; 3. Planned alert system and management protocol for AEFIs 4. Cultural meanings for anticipated AEFI symptoms and their management 5. Others	All the 5	3-4	I-2	0			

HEADING IA. SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS FOR 3C							
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I	0	SCORE	
1 A.SA.04	Are the 3C strategies and activities <sup>7</sup> for Ebola vaccine deployment informed by the findings of situation analysis?	Yes, all strategies and activities are informed by the situation analysis	Yes, but not all strategies and activities are informed by the situation analysis	No, but plans in place	No		
I.A.SA.05	Is there capacity to conduct and utilise situation analysis findings for Ebola vaccine related 3C activities?	Yes, there's full capacity	Yes, but partial capacity	No, but plans in place	No		
1 A.SA.06	Are there mechanisms <sup>8</sup> to conduct a rapid situation analysis during an emergency?	Yes, mecha- nisms are in place and functional	Yes, but not all the mechanisms are functional	No, but plans in place	No		
Total Score for Heading (out of 18 total possible points)						/18	
Percentage (%) score for Heading:						%	

#### MANUALS AND GUIDELINES

The Health Communication Capacity Collaborative 3C. Ebola Preparedness Implementation Toolkit. Chapter 7.

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WHO. Public Health Situation Analysis (PHSA) Standard Operating Procedures. - https://www.who.int/health-cluster/resources/publications/Public-Health-Situation-Analysis-SOPs.pdf

WHO. Emergency Response Framework 2nd Edition. Chapter 1. - https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/258604

SADC & FAO. Participatory Rural Communication Appraisal, Starting with the People: A Handbook. Chapter 2 Situation Analysis Framework in PRCA. - http://www.fao.org/3/y5793e/y5793e00.htm

The Health Communication Capacity Collaborative 3C. Ebola Preparedness Implementation Toolkit. Chapter 4. Conducting Rapid Assessments for Ebola Communication.

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#### "A GOOD SITUATION ANALYSIS, THE KEY TO HANDLE MISINFORMATION AND RUMORS"

SUCCESS STORIES

28 years' experience against rumors, or rather against negative information currently coming mostly from social networks.

- 1998: rumors against the Polio vaccine. Youssou Ndour (very famous Senegalese musician) helped us a lot with his messages. Journalists from Walfajiri (local TV channel) alerted us to rumors, the Prime Minister immediately set up a crisis committee around the Minister of Health. He has also vaccinated live on television his children against polio, which ended the rumor!

- With regard to measles vaccine, given the measles cases reported among Guineans in Senegal, we visited the ambassador of Guinea who immediately appointed 3 people to accompany the vaccine caravan. A musical tour was organized with these 3 people who supported the measles campaign.

- In the Niayes market gardening area where Peuhl cultivate, we encountered vaccine reluctance ... hence a change in communication by speaking Puular instead of French ... which solved the problem.

- In the case of the cervical cancer vaccine (HPV) among 9-year-old girls, it was the policy that posed a problem. In fact, it is the unresolved HPV issues that constitute blockages. Nevertheless, after the introduction in 2014, a total of 50,000 girls were vaccinated with 100,000 doses without experiencing any serious side effects. In the terminology of the HPV figure the word "uterus" which automatically refers to the idea of birth and therefore baptism, which obviously speaks to imams! Hence the feeling of being concerned by the HPV vaccine. We have worked with imams including a member of LISCA who is funding the treatment (400 000XOF) for the victims; the testimony of the husband of a victim was decisive to bring about the agreement of the imams. This illustrates that we must train these community relays and not focus on the main media!

HEADING IB. STRATEGIES AND PLANS FOR 3C FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT							
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I	0	SCORE	
IB.SP.OI	Are there 3C Strategic and Operational plans for Ebola Vaccine Deployment (whether stand-alone or embedded in other plans)	Yes, both 3C strategic and operational plans exist	Yes, but not both	No but plans in place	No		
IB.SP.02	Does the 3C Strategic Plan for Ebola Vaccine Deployment include all of the relevant 3C activities?	Yes, all relevant 3C activities are included	Yes, but only few of the relevant 3C activities are	No, but plans in place	No		
IB.SP.03	Does the 3C Strategic Plan for Ebola Vaccine Deployment reflect the principles for: I. Community feedback 2. Interlinkage with broader Ebola response	All the 5	3-4	I-2	0		
	<ol> <li>Interlinkage with the routine health system</li> <li>Close collaboration between supply and demand side teams</li> <li>Others</li> </ol>						
IB.SP.04	Have the key stakeholders <sup>10</sup> that may provide technical, financial and material support to the 3C activities for Ebola vaccine deployment during emergency been identified?	Yes, all of them	Yes, but a few of them	No, but plans in place	No		
Total Score for Heading (out of 12 total possible points)						/12	
Percentage (%) score for Heading:						%	

<sup>9</sup>3C Activities include: Situational analysis for Ebola vaccine-related communication, community engagement and compliance management, Communication Products and Materials on Ebola vaccine, Messaging to Audience on Ebola vaccine, Public/ mass communication specific on Ebola vaccine, Misinformation and rumor management for Ebola vaccine, AEFIs communication management for Ebola vaccine, Compliance management for Ebola vaccine, Compliance management for Ebola vaccine, Community engagement and compliance management for Ebola vaccine, Community engagement and compliance management for Ebola vaccine, Community engagement and compliance management for Ebola vaccine, Fully avaccine, Community engagement and compliance management for Ebola vaccine, Equipment and supplies for communication, community engagement and compliance management for Ebola vaccine, Ebola vaccine, Ebola vaccine, Fully avaccine-related vulnerable groups considerations, Laws, ethics and human rights in Ebola vaccine elabela vaccine elabela vance management, Capacity building/training on Ebola vaccine related communications, community engagement and compliance management, General human rights integration of Ebola vaccine related communications, community engagement and compliance management, General human rights vaccine related communications, community engagement and compliance management, General human rights vaccine related communications, community engagement and compliance management, General human rights vaccine related communications, community engagement and compliance management, General human rights vaccine related communications, community engagement and compliance management, General human rights vaccine related communications, community engagement and compliance management, General human rights vaccine related communications, community engagement and compliance management, General human rights vaccine related communications, community engagem

<sup>10</sup>Stakeholders include: International technical agencies i.e.WHO. UNICEF, CDC, Vaccine and immunization experts, Ebola outbreak response experts, Ebola vaccination experts, Public / mass communication experts, Community engagement experts, Social media experts, Social-anthropologists, ICT and computer specialists, Social-anthropologists, ICT and computer specialists, Health educationists , Health workers like nurses, Frontline workers (such as community health workers, borders security agents, etc.), Community group leaders, Religious leaders, Traditional healers, Cultural leaders, Political leaders, Humanitarian response NGOs, Burial groups, Environmental protection, Wildlife, Tourism, Agriculture, Livestock

#### HEADING IB. STRATEGIES AND PLANS FOR 3C FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT

#### **MANUALS AND GUIDELINES**

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-https://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/ gevit\_guidance\_may2016.pdf

WHO. Ebola Strategy. Companion tool to GEVIT Practical guidance on the use of Ebola vaccine in an outbreak response. Guidance for establishing AEFI surveillance systems in countries planning to use Ebola vaccines.

- https://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/GEVIT\_guidance\_ companion-tool\_AEFI.pdf

WHO. Communicating Risk in Public Health Emergencies. A WHO Guideline for Emergency Risk Communication (ERC) policy and practice.

- https://www.who.int/risk-communication/guidance/download/en/

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The Health Communication Capacity Collaborative 3C. Ebola Preparedness Implementation Toolkit. Chapter 7. Ebola Communication Strategy Guidance. - https://sbccimplementationkits.org/ebola/courses/ebolapreparedness-i-kit/

The Health Communication Capacity Collaborative 3C. Ebola Preparedness Implementation Toolkit. Appendix A. Illustrative Ebola Communication Strategy. - https://sbccimplementationkits.org/ebola/courses/ebola-preparedness-i-kit/

HEADING IC. PRODUCTS & MATERIALS FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT							
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I	0	SCORE	
IC.MP.01	Is there an Office responsible for the approval of communication products and materials before production?	Yes, it exists at both strategic and operational levels	Yes, but only at one of the levels	No, but plan in place	No		
IC.MP.02	Does a set of guidelines exist for distribution of communication products and materials from points of production to health service delivery points and the communities?	Yes, guide- lines exist and is operational	Yes, but not followed	No, but plans are in place	No		
IC.MP.03	Do existing guidelines have provisions for development, production and distribution of additional communication products and materials at times of emergencies, AEFIs, rumours and misinformation?	Yes, there are several provisions	Yes, but limited provisions	No but in process of review	No		
IC.MP.04	Are there standing Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) or Open Purchase orders with printing, recording and publishing entities?	Yes, several and are flexible	Yes, but are few or rigid to activate	No, but negotiations are ongoing	No		
IC.MP:05	Are there budget lines for development, production and distribution of communication products and materials?	Yes, sufficient	Yes, but insufficient	No, but lobbying is ongoing	No		
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Total Score for Heading (out of 15 total possible points)							
Percentage (%) score for Heading:							

HEADING ID. 3C MESSAGING FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT							
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I	0	SCORE	
1 D.MA.01	Are there systems <sup>11</sup> for identification of previous Ebola vaccine deployments messages for adaptation and use in emergency scenarios?	Yes, systems exist and are functional	Yes, but not functional	No but system is being developed	No		
I D.MA.02	Does a committee exist with a clear term of reference to develop messages?	Yes, commit- tee exists and is functional	Yes, but non functional	No but the formation process has started	No		
I D.MA.03	Is there a centralized compendium or resource centre where messages are routinely stored and easily retrieved whenever needed?	Yes, a functional centralized compendium or resource centre exists	Yes, but non functional	No but under develop- ment	No		

HEADIN	NG ID. 3C MESSAGING FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT					
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I	0	SCORE
I D.MA.04	Are messages on AEFIs, rumours and misinformation incorporated (as appropriate) into materials for: • Training frontline staff • Community engagement • Stakeholder engagement • Interpersonal communication • Public/mass communication • Others	Yes, messages are incorporated and SOPs available	Yes, messages are incorpo- rated but SOPs are not available	No, but plans are in place to incorporate messages or SOPs	No	
I D.MA.05	Are there guidelines for development of messages (from identification of the need for the message up to production)?	Yes, guide- lines exist and are operational	Yes, but not operational	No but under develop- ment	No	
I D.MA.06	Are there budget lines for development of messages for 3C activities including: • Content drafting • Translation of messages • Message pre-testing • Message piloting • Message review meetings • Others	Yes, sufficient	Yes, but insufficient	Not but being considered	No	
	Total Score for	• Heading (o	out of 18 to	tal possible	e points)	/18
Percentage (%) score for Heading:						%

WHO. Risk Communication and Community Engagement Considerations: Ebola Response in Democratic Republic of the Congo. Section III.5 Message maps.

- https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/

10665/272767/9789241514217-eng.pdf

WHO. Key messages for social mobilization and community engagement in intense transmission areas.

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WHO. Ebola messages for the general public.

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CDC CERC. CERC Message development worksheet.

- https://emergency.cdc.gov/cerc/resources/pdf/message\_ development\_for\_communication.pdf

CDC CERC. CERC Anticipated questions.

- https://emergency.cdc.gov/cerc/resources/pdf/anticipatedqa.pdf

National Social Mobilisation Pillar, Sierra Leone. Consolidated Message Guide for Ebola Communication in Sierra Leone.

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Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Liberia. Message Guide for Ebola Communication.

- https://www.medbox.org/social-mobilisation/message-guide-for-ebolacommunication-social-mobilization-sub-committee/toolboxes/preview?q=

WHO. Risk Communication and Community Engagement Preparedness and Readiness Framework: Ebola Response in the Democratic Republic of Congo in North Kivu.. Annex 8. Message maps.

- https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/275389/ 9789241514828-eng.pdf



The Gap Prioritization Plan serves to assist in the identification and prioritization of gaps emerging from the completing Part 1 (Gap identification and Scoring). In addition, it is designed to support action planning to address critical gaps in readiness for Ebola vaccine deployment from the 3Cs perspective.

#### HOW TO CONDUCT GAP PRIORITIZATION?

After completing the Part I (Gap Identification and Scoring), Part 2 the Gap Prioritization Framework should be completed, followed by Part 3 (the Action Planning Framework), as they build upon each other. Each framework has instructions embedded.

The Gap Prioritization Framework undertakes two levels of prioritization: heading-level and item-level. Follow the illustrations and steps outlined below to fill in the Heading-level and Item-level Gap Prioritization Tables.

## HOW TO FILL IN THE TABLES:

#### **TABLE P2.1.1**

HEADING CODE	TOTAL PERCENTAGE SCORE (%)	PRIORITY RANK
IA.	30%	IST
IB.	80%	4ТН
IC.	60%	3RD
ID.	50%	2ND

TABLE P2.1.2 IST PRIORITY HEADING CODE IA.					
ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED			
IA.SA.04	0	Lack of SOP for quick KAP surveys			
IA.SA.02	0	Social mob are not part of rapid response team for Ebola			
IA.SA.06	0	Insufficient funds for SA for 3Cs			
IA.SA.06	0	A few in-country stakeholders trained in SA for 3Cs			

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## HEADING-LEVEL PRIORITIZATION

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For each heading, fill in the total percentage score for the heading. For each heading, indicate the priority rank, based on the total percentage score. Heading/Area level prioritization whereby the headings with the lowest total percentage score will be the 1st priority, followed by the 2nd lowest and 3rd lowest in that order.

Choose priorities Ist - 3rd for the next step of item level prioritization below. Where there is tie in the priority rank, countries will have the discretion to choose one of them.

#### TABLE P2.I.I

HEADING CODE	TOTAL PERCENTAGE SCORE (%)	PRIORITY RANK
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<b>IB.</b>		
IC.		
ID.		

## **ITEM-LEVEL PRIORITIZATION**

Item level gaps exist for items with scores of (0), (1), or (2). (See Box 1)

LIST ITEMS WITH A (0) SCORE.

Items with a (0) should be prioritized first, as this represents the most critical state that needs immediate attention.

### LIST ITEMS WITH A (I) SCORE.

Items with a (1) score are the 2nd priority, and items with a (2) score are the 3rd priority.

## **REVIEW YOUR LISTS AND SET CUT OFFS.**

Review your results in Tables I and 2 for headings and items. These represent your priority gaps.

#### BOX I: INTERPRETING ITEM SCORES

(3) A score of 3 indicates readiness.
(2) A score of 2 indicates a situation where most elements are available or in place, but that some remaining aspects can be addressed.
(1) A score of 1 indicates a situation where not everything exists, but some minor aspects are either in place or underway towards readiness.

(0) A score of 0 indicates a state where nothing exists and no plan is in place to address the issue of concern.



#### **TABLE P2.1.2**

IST PRIORITY HEADING CODE

ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED

#### **TABLE P2.1.3**

2ND PRIORITY HEADING CODE

ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED

#### **TABLE P2.1.4**

**3RD PRIORITY HEADING CODE** 

ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED

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# ACTION PLANNING

Instructions: Based on the identified priority gaps, develop an action plan for addressing the gaps. The first row shows an example.

PRIORITY GAPS	ACTION PLAN	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	TIMELINE	SUPPORT NEEDED
Lack of materials in usable format	Activate standing MoUs	Comm HPEC	l week	Funds for accessible format translation (braille, etc.)

# **MODULE 2: OPERATIONAL 3C ACTIVITIES**

**PART I.2.I: (GAP IDENTIFICATION AND SCORING)** The Operational 3Cs activities module covers community engagement, interpersonal communication, public/mass communication, rumour and misinformation management, AEFIs communication and compliance management for EBODAC. MoH/EOC can use the module to assess their own readiness to implement key activities that form the core of 3Cs operations with specific reference to an Ebola vaccine deployment scenario.

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HEADING 2A. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT						
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I.	0	SCORE
2A.CE.01	Have formal <sup>12</sup> and informal <sup>13</sup> community entry gatekeepers <sup>14</sup> been identified in the target and surrounding area for vaccine deployment?	Yes, 4 or more targets	Yes, but just I or 2 targets	Plan in place to include the target groups	No and no plan	
2A.CE.02	Have formal and informal legitimate influential community stakeholders <sup>15</sup> been identified?	Yes, two-way communica- tion exists via multiple channel/proc edures	Yes, two-way communica- tion exists via single channel/proc edures	No, but one-way communi- cation exists	No plan	
2A.CE.03	Have community segments with previous vaccination resistance and low routine vaccine uptake been identified?	Yes, 4 or more Ebola vaccine compliance specific information are being shared	Yes, 2-3 of the Ebola vaccine compliance specific information are being shared	Yes, just 1 of the Ebola vaccine compliance specific information is being shared	No plans	
2A.CE.04	Does the Communication and Community Engagement Strategy for Ebola Vaccine Deployment include the following engagement activities: 1. Training of community stakeholders 2. Sensitization meetings for various community stakeholders 3. Community dialogues 4. Focus Group Discussions 5. Community action planning 6. One on one engagement meetings with community leaders and stakeholders 7. Others	Yes, teams have been established at all operational levels	Yes, but in some operational level	No but plans are in place to establish	No plans	

HEADING 2A. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT							
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I.	0	SCORE	
2A.CE.05	Does the Communication and Community Engagement Strategy for Ebola Vaccine Deploy- ment include target groups for engagement, such as: I. Community stakeholders 2. Community targeted for vaccination and the surrounding 3. Specific low routine vaccine uptake areas 4. Specific high routine vaccine uptake areas 5. Others	Yes, 4 or more targets	Yes, but just I or 2 targets	Plan in place to include the target groups	No and no plan		
2A.CE.06	Does the Communication and Community Engagement Strategy for Ebola Vaccine Deployment include platforms <sup>16</sup> to provide two-way communication between the 3C team and the community?	Yes, two-way communica- tion exists via multiple channel/proc edures	Yes, two-way communica- tion exists via single channel/proc edures	No, but one-way communi- cation exists	No plan		
2A.CE.07	Does the Ebola vaccine compliance information shared with the community include: 1. Eligibility for Ebola vaccination such as: contacts of suspects, contact of contacts, health workers and frontline workers 2. Importance of vaccinating: contacts of suspects, contact of contacts, health workers and frontline workers 3. Vaccine dosage; 4. Duration between dosage (in case of two dose Ebola vaccine); 5. Importance of second dosage (in case of two dose Ebola vaccine) 6. Information on vaccination eligibility: pregnant and lactating mothers, infants, children, adolescents and elderly 7. Others	Yes, 4 or more Ebola vaccine compliance specific information are being shared	Yes, 2-3 of the Ebola vaccine compliance specific information are being shared	Yes, just 1 of the Ebola vaccine compliance specific information is being shared	No plans		
2A.CE.08	Have 3C teams for Ebola vaccine deployment been established at all operational levels in the targeted areas?	Yes, teams have been established at all operational levels	Yes, but in some operational level	No but plans are in place to establish	No plans		
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Total Score for Heading (out of 24 total possible points)							
Formal community entry gatekeepers may include local political leaders, religious leaders, cultural/traditional leaders, <sup>13</sup> Informal community entry gatekeepers may include Musicians Businessmen/women Community activitys. <sup>14</sup> Community entry gatekeepers People with formal or informal authority who have to be							

<sup>12</sup>Formal community entry gatekeepers may include: local political leaders, religious leaders, cultural/traditional leaders <sup>13</sup>Informal community entry gatekeepers may include: Musicians, Businessmen/women, Community activists, <sup>14</sup>Community entry gatekeepers: People with formal or informal authority who have to be consulted before or during entry into their communities to conduct any sort of activity. This often includes political office bearers, religious leaders, cultural or traditional leaders. <sup>15</sup>Community stakeholders: Formal and informal institutions/organizations, groups and influential personalities operating within the community who have direct or indirect roles in planning, implementation or evaluation of community-based activities, including health interventions. <sup>16</sup>Platforms to provide two-way communication may include: Suggestion boxes, toll-free lines, dialogues, beneficiary feedback surveys, exit interviews, radio/TV talk shows, beneficiary support groups, community based engagement and reporting systems

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HEADIN	HEADING 2B. INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT					
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I.	0	SCORE
2B.IC.01	Does the Communication and Community Engagement Strategy for Ebola Vaccine Deploy- ment include interpersonal communication (IC) activities <sup>17</sup> ?	Yes, at both strategic and operational levels	Yes, but at only one level	No, but plans are in place to include IC activities	No	
2B.IC.02	Does the mapping of stakeholders for interpersonal communication (IC) include? I. Community entry gatekeepers 2. Formal and informal community leaders and influencers 3. Persons to facilitate consent and assent process for Ebola vaccination 4.Vulnerable, marginal and difficult-to-reach groups 5. Others	4 or more	2-3	I	0	
Total Score for Heading (out of 6 total possible points)						/6
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MANUALS AND GUIDELINES	SUCCESS STORIES
WHO. Risk Communication and Community Engagement Considerations: Ebola Response in Democratic Republic of the Congo. Section III.10 How to communi- cate.	"LIFE TESTIMONY BROKE THE RELUCTANCE AGAINST POLIO IMMUNIZATION"
- https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/272767/ 9789241514217-eng.pdf	A head of household refused to vaccinate his child routinely and during anti-polio campaigns. The head of the family lives in a village and the mother had moved to another city where one morning he wakes up and loses the use of his legs. The
WHO. Risk Communication and Community Engagement Preparedness and Readiness Framework: Ebola Response in the Democratic Republic of Congo in North Kivu. Annexes 1 & 2. Talking Points.	mother tells the head of the family who orders the mother not to go to a health facility and bring the child back to the village. He does all the mystical and tradi- tional processes without success.
- https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/275389/ 9789241514828-eng.pdf	The Head Nurse of the health post is informed. After questioning, the nurse sends the information to the health district that sends the epidemiological surveillance
The Health Communication Capacity Collaborative 3C. Ebola Preparedness Implementation Toolkit. Chapter 6. Key Considerations for Effective Ebola Commu- nication.	focal point to make the samples that will be sent to the Institute Pasteur Dakar. Result: the sample is positive for polio. A team from the National Service of Education and Information for Health (SNEIPS) sends to the medical region a program to trace the story of this child. In a documentary film, the boy's journey is traced and the father of the child expresses his regrets and calls all parents to vaccinate their children.

This documentary film was screened in a city with high vaccine reluctance and the same night all parents decided to vaccinate their children and they were vaccinated. The capitalization and the documentation of the data makes it possible to manage challenges and bring evidences for the future challenges.

HEADIN	G 2C. PUBLIC/MASS COMMUNICATION FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT					
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I.	0	SCORE
2C.MC.01	Does the Communication and Community Engagement Strategy for Ebola Vaccine Deploy- ment include public/mass communication activities?	Yes at both strategic and operational levels	Yes, but only at one level	No but plans are in place to include them	No	
2C.MC.02	Have the different targeted audiences, channels and appropriate Messengers been mapped?	Yes, all are mapped	Yes, but some	No, but plans are in place to map them	No	
2C.MC.03	Have the mechanisms <sup>18</sup> for measuring the reach of messages to the targeted communities been set up?	Yes, mecha- nisms exist and are operational	Yes, but are not opera- tional	No, but there are being set up	No	
2C.MC.04	Have standing Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with media houses to disseminate messages to targeted audiences during emergencies been established?	Yes, MoUs with several media houses exist and are flexible	Yes, but with a few media houses	No, but MoUs templates have been developed	No	

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2C.MC.00Do the team involved in public/mass communication activities have the relevant competencies for mapping: - Targeted audiences in the communities - Communication channels - Appropriate messengers for the targeted audiencesYes, all the communication - Communication channels - Communication channels - Appropriate messengers for the targeted audiencesNo a a - Communication - Communication channels - Communication - Communication - Communication - CommunicationYes, all the competenceNo Long - CommunicationNo Long2C.MC.07Are there budget lines to implement public/mass communication activities for Ebola vaccine deployment?Yes, sufficient - SufficientNo, but - Sufficient - SufficientNo - SufficientNo - Sufficient - SufficientNo - SufficientNo - Sufficient - SufficientNo - SufficientNo - Sufficient - SufficientNo - SufficientNo <br< td=""><td>2C.MC.05</td><td></td><td>exist and are</td><td>not opera-</td><td>systems are</td><td>No</td><td></td></br<>	2C.MC.05		exist and are	not opera-	systems are	No	
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deployment?       advocacy is underway to include budget lines       advocacy is underway to include         2C.MC.08       Has an official spokesperson been designated with a clear Terms of Reference (ToR) for com- munication about the Ebola vaccine deployment to the public?       Yes, official spokesperson to the clear Terms of Reference (ToR) for com- munication about the Ebola vaccine deployment to the public?       No, but plans in place to designated with clear ToR       No, but plans in place to designated with clear       No							
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munication about the Ebola vaccine deployment to the public?       spokesper-son is designated with clear ToR       is ad hoc       plans in place to designate         Image: Description of the public?         Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?         Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?         Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?         Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?         Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?         Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?         Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the public?         Image: Description of the public?       Image: Description of the							
	2C.MC.08		spokesper- son is designated with clear		plans in place to	No	
Total Score for Heading (out of 24 total possible points)       /24							
Percentage (%) score for Heading: %		Total Score for					/24 %

<sup>44</sup> <sup>18</sup>Mechanisms for measuring the reach of messages to the target audiences may include reports or feedback or testimonies from audience during community meetings, church and surveys, <sup>19</sup>Community communication systems may include community radios, announcements at churches, mosques, markets, burials and funerals, cultural and marriage events

WHO Effective Media Communication during Public Health Emergencies: WHO Handbook. - https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/43511

WHO Effective Media Communication during Public Health Emergencies: WHO Fieldguide. - https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/43477

The Health Communication Capacity Collaborative HC3. A theory-based framework for media selection in demand generation programs.

- http://www.sbccimplementationkits.org/demandrmnch/wp-content/ uploads/2014/07/Media-Selection-in-Demand-Generation-

Programs-FINAL.pdf

#### HEADING 2D. MANAGEMENT OF MISINFORMATION & RUMOURS RELATED TO EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT RI **READINESS ITEM** 2 0 **SCORE** CODE 2D.RM.01 Have the existing sources, triggers and spreaders of rumours about routine vaccines been Yes, but partial Yes, compre-No. but No mapping hensive mapping is mapped? mapping is ongoing available 2D.RM.02 Have physical and digital systems been established for Ebola vaccination related misinformation Yes, systems Yes, but not No, but No are in place functional and rumour monitoring and alerting such as: under and functional develop-• Social anthropologists or community health workers in community spaces<sup>20</sup> ment • Software with configurations for social media monitoring and alerting Have channels and messengers been identified for dispelling misinformation and rumour? 2D.RM.03 Yes, but only No. but No Yes, both identificahave been one of them identified tion is ongoing Has a team been designated (with clear TORs) to rapidly investigate and manage rumours and Yes, have clear No, but 2D.RM.04 Yes, but team No TORs and can is adhoc designation misinformation about vaccines? be used for process Ebola vaccine ongoing

#### **HEADING 2D. MANAGEMENT OF MISINFORMATION & RUMOURS RELATED TO EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT** RI **READINESS ITEM** SCORE 2 0 CODE 2D.RM.05 Is there a multidisciplinary team to oversee rumour management<sup>21</sup>? Yes, and Yes, but not No. No functional functional formation is ongoing 2D.RM.06 Have the teams involved in vaccine related rumours and misinformation management been Yes, all the Yes, but a No, but No few of the trained on Ebola vaccine issues? there are teams plans for teams training 2D.RM.07 Are there budget lines for Ebola vaccine rumour and misinformation? Yes, sufficient Yes, but No No, but advocacy insufficient • Monitoring systems for budget • Alerting systems lines is Investigations ongoing • Management Total Score for Heading (out of 21 total possible points) /21 **Percentage (%) score for Heading:** %

<sup>20</sup>Community spaces may include: bars, taxi stages, markets, worship, healthcare facilities, political, schools and scientific communities etc <sup>21</sup>Rumor management includes making decisions on the following questions: at what point should rumors be considered too serious/at what point do you decide to monitor them more closely, or consider them 'normal' and 'acceptable' in the context? Should these levels of rumors be pre-determined or considered on a case-by-case basis?

WHO. Risk Communication and Community Engagement Considerations: Ebola Response in Democratic Republic of the Congo. Section III.8 Managing misinformation and rumours.

- https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/272767 /9789241514217-eng.pdf

WHO. Risk Communication and Community Engagement Considerations: Ebola Response in Democratic Republic of the Congo. Annex III. Rumour tracking tool.

- https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/272767/ 9789241514217-eng.pdf

#### **SUCCESS STORIES**

#### **"OVERCOMING STIGMA IN VACCINE TRIAL"**

There were many difficulties in recruiting for vaccine trials. This obstacle was unexpected given the many awareness and information activities carried out among the different actors involved in the operation of the site. Emphasis was placed on parents' associations and student associations (concerning the HPV trial) but also in different health structures, associations and neighborhood groups (concerning Ebola trials). Surveys of students who did not participate in the study showed that the main reasons for refusing to participate in the project were: misinformation sometimes led by professors working in the structure (notion of experimentation, use as guinea pigs, sterilization ...), the refusal of the responsible person (parent, guardian ...) and the taking of blood samples. These problems have been noted in clinical trials or vaccinations in developing countries that have clarified that informed consent is influenced by several factors including the social context: the phenomenon of mimicry, the order of the husband or the legal representative for minors played an important role.

In general, low adhesion during a trial presages the occurrence of possible vaccine acceptance problems, when it is placed on the market or inserted into a national program. National vaccination programs have suffered from this type of stigma, with a significant negative impact on the results achieved. This problem is further exacerbated when the vaccination targets a specific group and in particular young subjects of childbearing age as it was in our case with HPV. The idea of a strategy to reduce fertility is very quickly advanced by the people. This can be the same with Ebola vaccine as Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) is a source of fear and stigma.

The causes of withdrawals and lost to follow-up that we have listed, were dominated by the change of opinion of participants due to misinformation, the occurrence of an unforeseen situation (pregnancy, marriage, moving ...) and the change of mind of a parent.

The numerous refusals and withdrawals of subjects during clinical trials are most often due to three major causes: the demonization of medical research, the victimization of populations, that is to say the confused notion of experimentation, and finally the blood samples.

In the case of a vaccination trial, or in case of vaccination against a disease such as EVD which is unknown, the rumor that the populations are guinea pigs can be disseminated in the intellectual circles and through specific articles of the press. This justifies the need to inform as much as possible with target potential participants, their entourage, the press if possible and anyone interested in the study (or vaccination in the case of EBODAC). The information should be precise with maximum transparency. Moreover, in order not to be confronted with many withdrawals or lost to follow-up, the level of education of the participants should be taken into account. Indeed, it was realized for this study that most of the withdrawals and lost to follow-up were made in the group of girls who did not have a high level of education and in particular those recruited outside high school. These girls are a vulnerable population, because they are easily influenced. They are quick to adhere to a clinical or vaccine trial like any other, but can withdraw just as quickly when false rumors occur.

HEADING 2E. COMMUNICATIONS AROUND THE ADVERSE EVENT FOLLOWING IMMUNIZATION (AEFI) FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT

RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I.	0	SCORE
2E.AE.01	Is there a data-system <sup>22</sup> that collates Ebola vaccine AEFIs information <sup>23</sup> to guide 3C activities?	Yes, and fully functional	Yes, but partially functional	No, but under develop- ment	No	
2E.AE.02	Are there mechanisms for messages about Ebola vaccine AEFIs <sup>24</sup> related to: I. Producing messages 2. Identifying appropriate channels 3. Identifying appropriate audience	3	2	I	0	
2E.AE.03	Have staff and stakeholders been trained in Ebola vaccine AEFIs?	Yes, all staff and stake- holders	Yes, but only a few	No, but trainings are being planned	No	
2E.AE.04	Are there budget lines for 3C activities <sup>25</sup> to address Ebola vaccine AEFIs?	Yes, sufficient	Yes, but insufficient	No but advocacy is underway	No	
Total Score for Heading (out of 12 total possible points) /						
Percentage (%) score for Heading:						%

<sup>22</sup>Data-systems include: Technologies, equipment and tools for collection, analysis and reporting of data

<sup>23</sup>AEFI information to inform 3C activities may include information or data on: beliefs/rumours, behaviours/practices antagonist to public guidance/by-laws, -feedback on performance of /acceptability of AEFI rapid response team, -feedback on acceptability of multidisciplinary AEFI treatment and resource centres (see above) other community concerns related to AEFIs, their investigation, management or follow up

<sup>24</sup>This may include information known/potential AEFIs (if relevant); Cultural beliefs/practices relating to AEFI symptoms; AEFI treatment and resource centres network; Any implications for contact tracing and case management/observation, detainment/quarantine for reporting AEFIs; Emergent concerns/rumours related to AEFI and their management; Emergent information relating to the above

<sup>25</sup>3C activities to address Ebola vaccine AEFIs may include: incorporation of AEFI information and messaging into trainings; accessing network of permanent and mobile health clinics that serve as a multi-disciplinary AEFI treatment and resource centres (for the clinical management of AEFI symptoms, psychological support related to AEFIs, and risk communications on the Ebola vaccine); establishing a mobile and multi-disciplinary AEFI investigation, response and follow up team (for clinical/case management, surveillance/epidemiology, social science research, risk communication, community engagement).

MANUALS AND GUIDELINES	SUCCESS STORIES
<ul> <li>WHO. Ebola Strategy. Companion tool to GEVIT Practical guidance on the use of Ebola vaccine in an outbreak response. Guidance for establishing AEFI surveillance systems in countries planning to use Ebola vaccines.</li> <li>https://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/GEVIT_ guidance_companion-tool_AEFI.pdf</li> </ul>	"USING THE MTRAC PLATFORM TO BRIDGE INFORMATION FLOW BETWEEN COMMUNITIES AND HEALTH CARE PRO- VIDERS FOR IMPROVED HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY IN UGANDA"
WHO. Draft Global Ebola Vaccine Implementation Team (GEVIT) Practical guidance on the use of Ebola vaccine in an outbreak response. Appendix Q. Standard Practical Steps. - https://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/AppendixP- StandardPracticalSteps.pdf	In Uganda, for ease of community and health management information flow and timely improvement by the healthcare sector, the mTrac (mobile tracking) system was designed for real time entry, submission and receiving of information between communities and healthcare sector and even within the healthcare sector. mTrac is a government of Uganda led initiative that was designed to digitize, simplify and quicken the transfer of information from the community to the health sector or within the healthcare sector via mobile phones. It has a computer applica-

tion (app) or dashboard that does transmission of messages based on RapidSMS; a free and open source framework for dynamic data collection, coordination and communication, leveraging basic short message service (sms) mobile phone

The drive behind the development of the mTrac platform was to enable transfer of weekly health management information system (HMIS) including surveillance reports (covering diseases and outbreaks), provide a platform for community members to give feedback on health service delivery and empower health professionals and the district health teams to improve by providing them with timely information. Messages sent into the mTrac system can be received on the mobile phones of all stakeholders registered into the system, including facility health workers, district health teams, local health development partners, Ministry of Health (MoH) headquarter staffs, resource centre, epidemiology surveillance

technology (Ministry of Health Uganda and mTrac).

division, and national health development partners.

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HEADIN	NG 2F. COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT <sup>26</sup> FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMEN	іт				
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I.	0	SCORE
2F.VC.01	<ul> <li>Do the guidelines for Ebola vaccine compliance management include clear specifications on:</li> <li>I. Responsibilities of teams<sup>27</sup> involved in compliance management</li> <li>2. Role of security sector</li> <li>3. Role of local political leaders</li> <li>4. Procedures related to sharing of confidential health information of persons line listed for vaccination</li> <li>5. Others</li> </ul>	4 or more	2-3	I	0	
2F.VC.02	Are there systems <sup>28</sup> for line listing people to be vaccinated and for maintaining database of those already vaccinated?	Yes, and adapted for Ebola vaccination	Yes, but not yet adapted	No, but it's being set up	No	
2F.VC.03	Are there identification systems <sup>29</sup> for people line listed for vaccination?	More than I including biometric	More than I but not including biometric	No, but a system is under develop- ment	No	

HEADIN	NG 2F. COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT <sup>26</sup> FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMEN	IT				
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I.	0	SCORE
2F.VC.04	Are there reminder system <sup>30</sup> for recipients of two dose vaccines?	Yes, and adapted for Ebola vaccination	Yes, but not yet adapted for Ebola vaccination	No, but it's being set up	No	
2F.VC.05	Does the Ebola response team have members <sup>31</sup> with specialisation in appropriate technologies?	Yes, team covers all required expertise for selected technologies	Yes, but team doesn't cover all required expertise	No, but hiring in progress	No	
	Total Score for	Heading (o	ut of 15 <u>to</u>	tal possible	e points)	/15
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<sup>26</sup> Compliance management is related to ensuring the correct target beneficiaries are vaccinated at prime and boost dose (if applicable).

<sup>27</sup> The teams involved in compliance management may include: community health care workers, frontline Ebola response workers, health care workers, etc.

<sup>28</sup> System for line listing people to be vaccinated may include paper-based register, mobile data collection platform or other electronic register

<sup>29</sup> Identification system may include and not limited to: National IDs, Vaccination Cards, Physical address, Phone numbers of patients or family members or local authorities, Photo systems, Iris scans, Biometric fingerprints etc.

<sup>30</sup> Reminder systems can be pre-recorded voice reminder, a SMS, Community Health Worker physical home-visits etc.
<sup>31</sup> Technology teams may include: ICT Specialists, Biomedical Engineers, HMIS experts, Information Specialists/Scientists etc.



The Gap Prioritization Plan serves to assist in the identification and prioritization of gaps emerging from the completing Part 1 (Gap identification and Scoring). In addition, it is designed to support action planning to address critical gaps in readiness for Ebola vaccine deployment from the 3Cs perspective.

### **HOW TO CONDUCT GAP PRIORITIZATION?**

After completing the Part I (Gap Identification and Scoring), Part 2 the Gap Prioritization Framework should be completed, followed by Part 3 (the Action Planning Framework), as they build upon each other. Each framework has instructions embedded.

The Gap Prioritization Framework undertakes two levels of prioritization: heading-level and item-level. Follow the illustrations and steps outlined below to fill in the Heading-level and Item-level Gap Prioritization Tables.

## HOW TO FILL IN THE TABLES:

#### **TABLE P2.1.1**

HEADING CODE	TOTAL PERCENTAGE SCORE (%)	PRIORITY RANK
2A.	10%	IST
2 <b>B</b> .	20%	<b>4TH</b>
2 <b>C</b> .	10%	3RD
2D.	20%	2ND
<b>2E.</b>	20%	5ТН
2F.	20%	6ТН

TABLE P2.2.2 IST PRIORITY HEADII		2 <b>A</b>
ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED
2A.CE.01	0	Lack of SOP for quick KAP surveys
2A.CE.02	0	Social mob are not part of rapid response team for Ebola
2A.CE.03	0	Insufficient funds for SA for 3Cs
2A.CE.04	0	A few in-country stakeholders trained in SA for 3Cs

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## HEADING-LEVEL PRIORITIZATION

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For each heading, fill in the total percentage score for the heading. For each heading, indicate the priority rank, based on the total percentage score. Heading/Area level prioritization whereby the headings with the lowest total percentage score will be the 1st priority, followed by the 2nd lowest and 3rd lowest in that order.

Choose priorities Ist - 3rd for the next step of item level prioritization below. Where there is tie in the priority rank, countries will have the discretion to choose one of them.

#### **TABLE P2.2.1**

HEADING CODE	TOTAL PERCENTAGE SCORE (%)	PRIORITY RANK
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<b>2B.</b>		
2 <b>C</b> .		
2D.		
2E.		
2F.		

## **ITEM-LEVEL PRIORITIZATION**

Item level gaps exist for items with scores of (0), (1), or (2). (See Box 1)

LIST ITEMS WITH A (0) SCORE.

Items with a (0) should be prioritized first, as this represents the most critical state that needs immediate attention.

### LIST ITEMS WITH A (I) SCORE.

Items with a (1) score are the 2nd priority, and items with a (2) score are the 3rd priority.

## REVIEW YOUR LISTS AND SET CUT OFFS.

Review your results in Tables I and 2 for headings and items. These represent your priority gaps.

#### BOX I: INTERPRETING ITEM SCORES

(3) A score of 3 indicates readiness.
(2) A score of 2 indicates a situation where most elements are available or in place, but that some remaining aspects can be addressed.
(1) A score of L indicates a situation

(1) A score of 1 indicates a situation where not everything exists, but some minor aspects are either in place or underway towards readiness.

(0) A score of 0 indicates a state where nothing exists and no plan is in place to address the issue of concern.



#### **TABLE P2.2.2**

IST PRIORITY HEADING CODE

ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED

#### **TABLE P2.2.3**

2ND PRIORITY HEADING CODE

ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED

#### **TABLE P2.2.4**

**3RD PRIORITY HEADING CODE** 

ITEM (	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED

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# ACTION PLANNING

Instructions: Based on the identified priority gaps, develop an action plan for addressing the gaps. The first row shows an example.

PRIORITY GAPS	ACTION PLAN	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	TIMELINE	SUPPORT NEEDED
Lack of materials in usable format	Activate standing MoUs	Comm HPEC	l week	Funds for accessible format translation (braille, etc.)

# **MODULE 3:** INTEGRATION OF 3C BEST PRACTICES AND GUIDELINES

**PART 1.3.1: (GAP IDENTIFICATION AND SCORING)** The Integration of Best Practices and Guidelines module covers capitalization on experiences in 3Cs, gender considerations in 3Cs, vulnerable groups' considerations in 3Cs, ethics and human rights considerations in 3Cs, integration of 3Cs across broader healthcare systems and cross border considerations in 3Cs for EBODAC. Countries can use the module to assess their own readiness or preparedness consider past experiences, gender, vulnerable groups, ethics, human rights, broader health system and cross border best practices and principles in their 3Cs for EBODAC in emergency and non-emergency settings.



HEADING 3A. CAPITALIZATION ON PAST EXPERIENCES FOR 3C FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT								
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I	0	SCORE		
3A.PE.01	Are there efforts to identify relevant best practices for 3C for Ebola vaccine deployment in emergency or non-emergency situations, specifically for? (can be rephrase better): I. Communication 2. Community engagement 3. Compliance management	For all 3	2		0			
3A.PE.02	Do mechanisms <sup>32</sup> exist to allow for the integration of best practices, lessons learnt and recommendations into 3C activities for Ebola vaccine deployment?	Yes, mecha- nisms exist and best practices are being adapted to the local context	Yes, mecha- nisms exist but best practices not adapted	No, but plans are in place to establish mechanisms	No			
3A.PE.03	Are there budget lines for conducting review of 3C for Ebola vaccination plans, strategies and activities based on lessons learnt, experiences and recommendations?	Yes, sufficient	Yes, but insufficient	No, but advocacy is ongoing	No			
3A.PE.04	<ul> <li>Do the team involved in Ebola vaccine deployment have competencies to:</li> <li>Review and adapt 3C for Ebola vaccination plans, strategies and activities based on lessons learnt, experiences and recommendations</li> <li>Develop and keep a repository of knowledge products<sup>33</sup> from experiences, lessons learnt and recommendations</li> </ul>	Yes, 3Cs team has all those skills	Yes, but just one of those skills	No, but plan is in place for capacity building	No			
Total Score for Heading (out of 12 total possible points)								
Percentage (%) score for Heading:								

<sup>33</sup>Mechanisms for integration of best practices may include: Access to successfully used IEC materials in past outbreak responses, capacity building using experienced personnel from past outbreak responses, field trips to successful outbreak response models, etc.

BBC Media Action. Using Media and Communication to Respond to Public Health Emergencies: Lessons Learned from Ebola.

- https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediaaction/publications-and-resources/policy/practice-briefings/ebola

Toppenberg-Pejcic et al. 2018. Emergency Risk Communication: Lessons Learned from a Rapid Review of Recent Gray Literature on Ebola, Zika, and Yellow Fever. - https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2017.1405488

Bedson et al. 2019. Community Engagement during outbreak response: standards, approaches, and lessons from the 2014-2016 Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone. - https://doi.org/10.1101/661959

Bastide. 2018. Crisis Communication During the Ebola Outbreak in West Africa: The Paradoxes of Decontextualized Contextualization. - https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-74098-0\_7

Ebola Gbalo Research Group. Responding to the Ebola virus disease outbreak in DR Congo: when will we learn from Sierra Leone? - http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(19)31211-5

#### HEADING 3B. GENDER AND VULNERABLE GROUPS CONSIDERATIONS FOR 3C FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT RI 2 **READINESS ITEM** 0 SCORE CODE 3B.VG.01 Have gender issues<sup>34</sup> and vulnerable groups<sup>35</sup> been considered<sup>36</sup> in the Communication and 5 or more 3-4 1-2 0 Community Engagement Strategy for Ebola Vaccine Deployment during the following activities: I. Situational analysis 2. Communications audience mapping 3. Communications channel mapping 4. Communication messenger mapping 5. Communications and Community engagement stakeholder mapping 6. Others Are data management<sup>37</sup> systems (from data collection tools, databases, analysis, visualisation and 3B.VG.02 Yes, fully Yes. but No. but No reporting) for Ebola vaccine deployment disaggregated by sex and vulnerable groups? disaggrepartial disaggregagated with tion disaggregasupporting integration tion SOPs ongoing No Yes, proce-Yes, but No. but 3B.VG.03 Are there inbuilt procedures<sup>38</sup> for reflecting on gender and vulnerable group social norms and dures are partially advocacy to Ebola vaccination decision making and health-care seeking behaviour? inbuilt at both consider inbuilt strategic and gender and vulnerable operational levels groups is ongoing 3B.VG.04 Have gender and vulnerable group differences in Ebola vaccine acceptance, AEFI reporting and Yes, and Yes, but no No. but No compliance been considered in the Communication and Community Engagement Strategy for there are specific SOPs are SOPs specific being Ebola Vaccine Deployment? SOPs developed

HEADING 3B. GENDER AND VULNERABLE GROUPS CONSIDERATIONS FOR 3C FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT								
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I	0	SCORE		
3B.VG.05	Are gender and family dynamics in decision making and caregiving responsibilities incorporated into SOPs <sup>39</sup> for consenting and tracing of people targeted for Ebola vaccination?	Yes, fully incorporated in the SOPs	Yes, but partially incorporated	No, but plans to incorporate in progress	No			
3B.VG.06	Have staff and stakeholders involved in Communication and Community Engagement activities for Ebola vaccine deployment been trained in gender and vulnerable group mainstreaming?	Yes, all staff and stake- holders have been trained	Yes, but not all have been trained	No, but plans are in place to train	No			
3B.VG.07	Are there budget lines for gender and vulnerable group mainstreaming in Communication and Community Engagement activities for Ebola vaccine deployment?	Yes, sufficient	Yes, but insufficient	No, but advocacy is ongoing	No			
Total Score for Heading (out of 21 total possible points)						/21		
Percentage (%) score for Heading:								

<sup>34</sup> Gender issues may include: gender norms, gender roles, power dynamics, etc. <sup>35</sup> Vulnerable groups may include: Persons living in conflict zones, nomadic populations, people living in remote areas, refugee populations, etc. <sup>36</sup> Considerations may include: Being a beneficiary or belonging to the beneficiary's family, community-based responders and as decision makers <sup>37</sup> Data management include: data processing, storing and organizing
 <sup>38</sup> Inbuilt procedures for reflecting on gender and vulnerable groups may include: coordination meeting agenda point, action plan trigger, training on action plan trigger
 <sup>39</sup> SOPs details may include: Tracing strategy for beneficiaries, guide on how to approach more than one family contacts, guide on contact selection processes that are responsive to social norms, consent procedure guidelines that are responsive to community, family and individual decision making.

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HEADING 3C. HEALTH SYSTEM INTEGRATION OF 3C FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT							
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I	0	SCORE	
3C.HS.01	Has the distribution of communication and community engagement products and materials for Ebola vaccine deployment been integrated into the routine distribution system?	Yes, integrated and fully functional	Yes, but not functional	No, but advocacy is ongoing	No		
3C.HS.02	Are there guidelines for leveraging the existing communication and community engagement structures and programs <sup>40</sup> within the routine healthcare service delivery systems for Ebola vaccine deployment?	Yes, guide- lines exist and are operational	Yes, but not operational	No, but guidelines are being developed	No		
3C.HS.03	Are Ebola vaccine messages integrated into the routine health communication products, materi- als and messaging to audiences?	Yes, fully integrated	Yes, but partially integrated	No, but integration ongoing	No		
Total Score for Heading (out of 9 total possible points)						/9	
Percentage (%) score for Heading:						%	

HEADING 3D. ETHICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS FOR 3C FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT							
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I.	0	SCORE	
3D.HR.01	<ul> <li>Have best practices for ethical<sup>41</sup> conduct and human rights been integrated into the Ebola vaccination campaign-related materials including: <ol> <li>Training materials for front-line workers<sup>42</sup>, health workers and stakeholders (including the security sector)</li> <li>Codes of conduct for front-line workers, health workers and stakeholders (including the security sector)</li> <li>Messaging content</li> <li>Others</li> </ol></li></ul>	3 or more	2	1	0		
3D.HR.02	Have staff and stakeholders involved in 3C activities for Ebola vaccine deployment been trained in codes of conduct, ethics and human rights?	Yes, all staff and stake- holders have been trained	Yes, but some have been trained	No, but plans are in place to train	No		
3D.HR.03	<ul> <li>Are there budget lines to cover:</li> <li>Inclusion of social science expertise in ethical decision making;</li> <li>Integration of ethical issues into training materials,</li> <li>Conduct of training on codes of conduct, ethics and human rights?</li> </ul>	Yes, sufficient	Yes but insufficient	No but advocacy is ongoing	No		
Total Score for Heading (out of 9 total possible points)							
Percentage (%) score for Heading:						%	

<sup>41</sup>Ethical issues relating to: Standards of care and clinical management of AEFIs related to an Ebola vaccine; confidentiality, privacy, and information disclosure for those vaccinated, community stakeholders engaged in 3C activities, Individual autonomy vs. common good in relation (such as personal movement restrictions/detainment) to contact tracing, clinical management, vaccine 2nddosage compliance; Research conduct and oversight (including rapid review mechanism), including for research related to 3C; data security, stewardship and sharing, including for 3C related data; protection of community members and staff, including for those engaged in 3C-related activities

- Schopper et al. 2017. Research Ethics Governance in Times of Ebola. . - https://doi.org/10.1093/phe/phw039
- Vaccine Confidence Project.Vaccine Confidence Handbook. Chapter 2. Ethical Challenges. - https://www.vaccineconfidence.org/ebohandbook-ethics/
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HEADING 3E. CROSS-BORDER CONSIDERATIONS FOR 3C FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT								
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I	0	SCORE		
3E.CB.01	Does the Communication and Community Engagement Strategy for Ebola Vaccine Deploy- ment incorporate the management of 3C special cross border considerations <sup>43</sup> ?	Yes, several special cross border consider- ations	Yes, but a few	No, but being considered	No			
3E.CB.02	Have coordination mechanisms <sup>44</sup> been established with cross-border stakeholders?	Yes, estab- lished and fully harmon- ised	Yes, but partially harmonised	No, but contact has been made between cross- border stakehold- ers	No			
3E.CB.03	Are there budget lines to cover cross-border coordination activities and other special 3C cross border considerations?	Yes, sufficient	Yes, but insufficient	No, but advocacy is ongoing	No			
Total Score for Heading (out of 9 total possible points)						/9		
Percentage (%) score for Heading:						%		

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43Special cross border considerations may include border language, culture, behavior, attitudes, beliefs, mass media channels, migrant communities, internet connectivity, telephone networks etc. 44Coordination mechanisms (could be via WHO, UNHCR, immigration) and may include: cross-border coordination protocols approved at United Nations (UN) and ministry level; cross-border coordination meetings to facilitate bi-lateral meeting of health teams, security, immigration etc

MANUALS AND GUIDELINES	SUCCESS STORIES
<ul> <li>WHO.Technical note for Ebola preparedness planning for entry screening at airports, ports and land crossings.</li> <li>https://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/entry-screening-poe/en/</li> <li>WHO. Interim guidance for Ebola event management at points of entry.</li> <li>https://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/event-management-poe/en/</li> <li>WHO.Travel and transport risk assessment:Travel guidance for health authorities and the transport sector.</li> <li>https://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/travel-guidance/en/</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"HARMONIZED CROSS-BORDER IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION CAPTURE, COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION HELPS TO DELAY SPILLOVER OF EBOLA DUBBEL FROM DRC INTO UGANDA"</li> <li>As the Ebola Viral Disease (EVD) outbreak spirals in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) from its onset in August 2018, the major worry was the spillover of the outbreak into Uganda as there are mass population movements in either direction of the border. Despite having no confirmed case of EVD during early months of the DRC outbreak, as a preparedness activity, the Uganda Ministry of Health and Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) convened the National Taskforce (NTF) for Ebola preparedness and response.</li> <li>To particularly address the risk of spill over, in September 2018 there was an inter-governmental cross-border meeting between health officials from the two countries (DRC and Uganda) held at an immigrations office in DRC organized by the World Health Organization (WHO). At the meeting, Uganda and DRC resolved to increase awareness among the population on both sides of the border by intensifying risk communication and community engagement to address the issue of misconceptions, rumors and myths on Ebola in the border area. The Uganda team also shared experiences about the functionality of the different pillars in the EVD preparedness response. From that, the DRC team particularly appreciated the use of Village Health Teams (VHT) aka Community Health Workers to conduct community level risk communication and commuting engagement in Uganda. They also welcomed this community-based approach, promising to apply it in the DRC context. Officials from both countries attended the meeting, including health, security immigration, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Uganda Red Cross officials.</li> <li>To also improve cross-border communication and coordination, the officials in the meeting agreed to harmonize the data collection tools to ensure that similar identification information is captured at the security screenin</li></ul>

The harmonized data collection tools in particular, ensured similar identification information captured on the DRC side of the border are relayed to Uganda side of the border and eventually to the health workers and NTF for medical decision making. This similar identification capture and relay system made it possible to identify several alert cases trying to cross from DRC into Uganda as described below:

There was a case of a man a connected to a suspected Ebola case who was trying to cross from DRC into Uganda. The Ugandan Security Officers operating on the Ugandan side of the border were relayed his identification information by the Officers from the DRC side of the border. With the identification information available, the Security Officers on the Uganda side were able to identify the contact at the border point and returned him to DRC for possible vaccination.

Another case was a woman that tried to sneak from Beni in DRC into Uganda. She first mingled into mobile pastoral community operating near the DRC side of the border and slowly came close to the Uganda side of the border and tried to cross. However, she fell sick and became weak. The Security Officers on the Ugandan side of the border were able to identify her. She was denied entry into Uganda purely for health reasons and was returned to DRC for clinical care.

Important to note is that in the repatriation process, the security officers are trained not to violate human rights. The harmonized cross-border identification information capture and relay system is being implemented in a private and confidential manner without disclosing it to the community to avoid stigma and eliciting of dehumanizing feeling that comes with receiving instructions from security officers. If the suspect or contact is detained, it is mandatory that they are fed and well taken care of. If the decision is for the detained person to be transported to another location such as health facility for clinical care, the security officers provide the transportation at no cost to the person.

HEADING 3F. HUMAN RESOURCES FOR 3CS FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT							
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I	0	SCORE	
3G.HR.01	Are there guidelines <sup>45</sup> for emergency recruitment and deployment of human resources (HR) for 3C activities for Ebola vaccine deployment in emergency scenario?	Yes, guide- lines exist and are operational	Yes, but not operational	No, but being developed	No		
3G.HR.02	Is there a national or sub-national roster or database of the trained and or experienced HR <sup>46</sup> required for 3C activities for Ebola vaccine deployment?	Yes, acces- sible and updated	Yes, but not accessible or not updated	No, but being developed	No		
3G.HR.03       Are there budget lines for emergency HR recruitment, deployment, remuneration and tooling for 3C for Ebola vaccine deployment?       Yes, sufficient insufficient							
	Total Score for	r Heading (	out of 9 to	tal possible	e points)	/9	
Percentage (%) score for Heading:							

<sup>45</sup>Emergency recruitment and deployment guidelines should cater for whether to advertise the vacancies or handpick from roster, integrity issues like preference for citizen before foreigners, gender, culture, language, equity, database or roster of experts, remunerations, risk allowance, capacity building, equipment, support supervision, code of conduct and psychological support system considerations in the recruitment. <sup>46</sup>HR required 3C activities for Ebola vaccine deployment may include health workers, community health workers, socio-anthropologists, journalists, security officials, community leaders, community stakeholders, government spokespersons etc.

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The Gap Prioritization Plan serves to assist in the identification and prioritization of gaps emerging from the completing Part 1 (Gap identification and Scoring). In addition, it is designed to support action planning to address critical gaps in readiness for Ebola vaccine deployment from the 3Cs perspective.

### HOW TO CONDUCT GAP PRIORITIZATION?

After completing the Part I (Gap Identification and Scoring), Part 2 the Gap Prioritization Framework should be completed, followed by Part 3 (the Action Planning Framework), as they build upon each other. Each framework has instructions embedded.

The Gap Prioritization Framework undertakes two levels of prioritization: heading-level and item-level. Follow the illustrations and steps outlined below to fill in the Heading-level and Item-level Gap Prioritization Tables.

### HOW TO FILL IN THE TABLES:

#### **TABLE P2.3.1**

HEADING CODE	TOTAL PERCENTAGE SCORE (%)	PRIORITY RANK
3 <b>A</b> .	10%	IST
<b>3B.</b>	20%	4ТН
3 <b>C</b> .	10%	3RD
3D.	20%	<b>2ND</b>
3E.	20%	5ТН
3F.	20%	6ТН

TABLE P2.3.2       ST PRIORITY HEADING CODE       SA.					
ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED			
3A.PE.01	0	Lack of SOP for quick KAP surveys			
3A.PE.02	0	Social mob are not part of rapid response team for Ebola			
3A.PE.03	0	Insufficient funds for SA for 3Cs			
3A.PE.04	0	A few in-country stakeholders trained in SA for 3Cs			

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### HEADING-LEVEL PRIORITIZATION

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For each heading, fill in the total percentage score for the heading. For each heading, indicate the priority rank, based on the total percentage score. Heading/Area level prioritization whereby the headings with the lowest total percentage score will be the 1st priority, followed by the 2nd lowest and 3rd lowest in that order.

Choose priorities Ist - 3rd for the next step of item level prioritization below. Where there is tie in the priority rank, countries will have the discretion to choose one of them.

#### **TABLE P2.3.1**

HEADING CODE	TOTAL PERCENTAGE SCORE (%)	PRIORITY RANK
<b>3A.</b>		
<b>3B.</b>		
3C.		
3D.		
3E.		
3F.		

### **ITEM-LEVEL PRIORITIZATION**

Item level gaps exist for items with scores of (0), (1), or (2). (See Box 1)

LIST ITEMS WITH A (0) SCORE.

Items with a (0) should be prioritized first, as this represents the most critical state that needs immediate attention.

### LIST ITEMS WITH A (I) SCORE.

Items with a (1) score are the 2nd priority, and items with a (2) score are the 3rd priority.

### **REVIEW YOUR LISTS AND SET CUT OFFS.**

Review your results in Tables I and 2 for headings and items. These represent your priority gaps.

#### BOX I: INTERPRETING ITEM SCORES

(3) A score of 3 indicates readiness.
(2) A score of 2 indicates a situation where most elements are available or in place, but that some remaining aspects can be addressed.
(1) A score of 1 indicates a situation where not everything exists, but some minor aspects are either in place or underway towards readiness.

(0) A score of 0 indicates a state where nothing exists and no plan is in place to address the issue of concern.



#### **TABLE P2.3.2**

IST PRIORITY HEADING CODE

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#### **TABLE P2.3.3**

2ND PRIORITY HEADING CODE

ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED

#### **TABLE P2.3.4**

**3RD PRIORITY HEADING CODE** 

ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED

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### ACTION PLANNING

Instructions: Based on the identified priority gaps, develop an action plan for addressing the gaps. The first row shows an example.

PRIORITY GAPS	ACTION PLAN	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	TIMELINE	SUPPORT NEEDED
Lack of materials in usable format	Activate standing MoUs	Comm HPEC	l week	Funds for accessible format translation (braille, etc.)

## **MODULE 4:** SUPPORTIVE AND ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR 3C

**SECTION A4: (GAP IDENTIFICATION AND SCORING)** This Supportive and enabling environment module covers enabling technologies in 3Cs, M&E in 3Cs, capacity building/trainings in 3Cs, fundraising for 3Cs and coordination with 3Cs teams for EBODAC. Countries can use the module to assess their own readiness or preparedness to incorporate and ensure supportive and enabling environment such as enabling technologies, M&E, coordination with communication and community engagement teams and funding for 3Cs for EBODAC in emergency and non-emergency settings.



HEADI	HEADING 4A. ENABLING TECHNOLOGY FOR 3C FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT					
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I.	0	SCORE
4A.ET.01	Does the Ebola Preparedness and Response Strategy enlist enabling technologies for: 1. Patient identification <sup>47</sup> 2. Patient tracking <sup>48</sup> 3. Data capture <sup>49</sup> 4. Remote training <sup>50</sup> 5. Reporting or feedback <sup>51</sup> 6. Others	5 or more	3-4	I-2	0	
4A.ET.02	Have feasibility and acceptability assessments <sup>52</sup> on how to incorporate enabling technologies into 3C activities for Ebola vaccine deployment been conducted?	Yes, both	Yes, but just I of the 2	No, but the assessment is ongoing	No	
4A.ET.03	Have community technology engagement and sensitization activities <sup>53</sup> to improve technology awareness, mitigate resistance, alleviate fears and facilitate successful adoption of the technolo- gies in Ebola response (including vaccination) been conducted?	Yes, conducted and report accessible	Yes, but report not accessible	No, engagement and sensitisation is ongoing	No	
4A.ET.04	Have alternatives <sup>54</sup> or ways of improving existing electricity supply in locations where the enabling technologies will be used been identified?	Yes, identi- fied and feasible	Yes, but not feasible	No, but identifica- tion is ongoing	No	

RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	1	0	SCORE
łA.ET.05	Have alternatives <sup>55</sup> or ways of improving existing internet connectivity in locations where the enabling technologies will be used been identified?	Yes, identi- fied and feasible	Yes, but not feasible	No but identifica- tion is ongoing	No	
łA.ET.06	Have standing Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with national and international technol- ogy companies and communications firms to leverage existing capacities and infrastructure been established?	Yes, several and flexible	Yes, a few or rigid	No, but MoU negotiations are ongoing	No	
łA.ET.07	Are there teams and policies established to support the set up and use of enabling technologies in Ebola response (including vaccination)?	Yes, both teams and policies are available and operational	Yes, but not operational	No, but the setup of teams and policies is ongoing	No	

<sup>47</sup>Enabling technologies for patient identification may include: biometrics such as finger prints, facial and voice recognition technology and iris scanners, etc. <sup>48</sup> Enabling technologies for patient tracking may include: mobile apps, GPS mapping systems, bar codes, VAXTRAC, etc.
 <sup>49</sup>Enabling technologies for data capture may include: Mobile applications such as OPP data colkits (ODK), REDCAP, etc. <sup>50</sup> Enabling technologies for remote training may include: MOTECH based applications such as MObile Training and Support Services (MOTS), etc.
 <sup>51</sup>Enabling technologies for remote training infastructure onto which the new technologies would be built and also for (MOTS), etc.
 <sup>51</sup>Enabling technology engagement and sensitization outreach activities may include: collaboration with governments in particular the Ministries of health, ICTs, science, technology and innovations; meetings with local chiefs, local politicians, religious leaders and members
 <sup>54</sup>Alternative of electricity may include use of batteries, solar chargers or petrol-powered generators <sup>55</sup> Alternative of internet connectivity may include: satellite technology, agreements with telephone network providers or configuring the technology to function offline, local area network

#### HEADING 4A. ENABLING TECHNOLOGY FOR 3C FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT

MANUALS AND GUIDELINES	SUCCESS STORIES
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- http://www.biometricsinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/ Biometrics-Institute-Ethical-Principles-VFinal2019.pdf	The Biometric Identification system as a solution: Biometrics technology is a method of verifying an individual's identity based on measurement of their physical features or repeatable actions that are unique to the individual and are measurable. The technology was employed for the enrolment, identification and verification of all persons who show up at the clinics as a participant. At the initial visit after consenting, the biometrics (Iris and Fingerprint) of the participant are captured and stored as templates within the biometric system then synchronized to other systems that relies on the information to further maintain study integrity. During subsequent visit, the participant goes through the identification and verification process, i.e., in this instance, they first go through the biometric system to be sure that they are actual participants in the study. They will have a recapture of their biometric and the image is compared with existing templates in the system, if the system returns a match it means the participant is positive else, a negative returns shows impersonation. Achievements from Biometric Identification system: Since the start of implementation on 30th September 2015, 1,631 participants are accurately enrolled into the biometric system and to this day, the system can trustfully identify each of these participants at any time they or would be accurate of the start of the source of the system can trustfully identify each of these participants at any time they only would be accurate of the source of the source of the source of the biometric system and to this day, the system can trustfully identify each of these participants at any time they only would be accurate of the source of

the biometric system and to this day, the system can trustfully identify each of these participants at any time they show up. With this certainty, eight impersonations (false participants) were identified during the course of the study and the issues were escalated to the site coordinator(s) present. Indeed, the impersonators attested to the fact that they were not participants in the study. This show that the technology has strongly contributed to maintain the integrity of the study. It is a clear solution to the deterrence of impersonation especially in a situation of a two or three dose Extended Program on Immunisation (EPI) campaign.

#### Best practises for the conduct of Biometric Identification system

Some key considerations for conducting of biometrics:

- Biometric trace(s) are the key identifiers of individuals as such it is very important that the images are perfectly captured during the enrolment process else, identification and verification during subsequent visits can be problematic

- Additional identifiers should be included in participant's records (Photo, Identification numbers etc.) because it is possible for the system to return a false positive (never happened in our case)

- In a close distance setting such as the EBOVAC Salone study, it is important that individual units within the system synchronise data in real-time

- Equipment should be manufactured and designed to match the local context especially in terms of technological interdependencies

- GXP should be continuously revamped during the implementation of the technology

HEADING 4B. MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E) FOR 3CS FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT								
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I.	0	SCORE		
4B.ME.01	Are there accessible expertise in Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) and or related specializa- tions to support Ebola vaccine deployment such as: 1. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) 2. Behaviour change or risk communication 3. Health management information system 4. Information science 5. Geographic information systems 6. Information Communications and Technology (ICT) <sup>56</sup> 7. Others	6 or more	3-5	1-2	0			
4B.ME.02	Does the Communication and Community Engagement Strategy for Ebola Vaccine Deployment include key M&E components? <sup>57</sup>	Yes, fully inclusive	Yes, but partially inclusive	No, but being developed	No			
4B.ME.03	Have data architecture schema <sup>58</sup> for monitoring data from 3C activities for the Ebola vaccine deployment been developed?	Yes, fully developed	Yes, but partially developed	No, but develop- ment is ongoing	No			

#### HEADING 4B. MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E) FOR 3CS FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT RI **READINESS ITEM** 2 0 SCORE CODE 4B.ME.04 Have SOPs<sup>59</sup> for data management, including the ones for 3C activities been developed? Fully Partially Being Not available available developed available 4B.MF.05 Are there guidelines and related capacity building at strategic and operational levels for: Yes, fully Yes, but No. but No developed partially develop-• Data management developed and ment • Data analysis endorsed or not ongoing Data visualization endorsed Data dissemination and use Are there budget lines for 3C activity-related data collection, management, analysis, visualization, 4B.MF.06 Yes, sufficient Yes. but No. but No insufficient advocacy is dissemination and use during Ebola vaccine deployment? ongoing **Percentage (%) score for Heading:** %

56 Expertise in ICT may include: ICT infrastructure/operations; Community Information System/Health information system/HMIS, data management and quality assurance; health, social, and geographic data analysis and visualization.

<sup>57</sup>Key M&E components may include: • Logical framework / theory of change, including explicitly defined theories of behavior change, context and social factors, inputs, process for 3Cs activities, outputs, outcomes (including those related to knowledge, attitude (including trust, fear), and behavior change related to the Ebola vaccine, the vaccine deployment or any of its components). • Indicator/metric list (definition, data source, disaggregation (gender, age, key groups), frequency of data collection) for processes for 3Cs activities (inputs, outputs, fidelity to SOPs) and outcomes (knowledge, attitude, or behavior change, or proxies thereof), • Evaluation plan <sup>58</sup>Conceptual/semantic data model (including data entities); logic data model (including how data are linked); physical/technology model, outlining processes and functionality (including incorporation of existing technology infrastructure (digital) and/or team networks (paper-based, oral reporting). Models should take into account: integration, where needed, with existing databases (e.g., case management, surveillance, burials/Civil registration and vital statistics, EPI, AEFI, community health); interoperability; anonymization of data at different levels and confidentiality; and data security. <sup>35</sup>OPs for data management may include aspects like: Governance and stewardship, security, interoperability, sharing, confidentiality, and was e data.

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- FAIR Principles. https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles/
- Humanitarian Data Exchange. HDX Tools. https://data.humdata.org
- CDC. Health Behavior Change Theory Picker. https://www.orau.gov/hsc/theorypicker/index.html
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HEADI	NG 4C. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR 3C FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT	r i				
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I.	0	SCORE
4C.CB.01	Does the plan for capacity building of staff and stakeholders include 3C for Ebola vaccine deployment?	Yes, and operational	Yes, but not operational	No, but being developed	No	
4C.CB.02	Does the plan for capacity building of staff and stakeholders include specific trainings in 3C for Ebola vaccine deployment for special cadres or groups <sup>60</sup> ?	Yes, fully inclusive	Yes, but partially inclusive	No, but being developed	No	
4C.CB.03	Are there training manuals and guidelines <sup>61</sup> for 3C for Ebola vaccine deployment?	Yes, fully accessible	Yes, but not accessible	No, but being developed	No	
4C.CB.04	Are there relevant SOPs such as for AEFIs, rumours, media engagement incorporated into the training manuals and guidelines?	Yes, all are fully incorpo- rated	Yes, but partially incorporated	No but being incorpo- rated	No	
4C.CB.05	Are there budget lines for capacity building of staff and stakeholders including in 3C for Ebola vaccine deployment?	Yes, sufficient	Yes, but insufficient	No, but budgeting is ongoing	No	
	Total Score for	Heading (o	out of 15 to	tal possible	e points)	/15
		Per	centage (%)	score for l	Heading:	%

<sup>66</sup>Special cadres or groups may include: the media, armed forces, community influencers, traditional healers, burial groups, cross border stakeholders, etc. <sup>61</sup>Training manuals and guidelines may be for: Ebola vaccine deployment, training, rumor management, Community Engagement, code of conduct, Risk communication during outbreak, development, translation and dissemination of product & materials, financing mechanism, installation of enabling technology equipment, etc. 81

### **MANUALS AND GUIDELINES**

WHO. Online course: Risk Communication essentials. - https://openwho.org/courses/risk-communication

 $\operatorname{WHO}$  . Effective Communications: participant handbook for  $\operatorname{WHO}$  staff.

- https://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/ gevit\_guidance\_may2016.pdf

HEADI	NG 4D. COORDINATION FOR 3C FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT					
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	1	0	SCORE
4D.CO.01	Are there communication and community engagement committees at strategic and opera- tional levels for Ebola vaccine deployment?	Yes, at both levels and mechanisms exist to activate them	Yes, but at one of the levels or there are no mechanisms to activate them	No but being formed	No	
4D.CO.02	Are there clear ToRs <sup>62</sup> for communication and community engagement committees for Ebola vaccine deployment?	Yes, TORs are approved	Yes, but not yet approved	No, but being developed	No	
4D.CO.03	Are there mechanisms <sup>63</sup> for linkages and feedback between communication and community engagement committees and responders at strategic and operational levels?	Yes, and functional	Yes, but not functioning	No, but develop- ment ongoing	No	
4D.CO.04	Are there guidelines for integrating community-based stakeholders into communication and community engagement committees at strategic and operational levels?	Yes, and are operational	Yes, but not operational	No, but being developed	No	
4D.CO.05	Are there budget lines to cover 3C coordination activities, equipment and personnel costs at strategic and operational levels?	Yes, sufficient budget	Yes, but insufficient	No but advocacy is ongoing	No	
	Total Score for	Heading (o	out of 15 to	tal possible	e points)	/15
		Perc	entage (%)	score for l	leading:	%

<sup>62</sup> ToRs may cover: ensuring members from the communication and community engagement committees are part of the rapid response team at the national and sub-national levels, compilation and sharing of Situational Reports (Sitreps), periodic coordination meetings, incident reporting, set up of reporting portals/ hotlines and digital systems to support information flow and coordination across response, developing communication tools/ reference guide and share across the vaccine response, etc. <sup>63</sup> Mechanisms may include: Hotlines and digital systems to support the information flow and scheduling of meetings (e.g. 117 toll free line in Sierra Leone, mTrack in Uganda), actual meetings, focal persons, etc.

#### HEADING 4D. COORDINATION FOR 3C FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT

#### **MANUALS AND GUIDELINES**

WHO. Draft Global Ebola Vaccine Implementation Team (GEVIT) Practical guidance on the use of Ebola vaccine in an outbreak response. Appendix D. Proposed composition and subgroups of Ebola Vaccine Programme Committee.

- https://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/

gevit\_guidance\_may2016.pdf

WHO. Draft Global Ebola Vaccine Implementation Team (GEVIT) Practical guidance on the use of Ebola vaccine in an outbreak response. Appendix C. Overview of proposed roles and responsibilities of constituencies involved in Ebola vaccine outbreak activities.

- https://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/ gevit\_guidance\_may2016.pdf

WHO. Risk Communication and Community Engagement Considerations: Ebola Response in Democratic Republic of the Congo. Section III.7 Coordinating Partners. - https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/272767/ 9789241514217-eng.pdf

The Health Communication Capacity Collaborative 3C. Ebola Preparedness Implementation Toolkit. Chapter 3. Coordination Mechanisms for Ebola Communication. - https://sbccimplementationkits.org/ebola/courses/ebola-

preparedness-i-kit/

HEADING 4E. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION FOR 3CS FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT								
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I.	0	SCORE		
4E.RM.01	Is there budget for epidemic preparedness and response including Ebola?	Yes, sufficient	Yes, but insufficient	No, but advocacy is ongoing	No			
4E.RM.02	Are there specific budget lines for 3C activities within the broader budget for epidemic prepared- ness and response including Ebola?	Yes, sufficient	Yes, but insufficient	No, but advocacy is ongoing	No			
4E.RM.03	Is there a national emergency rapid response fund with clear guidelines <sup>64</sup> for quick access and accountability?	Yes, and endorsed	Yes, but not yet endorsed	No, but under develop- ment	No			

HEADING 4E. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION FOR 3CS FOR EBOLA VACCINE DEPLOYMENT									
RI CODE	READINESS ITEM	3	2	I	0	SCORE			
4E.RM.04	Is the emergency rapid response funding mechanism responsive to capacity <sup>65</sup> of community- based organizations?	Yes, very flexible	Yes, but rigid	No but advocacy is ongoing	No				
4E.RM.05	Are there funding agreements with partners for allocation of resources towards epidemics, preparedness and response?	Yes, several	Yes, but a few	No, but negotiations are ongoing	No				
4E.RM.06	Are stakeholders <sup>66</sup> involved in advocacy for funds for 3C activities during Ebola vaccine deploy- ment?	Yes, several	Yes, but a few	No, but under develop- ment	No				
	Total Score for					/18			
		Per	centage (%)	score for l	leading:	%			

<sup>64</sup>Guidelines may include: identification external firms for audits and public/mass communication campaigns to transparently share financial information.

<sup>46</sup>Capacity building in financial management and channeling of the resources <sup>45</sup>Stakeholders may include: public/ mass communication experts; community engagement experts; compliance management experts; NGOs; telecom companies; oil, mining and energy companies; religious leaders; local chiefs; community health workers; finance and economists from both national and district/local levels

### **MANUALS AND GUIDELINES**

WHO. Draft Global Ebola Vaccine Implementation Team (GEVIT) Practical guidance on the use of Ebola vaccine in an outbreak response. Appendix Q. Macro Planning Template. - https://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/GEVIT\_ guidance\_AppendixQ.xlsx



The Gap Prioritization Plan serves to assist in the identification and prioritization of gaps emerging from the completing Part 1 (Gap identification and Scoring). In addition, it is designed to support action planning to address critical gaps in readiness for Ebola vaccine deployment from the 3Cs perspective.

### HOW TO CONDUCT GAP PRIORITIZATION?

After completing the Part I (Gap Identification and Scoring), Part 2 the Gap Prioritization Framework should be completed, followed by Part 3 (the Action Planning Framework), as they build upon each other. Each framework has instructions embedded.

The Gap Prioritization Framework undertakes two levels of prioritization: heading-level and item-level. Follow the illustrations and steps outlined below to fill in the Heading-level and Item-level Gap Prioritization Tables.

### HOW TO FILL IN THE TABLES:

#### **TABLE P2.4.1**

HEADING CODE	TOTAL PERCENTAGE SCORE (%)	PRIORITY RANK
<b>4A.</b>	10%	IST
<b>4B.</b>	20%	4TH
4 <b>C</b> .	40%	3RD
4D.	20%	2ND
4E.	10%	5ТН

TABLE P2.4.2         IST PRIORITY HEADING CODE						
ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED				
4A.ET.01	0	Lack of SOP for quick KAP surveys				
4A.ET.02	0	Social mob are not part of rapid response team for Ebola				
4A.ET.03	0	Insufficient funds for SA for 3Cs				
4A.ET.04	0	A few in-country stakeholders trained in SA for 3Cs				

## **PART 2.4.1**

### HEADING-LEVEL PRIORITIZATION

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For each heading, fill in the total percentage score for the heading. For each heading, indicate the priority rank, based on the total percentage score. Heading/Area level prioritization whereby the headings with the lowest total percentage score will be the 1st priority, followed by the 2nd lowest and 3rd lowest in that order.

Choose priorities 1st – 3rd for the next step of item level prioritization below. Where there is tie in the priority rank, countries will have the discretion to choose one of them.

#### **TABLE P2.4.1**

HEADING CODE	TOTAL PERCENTAGE SCORE (%)	PRIORITY RANK
<b>4A.</b>		
<b>4B.</b>		
4 <b>C</b> .		
4 <b>D</b> .		
4E.		

### **ITEM-LEVEL PRIORITIZATION**

Item level gaps exist for items with scores of (0), (1), or (2). (See Box 1)

### LIST ITEMS WITH A (0) SCORE.

Items with a (0) should be prioritized first, as this represents the most critical state that needs immediate attention.

### LIST ITEMS WITH A (I) SCORE.

Items with a (1) score are the 2nd priority, and items with a (2) score are the 3rd priority.

### **REVIEW YOUR LISTS AND SET CUT OFFS.**

Review your results in Tables I and 2 for headings and items. These represent your priority gaps.

#### BOX I: INTERPRETING ITEM SCORES

(3) A score of 3 indicates readiness.
(2) A score of 2 indicates a situation where most elements are available or in place, but that some remaining aspects can be addressed.
(1) A score of 1 indicates a situation where not everything exists, but some minor aspects are either in place or underway towards readiness.

(0) A score of 0 indicates a state where nothing exists and no plan is in place to address the issue of concern.



#### **TABLE P2.4.2**

IST PRIORITY HEADING CODE

ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED

#### **TABLE P2.4.3**

2ND PRIORITY HEADING CODE

ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED

#### **TABLE P2.4.4**

**3RD PRIORITY HEADING CODE** 

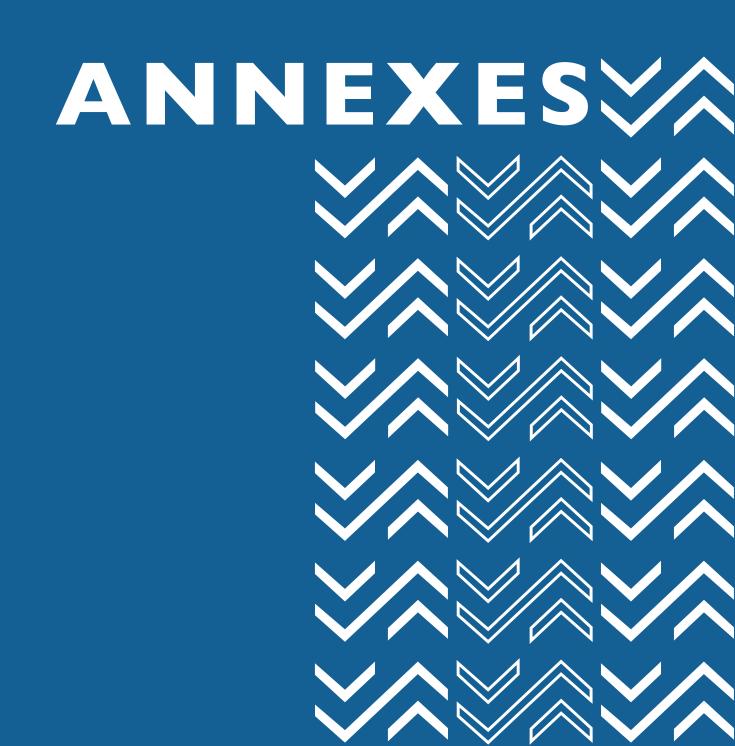
ITEM CODE	SCORE	STATEMENT OF THE GAP IDENTIFIED

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### ACTION PLANNING

Instructions: Based on the identified priority gaps, develop an action plan for addressing the gaps. The first row shows an example.

PRIORITY GAPS	ACTION PLAN	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	TIMELINE	SUPPORT NEEDED
Lack of materials in usable format	Activate standing MoUs	Comm HPEC	l week	Funds for accessible format translation (braille, etc.)





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