

NNN COVID-19 Task Group

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Objectives

- To collaborate to develop best practices for objective risk assessment
- To collaborate to develop best practices for risk mitigation strategies for implementing NTD field activities in the context of COVID-19, while recognizing that specific strategies will need to be tailored to the country context.
- To coordinate efforts in risk assessment and mitigation tools and strategies to prevent duplication of effort which may further burden NTDPs

Best Practices sub-group

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The Best Practices sub-group of the NNN COVID-19 Task Group has been established to achieve the following objectives:

- Compile **lessons learnt** in support of NTD program implementation in a COVID-19 environment and identify themes related to:
 - Challenges
 - Successes
 - Best Practices
 - Other – e.g. how is context driving approaches taken?
- **Disseminate** Lessons Learned through various mechanisms:
 - Taking our shared learning back to our respective organizations
 - Highlighting and promoting what member organizations are publishing
 - Others to be determined
- **Identify gaps** in resources or solutions to address challenges identified and advocate for these to be filled, via:
 - Communications pieces (e.g. blog from group)
 - Communication with NNN membership
 - Communication with other key stakeholders (e.g. WHO, ESPEN, within our own organizations, etc.)
 - Promotion of collaboration between NNN members to develop materials

Focus questions

The following key areas will be focussed on by the group:

1. Lessons learnt on how to implement COVID risk mitigation measures with special focus on: social distancing, mask wearing, handwashing

2. How is training being done?
3. How is supervision being done?
4. How are lessons learnt being captured and influencing future program work, especially at national and sub national level?
5. What is impacting community acceptance?
6. Is the quality of NTD interventions being affected by the COVID situation or the measures put in place to mitigate risk? For example, is sufficient coverage being achieved?