

WKC FORUM 2023

TECHNICAL EXPERTS MEETING

2024 research strategy for Health Emergency and Disaster Risk Management (Health EDRM): breaking silos and promote cross-sectional approach

Date

14 November 2023, 13:00-17:00

Place

HAT Kobe, Kobe, Japan

Auditorium, 1F Gallery Block, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art

Advance registration required

Organized by WHO Centre for Health Development (WHO Kobe Centre-WKC)
With the support of WKC Cooperating Committee





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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE

Access to: <https://dx-mice.jp/EZEntry/WKCForum2023/Entry>

Closure date: 7 November 2023, 23:00 JST

Registration fee: Free

Required information: Name, Affiliation, etc.

*Name tag will be provided at venue.



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Venue information: <https://www.artm.pref.hyogo.jp/eng/>

Note:

Inside the Hall, participants are requested to refrain from eating, drinking and using Wifi or phone lines for Museum's policy.



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BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES

WHO Centre for Health Development (WHO Kobe Centre: WKC) was established in 1995 with the endorsement by the WHO Executive Board and the support of the Kobe Group, as the symbol of recovery from the Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake. Since its establishment WKC has contributed to building scientific evidence on Health Emergency and Disaster Risk Management (Health EDRM), one of the three major research areas of WKC, addressed in the WHO Kobe Centre Research Plan 2018-2026.

In 2018 WHO Thematic Platform for Health EDRM Research Network (Health EDRM RN) was established to better coordinate and facilitate cross regional and international knowledge and experience sharing to effectively build scientific evidence that informs policies and programmes in regions and countries. As the secretariat of the research network, since 2019 WKC has organized its Core Group Meeting to update the research needs and discuss strategic actions for Health EDRM research and evidence. In addition to the strategy settings, WKC has facilitated multiple global collaborative activities in collaboration with the research network participants and related experts. One of the key achievements of the research network is the development of WHO guidance on research methods for health emergency and disaster risk management (published in 2021, revised in 2022). Over 100 global experts contributed to chapter writing. Japanese experts have contributed to writing multiple chapters and translation of the guidance into Japanese is underway with support of over 30 Japanese experts.

In 2023 WKC will organize the in-person Core Group Meeting of the research network in Kobe convening focal points of WHO HQ and all Regional Offices on 13 and 14 November. Taking this opportunity, a thematic WKC Forum on Health EDRM will be organized convening Kansai local and Japan national experts and stakeholders to share ongoing global, regional, national and local initiatives and promote knowledge and experience sharing between the Core Group experts and Japanese experts.



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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (1)

DATE & TIME: 13:00-17:00, 14 November 2023
PLACE: Auditorium, 1F Gallery Block, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art
MEETING LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

10:00-13:00 Registration, and Visiting Museum exhibitions (free participation)

13:00-13:10 Opening remarks

13:10-14:20 **Session 1: WHO initiatives for Health EDRM and research, engagement of Japanese experts**

- Ongoing WHO initiatives on DRR and Health EDRM
- Progress of Health EDRM research and Health EDRM Research Network activities
- Research capacity building for regions and countries
- Global dissemination of the WHO Guidance on Research Methods for Health EDRM and initiatives to promote international research collaboration
- Translation of WHO Guidance on Research Methods for Health EDRM and dissemination in Japan
- Japanese Association of Disaster Medicine's initiative to promote collaborative research
- Capacity building for data oriented field activities in Japan and ASEAN countries
- Invited comments from Advisory Committee of WKC (ACWKC), and Health EDRM RN Core Group

(Continued to Session 2)



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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (2)

(Continued from Session 1)

14:10–15:15

Session 2: Special panel discussion: How to mitigate the preventable risks of disasters by multi-sectoral approach

- GADRI and Kyoto University initiative on interdisciplinary research for disaster risk reduction
- Statistics and epidemiology to bridge interest of different sector
- Nutrition as the hidden factor for the post-disaster consequences
- Harmonized collaboration between qualitative and quantitative research – disaster nursing and fieldwork
- Discussion
- Conclusion
- Invited comments from ACWKC and Health EDM RN Core Group

15:15–15:40

Break & Visiting Museum exhibitions (free participation)

15:40–16:50

Session 3: Discussion and strategic advice from experts

Invited comments

- Increasing needs of research in regions and countries
- Invited comments from ACWKC
- Comments from Japanese Association of Disaster Medicine
- Collaboration towards WADEM 2025
- Floor comments and discussion
- Conclusion

16:50–17:00

Wrap up & Closing remarks

(End of the Forum)



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INVITED SPEAKERS (1)

(Alphabetical order)

Mr Jonathan Abrahams, Director and Associate Professor, Monash University Disaster Resilience Initiative, Monash University Accident Research Centre, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

Dr Irene Akua Agyepong, Public Health Consultant, Dodowa Health Research Center; Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons, Accra, Ghana

Dr Jehan Al-Badri, Technical Officer, Country Health Emergency Preparedness & IHR, WHO Health Emergency Programme, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, Cairo, Egypt

Professor Maged Elsherbiny, Professor, Higher Education Senior Advisor Direct Aid International, Kuwait City, Kuwait

Dr Sarah Louise Barber, Director, WHO Centre for Health Development (WKC), Kobe, Japan

Dr Alex Camacho Vasconez, Advisor, Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Reduction, Country Health Emergency Preparedness and IHR, Pan American Health Organization, WHO Regional Office for Americas, Washington DC, the United States

Dr Dick Damas Chamla, Emergency Preparedness Manager, EPR Cluster, WHO Regional Office for Africa, Brazzaville, Congo

Dr Felipe Cruz Vega, Head of Coordination of Special Projects in Health of the National Medical Direction, Mexican Social Security Institute, Coahuila, Mexico

Dr Shinichi Egawa, Professor and Assistant Director, International Cooperation for Disaster Medicine Lab., International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS), Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan

Dr Nahoko Harada, Professor, Nursing Science, Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering in Health Systems, Okayama University; Professor, Department of Fundamental Nursing, School of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences, Okayama University, Okayama, Japan

Dr Kai von Harbou, Technical Officer, Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience, Health Security Preparedness, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

Dr Masato Homma, President, Japanese Association for Disaster Medicine; Professor, Emergency and Disaster Medicine, the Faculty of Medicine, Tottori University, Tottori, Japan

Ms Makiko Kato McDermot, Consultant, Health EDM, WHO Kobe Centre (WKC), Yokohama, Japan

Dr Ryoma Kayano, Technical Officer, WHO Centre for Health Development (WKC), Kobe, Japan

Dr Yuichi Koido, Director, Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, Tokyo, Japan



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INVITED SPEAKERS (2)

Dr Tatsuhiko Kubo, Professor, Department of Public Health and Health Policy, Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences, Hiroshima University, Hiroshima, Japan

Dr Masahiro Kurata, Associate Professor, Earthquake Resistant Structures / Health Emergency and Regional Disaster Risk Management, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan

Mr Jan-Erik Larsen, Technical Officer, Logistics, Emergency Operations, WHO Regional office for the Western Pacific, Manila, Philippines

Dr Sonoe Mashino, Chairperson, World Society of Disaster Nursing; Director, World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Disaster Risk Management for Health; Executive Director and Professor, Research Institute of Nursing Care for People and Community, University of Hyogo, Akashi, Japan

Professor Virginia Murray, Head of Global Disaster Risk Reduction, UK Health Security Agency, London, the United Kingdom

Dr Shuhei Nomura, Project Associate Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, School of Medicine, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan

Dr Sae Ochi, Professor, Department of Laboratory Medicine, The Jikei University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan

Dr Yasuhiro Otomo, Director, Independent Administrative Agency National Hospital Organization, Disaster Medical Center, Tokyo, Japan

Dr Samuel Reuben, Programme Area Manager, Country Health Emergency Preparedness & IHR, WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia, New Delhi, India

Professor Reiko Sakashita, Vice President, University of Hyogo, Kobe, Japan

Dr Tanja Schmidt, T Team Leader, Country Health Emergency Preparedness & IHR, WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark

Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien, Senior Advisor, International Health Policy Program (IHPP) Thailand, Bangkok Thailand

Dr Hirokazu Tatano, Professor, Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI), Kyoto University, and Secretary-General, Global Alliance of Disaster Research Institutes (GADRI), Kyoto, Japan

Dr Nobuyo Tsuboyama-Kasaoka, Head, Section of Global Disaster Nutrition, National Institute of Health and Nutrition (NIHN), National Institutes of Biomedical Innovation, Health and Nutrition, Osaka, Japan

Mr Ryo Yokoe, Consultant, Health EDRM, WHO Kobe Centre (WKC), Tokyo, Japan