**DR12 Master Scenario Template**

*The master scenario is a description of a series of hypothetical, but plausible, events or pre-planned storylines that drive an exercise.*

*The scenario also presents a brief narrative of the exercise, followed by the timeline.*

*Because of its limited scale, a drill may or may not have a scenario*.

*Developing an exercise scenario is much like writing a play. An exercise director organizes events into major and detailed events.*

***Major events*** *are big problems resulting from the emergency. They should be likely events based on case studies or operational plans.*

***Detailed events*** *are specific problem situations to which personnel must respond. Each detailed event should be designed to prompt one or more expected actions for one or more organizations/ EOC functions participating in the exercise.*

***TIP:*** *The timeline and story of your scenario need to be realistic in order to draw your participants in and give them a believable emergency to manage. The master scenario must be finalized before developing the injects, in order to avoid confusion and inconsistencies. The master scenario is never given to the participants in its original form, but is used to develop the injects that the participants receive during the exercise.*

***The master scenario is only shared with the exercise management team and is never given to any of the participants.***

## **Template**

Title: Master scenario for [**NAME**] drill

[**COUNTRY**]

Date of exercise: [**DD/MM/YYYY**]

### **Context**

This presents a brief description of the context of the country, including its health services structure and resources, epidemiologic characteristics, and risk profile. Past health emergencies may be presented, specifying areas of coverage, levels of impact and reports and lessons identified, if applicable.

Finally, this section may present any international agencies and organizations present in the country that can provide assistance at national, regional, or local levels.

### **Scenario narrative**

The exercise usually begins with the presentation of the exercise narrative. This can be read aloud, presented on a TV, a computer or slides, or dramatized through role-play.

The narrative presents the background and triggering events and their impacts on the population, infrastructure, services and environment, as well as their general impact on the affected area.

In particular, the narrative includes—for example—type of event; date, time and location of incident(s); number of deceased, affected and/or those suffering complications; status of health system and infrastructure; status of laboratories; and status of transportation system.

*Suggested content:*

***Example of a narrative for the drill***

*As the national surveillance director at the Ministry of Health of [NAME OF COUNTRY], you are receiving a call from the regional health director from [NAME OF REGION], which is next to the capital. The call is to report haemorrhagic cases.*

*…*

*As the rapid response team, you are deployed in [NAME OF REGION].*

### **Timeline**

The scenario and events in a drill may develop over time with the use of “time jumps”.