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GOARN is a collaboration of existing institutions and networks, constantly alert and ready to respond. The network pools human and technical resources for rapid identification, confirmation and response to outbreaks of international importance.Photo credit: Peta-Anne ZimmermanThe GOARN outbreak response training brings together participants from GOARN partner institutions in Bangladesh, Egypt, France, Germany, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Switzerland, Tunisia,

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This 5-day scenario-based training aims to simulate the technical and operational challenges in field conditions, putting participants' skills into practice, and ultimately resulting in technically proficient and experienced field teams ready for international deployment. The training is expected to contribute enhancing operational readiness of WHO and partners for international outbreak response in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

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