



The training aims to boost the capabilities of 30 surveillance and disease early warning system coordinators 18 August 2015 -- The World Health Organization, in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health and Population, conducted on 13 August 2015 4-day workshop to strengthen the rapid response capacity of health workers to detect, monitor and manage epidemic of communicable diseases.

30 surveillance and disease early warning system coordinators from Sana'a, Dhamar, Al-Baidha, Hajja, Sa'ada, Shabwa and Amran governorates were taken through the steps of conducting surveillance for epidemics prone diseases, how to immediately respond to the diseases and case management of infectious diseases.

Dr Abdul-Hakim Al-Kohlani, General Director of Diseases Control and Epidemiological Surveillance at the Ministry of Public Health and Population, underscored the importance of the training saying it will help to reduce the increasing number cases of measles, diarrhoea, respiratory tract infections and other infectious diseases.

"Given the deterioration of health situation and influx of internally displaced persons, the infectious disease outbreaks are more likely to happen," said Dr Abdul-Hakim Al-Kohlani,

Over the last few months, limited access to health care services and a breakdown in safe water supply and sanitation services has facilitated the spread of endemic diseases such as malaria and dengue fever, as well as acute diarrhoeal diseases.

"Despite great difficulties, WHO has continued to support epidemic surveillance activities with the aim of boosting rapid response to outbreaks," said Dr Ahmed Ali Qaed, Pandemic and

Epidemic Diseases Officer for WHO Yemen.

“The health situation in Yemen is deteriorating. Subsequently, organized and rapid response is much needed to control any outbreak.”

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