To ensure that countries have rapid access to the most appropriate resources and experts for the identification, assessment and response to public health emergencies of international importance, in 2000, WHO and partners established the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN).

GOARN provides a global operational framework linking a broad range of public health capacities and expertise to keep the international community alert to the threat of outbreaks, and ready to coordinate support to countries and effectively deploy emergency response teams.

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN)

Since 2000, over 130 international public health emergency operations have been coordinated by GOARN.
GOARN provides comprehensive assistance to countries for outbreak alert and response operations

Supporting
Whenever major public health crises arise, GOARN deploys technical teams to the affected countries to assist with several activities, including anthropology, coordination, clinical management, epidemiology, logistics, infection control, social mobilization, and risk communications.

Collaborating
GOARN fosters regional and global networking, and delivers training to build national and international capacity for outbreak response, including field team leadership, disease-specific outbreak response scenarios and exercises, rapid response and containment, and coordination of operations.

Advancing
Since 2000, the Network has been promoting agreed standards for international epidemic response through the Guiding Principles for International Outbreak Alert and Response, an articulation of the consensus of GOARN partners on how to deliver assistance during outbreaks of international importance.