

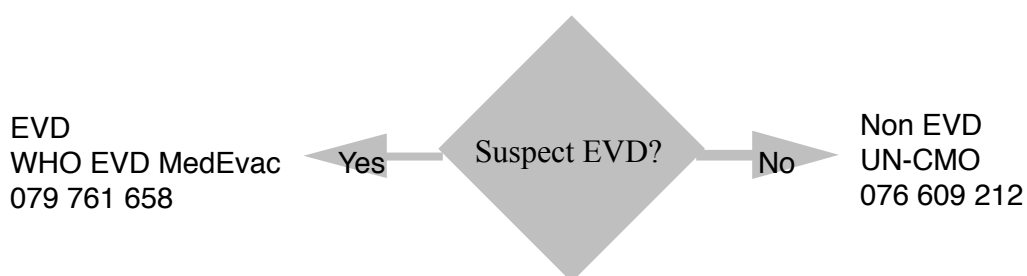
**National Foreign Medical Team (FMT) Coordination Meeting
Friday 6 February 2015, NERC**

1. Welcome and introductions; Tarun Weeramanthri (TW), FMT Lead ,

- TW opened the meeting and welcomed all.
- The FMT Coordination Team is currently rotating. Charles Blanch will take over as FMT Lead Coordinator on Monday 9 February. He is supported by a dedicated Information Manager, Chris Hepp. The Cuban Brigade Coordinator and FMT Coordinator positions will rotate shortly.
- TW acknowledged the contribution that the departing Swedish FMT has made at Police Training School (PTS2). The Swedes depart on Sunday 8 February.
- TW thanked the Chinese team at Jiu Hospital who have supported another ETC with clothing for discharged patients..
- The first district level FMT meeting is being held at Port Loko on Sunday 8 February..
- The FMT Coordination Team is happy to facilitate other district FMT Coordination meetings to address either district specific issues or support FMTs that cannot attend the national FMT coordination meeting.

2. Non-Ebola Medevac; Stephen Cahil, World Food Programme (WFP)

- **Non-EVD Medevac** is a WFP function.
- As of 22 Jan 15 a Bell helicopter is available 7 days a week during daylight hours. The helicopter is backed up by a Mil 8. Crew are currently completing training.
- These aircraft will provide transport back to Freetown. Medical attention, and any subsequent medevac out of Sierra Leone, is the responsibility of the patient`s agency/FMT.
- Requests for **Non-EVD medevac** should be made via the **United Nations Chief Medical Officer (CMO) 076 609 212** based out of UN Medical Services at the UNDP facility in Freetown.
- Medevac location and transport mode will be a clinical decision by the CMO in conjunction with treating clinicians.
- All **EVD Medevac** continues to be coordinated by **WHO**, point of contact Douglas Wendell, **MedEvac number (Emergency only): 079 761658**



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3. FMT Training

- A joint training project has been developed in conjunction with UNMEER to support FMT. This includes provision of Clinical Training, Clinical Mentoring, and training across the pillars (delivered by UNMEER). Support and training on Infection prevention and Control (IPC) is also available within the Districts from WHO IPC leads.
- A copy of the training calendar and training request form is attached. The calendar will be maintained and circulated electronically and in hard copy at meetings.
- FMTs are requested to provide information on planned training and training needs in order to support this.

4. Border Health Screening - Sarah Bennett, IPC Team Lead US CDC, and Oliver Morgan, US CDC Country Director

- CDC provided a briefing on their work, in partnership with IOM, supporting Sierra Leone Government on border screening at Air and Sea ports. Some work is also underway considering land crossings to prevent import or re-export of cases.
- CDC has produced guidances on exposures, monitoring and movements (attached).
- Most returning Health Care Workers (HCW) would be in "some risk" category i.e. having provided patient care in PPE.
- A "high risk" category (glove tear, needle-stick etc) will require additional exit screening and may have implications on commercial travel and return entry to country of origin
- If your FMT has someone travelling who is either ill or has had a high risk exposure **then they are encouraged to contact the CDC team to facilitate international travel options.**
- The FMT team discussed that they were aware that across the three countries of sustained transmission it is understood that some FMT are considering precautionary laboratory testing, in order to provide a negative certificate, for returning HCW. The CDC team was not aware of any border entry or exit requirement that required production of a negative certificate and the FMT Team does not support or recommend this approach, as there is no scientific basis for it, given the long incubation period of EVD
- If any organizations have questions that the CDC Border Health Team can help answer, FMTs are welcome to contact the team at cdcsborderhealth@cdc.gov. Personal identifiers should not be emailed, so if there are questions related to a specific foreign medical team member and travel they should be contacted by phone: +232(0)30.861.530 or +232(0)30.861.564.

**5. African Union Support to Ebola Outbreak in West Africa (AUSEOWA)
- Etsedingl HADERA AU**

- Etsedingl provided an overview of AU mission.

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- AUSEOWA has a Mission HQ in Liberia and two additional secretariats in Sierra Leone and Guinea.
- AU has deployed over 300 multidisciplinary staff; over half are nurses and Public Health officers. AU staff are undertaking a wide range of roles in ETUs, non Ebola health care facilities, psychiatric management, epidemiological support, Social mobilisation and Data management.

6. Medical Registration - Marla NYKYRI FMT Coordinator

- The Medical and Dental Council has confirmed that registration is required for all clinical staff operating in country, regardless of duration. The WHO FMT Coordination Team will circulate an electronic pro-forma to each FMT to provide for this registration and this should be completed and returned to the Council as soon as possible (within a week). The FMT Coordination Team would be grateful to be copied into registration returns.
- This process is not intended to be onerous and meets the expectations of the WHO FMT Minimum Standards that teams register with the host government. Required information are the physician name and registration details, dates in country and a photograph. We understand there is no fee.
- FMTs should ensure they have a process to register staff as rotations or mission extensions occur.
- The FMT Coordination Team is working to confirm any registration requirements for nursing and allied health staff.

7. Other business

- The FMT Coordination Team is here to support deployed teams, share best practice and fix problems. FMTs can raise agenda items, questions or problems by email or phone. Early submission of issues will hopefully allow us to find the answer and update all FMTs at the meeting.

8. Longcast

- The next meeting is Friday 13 February 1400hrs NERC Courtroom1
- No meeting Friday 20 February
- WHO FMT meeting on Ebola response and the FMT initiative in Geneva 17-19 February including many of the Sierra Leone FMTs
- Regular meeting Friday 27 February and weekly thereafter

9. Attachments

- Medical and Dental Council Registration process
- CDC Guidelines <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/risk-factors-when-evaluating-person-for-exposure.html>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/monitoring-and-movement-of-persons-with-exposure.html>



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