

Preparedness and Response to Pandemics and Shocks

Priority Area	
Public Health	
Abstract	
<p>Emerging and re-emerging global health threats such as severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), swine flu (H1N1), ZIKA, monkeypox, yellow fever, and COVID-19 have demonstrated that no system in any country is invulnerable to unexpected shocks. Moreover, there are persistent knowledge and capacity gaps regarding effective strategies for prevention, detection, response, and recovery from public health emergencies across health and especially the non-health sectors. The similarities and differences in vulnerabilities and capacities across the African Union (AU) and European Union (EU) offer a great opportunity for learning and enhancing resilience across both continents. This CoRE for Preparedness and Response to Pandemics and Shocks is uniquely positioned to harness lessons from COVID-19 and other outbreaks and shocks to ensure a multi-sectoral system resilience that addresses critical sustainable development drivers to better respond to pandemics and shocks. It will leverage technologies, innovations, expertise, and resources in the EU and AU.</p>	
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