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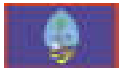
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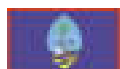


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### EPINET TEAMS – PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### Proposed generic terms of reference for PICT EpiNet teams

These proposed generic terms of reference were presented at the Regional EpiNet Workshop held in Suva in September 2003. They can serve as an example for countries/territories who would like to clarify the role of the EpiNet teams.

#### **Name**

The generic name “EpiNet team” designates the core members of the communicable disease (CD) control teams, committees, task forces etc. in the Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs). This name may be different from PICT to PICT.

#### **Areas of expertise of the EpiNet team**

Staff with skills in one or more of the following areas:

- notifiable disease data management
- clinical medicine
- Laboratory
- field investigations
- environmental health
- public health management and supervision
- disaster management

Professionals with skills in other areas may also be part of the team (e.g. infection control, immunisation, health policy, health promotion and communication).

#### **Size of EpiNet teams**

It depends on individual PICTs. In many PICTs, there are five individual nominees.

However:

- in smaller countries, there are often two or three members only
- in large countries, there is:
  - ✓ possibly a larger team (not too large)
  - ✓ a possible replication of EpiNet teams at subnational level (e.g. state, province or division)





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### Role of EpiNet team members

Surveillance and response roles must be defined by, and in the context of each country/territory.

Role proposed for EpiNet team members:

- to be the, or be part of any, official national (or subnational) surveillance and response team,
- to be prepared to mobilise in response to outbreaks or epidemics,
- to organise the multisectorial Task Force in order to respond to an outbreak or to advise the appropriate authorities on the proper composition of such a Task Force, and to be the technical body in such a Task Force,
- to advocate for political support for communicable and other disease control activities,
- to participate in and support a Pacific network of health professionals who communicate regularly, preferably by email and in a confidential forum, regarding surveillance and response to outbreak-prone CDs: PacNet and PacNet-restricted (the latter subject to agreement from Directors of Health),
- whenever needed, to define clear communication channels to be used in-country, inter-state/country and with the other PPHSN members,
- to properly report outbreaks immediately (or in a timely way) to other health professionals in the PICT and to the other PPHSN members, using PacNet or PacNet-restricted for the latter,
- to develop, adapt and implement PPHSN guidelines, recommendations and strategic framework for the surveillance and response to PPHSN target CDs,
- to immediately investigate suspected outbreaks,
- to organise the public health measures to respond in a timely way to the outbreak,
- to seek appropriate advice and technical support through PPHSN whenever needed.

As well, EpiNet team members should :

- attend meetings related to the surveillance and response to outbreak-prone CDs.
- be among those considered by government, should opportunities arise, for further training in surveillance and response.

(Nominations to meetings or training courses are always subject to the decision and discretion of the Ministry of Health or Department of Health.)

A Primary Focal Point should be designated in each EpiNet team. This person will be the contact person for the PPHSN and will make sure the other members of the team are kept properly informed. This role can be delegated from time to time.

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### EQUIPES EPINET – PROPOSITION DE MANDAT TYPE

#### Proposition de mandat type des équipes EpiNet des états et territoires insulaires océaniques

Le mandat type qui est ici proposé a été conçu et présenté à l'Atelier régional EpiNet qui s'est tenu à Suva en septembre 2003. Il peut servir de modèle aux États et Territoires souhaitant établir clairement le rôle de leur équipe EpiNet.

#### **Nom**

Le nom générique « d'équipe EpiNet » désigne l'équipe formée des membres statutaires des équipes de lutte contre les maladies transmissibles, des comités, des équipes spéciales, etc., exerçant des activités dans les États et territoires insulaires océaniques. Ce nom peut être différent d'un pays à l'autre.

#### **Domaines de spécialité de l'équipe EpiNet**

Les membres d'une équipe EpiNet possèdent des compétences spécialisées dans un ou plusieurs des domaines suivants :

- gestion de données concernant les maladies à déclarer,
- médecine clinique,
- techniques de Laboratoire,
- investigations de terrain,
- salubrité de l'environnement,
- gestion de la santé publique et supervision
- gestion des catastrophes naturelles.

L'équipe peut également comporter des professionnels dotés de compétences dans d'autres domaines (par exemple, lutte contre l'infection, vaccination, politique sanitaire, promotion de la santé et communication).

#### **Taille des équipes EpiNet**

Elle dépend de chaque État ou Territoire. Dans beaucoup d'États et territoires insulaires océaniques, une équipe comprend cinq personnes.

Toutefois :

- dans des pays plus petits, elle ne compte souvent que deux ou trois personnes;
- dans de plus grands pays :
  - ✓ l'équipe peut être plus grande (mais pas trop),
  - ✓ peut avoir une ramification à l'échelle de divisions administratives (par exemple, État, Province ou district).





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### Rôle des membres d'une équipe EpiNet

Il appartient à l'État ou au Territoire concerné de définir leurs rôles en matière de surveillance et de riposte, en fonction de sa situation particulière.

Il est proposé d'attribuer aux membres des équipes EpiNet les rôles suivants :

- constituer l'équipe officielle de surveillance et de riposte nationale (ou sous-nationale), ou une branche de cette équipe ;
- être prêts à se mobiliser pour réagir face à une flambée ou à une épidémie ;
- former l'équipe spéciale plurisectorielle afin d'organiser la riposte à une flambée épidémique, ou aviser les autorités compétentes de la composition à donner à une telle équipe, et constituer l'organe technique de l'équipe spéciale d'intervention ;
- mobiliser des soutiens politiques pour la lutte contre les maladies transmissibles et d'autres maladies ;
- participer et apporter son soutien à un réseau océanien de professionnels des services de santé, communiquant régulièrement, de préférence par courrier électronique et dans le cadre d'un forum confidentiel au sujet de la surveillance de maladies transmissibles susceptibles de se transformer en épidémie, et de la riposte à leur apporter : PacNet, PacNet-restricted (sous réserve de l'accord des Directeurs des services de santé) ;
- dans la mesure des besoins, définir clairement les voies de communication à emprunter à l'intérieur du pays, entre États/pays et avec les autres membres du ROSSP ;
- signaler immédiatement (ou en temps voulu) et de façon appropriée, la survenue de flambées épidémiques à d'autres professionnels de la santé des États et territoires insulaires océaniques et aux autres membres du ROSSP, en utilisant PacNet ou PacNet-restricted pour la communication avec ces derniers ;
- élaborer, adapter et mettre en œuvre les directives, recommandations et plan stratégique du ROSSP, applicables à la surveillance des maladies transmissibles ciblées par le ROSSP et à leur riposte ;
- arrêter les mesures de santé publique nécessaires à une riposte en temps voulu à l'épidémie ;
- chercher à obtenir des conseils appropriés et un soutien technique par l'intermédiaire du ROSSP, autant que nécessaire.

Les membres des équipes EpiNet devraient également :

- assister aux réunions ayant pour thème la surveillance de maladies transmissibles de type épidémique et la riposte à leur apporter ;
- figurer parmi les personnes considérées par les pouvoirs publics comme devant bénéficier d'un complément de formation à la surveillance et à la riposte, si ce type de formation est offert (les désignations des participants à des réunions ou à des cours de formation sont toujours soumises à la décision et à la discrétion du ministère de la santé).

Un **principal point de contact** devrait être désigné pour chaque équipe EpiNet. La personne jouant ce rôle sera la personne de contact avec le ROSSP et fera en sorte que les autres membres de l'équipe soient tenus correctement informés. Cette fonction pourra être déléguée de temps à autre.

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