



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

## **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE BRONCHURE**

### **Introduction**

Preparing for and protecting against public health threats is a key aspect of GOU's mission. In order to attain a resilient nation to disasters depends on how well the Government is prepared, organized and coordinated.

The emergency could be acute or evolving in form of disease outbreak, natural disaster or terror attacks.

While the primary purpose of the PHEOC is to respond to public health emergencies, the facility and staff will support other interested programmes and users to benefit the One Health Approach and other priorities of the Ministry.

### **Problem**

The increasing frequency and complexity of disease outbreaks and disasters and the emerging greater risk for terrorism, Ministry of Health (MOH) has established an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to respond to these Public Health Events in a more coherent, effective and efficient manner to protect the lives of Ugandans (ie minimize the impact of the crisis on citizens)



## Mission

PHEOC Serve as MoH's central focal point for organizing, coordinating, supporting and managing all aspects of evidence-based public health emergency response efforts

During major emergencies, the Ministry of Health (MOH) implements the Incident Management Systems (IMS) that brings all the required response elements and relevant staff to meet the needs of the emergency

**PHEOC is a MOH central public health incident management centre for coordinating and supporting NTF during the emergency response.**

## **Functions of PHEOC**

PHEOC provides physical space to house together subject matter experts (SMEs) to respond effectively, efficiently and collaboratively to the emergency

PHEOC is equipped with and provides a state of the art information technology that support subject matter experts (SMEs) engaged in response operations for gathering, analyzing, and validating information on the emergency

PHEOC is a communication hub for disseminating and communicating vital information to the emergency responders and decision makers

PHEOC is nerve centre responsible for collecting, receiving and analyzing information on potential public health emergencies for decision makers.

Identify and coordinate the deployment of resources for emergency response especially in a comprehensive multi-agency response.

Provides progress on the public health emergency situation through provision of a daily situation report during the occurrence of a PHE

It will be the hub of alert and response operations bringing collaboration of the Ministry of Health, other relevant sectors, Districts and Partners in responding to real or potential Public Health Event ( PHE).

Respond to REQUEST FOR INFORMATION in case of health threats (via e-mail or hot line)

Provide facilities for press conference, video/teleconferencing, training and meeting space

# Uganda - Emergency Operations Center



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