

Strengthening the Evidence Base: Building Trust and Resilience for Better Outbreak Response in East and Southern Africa

A Joint Webinar series from the Risk Communication and Community
Engagement (RCCE) and Immunisation Demand Technical Working Groups

Webinar Series: Building Trust and Resilience in Health Systems for Better Outbreak Response in East and Southern Africa

- Trust in health authorities and health services **before, during and after** public health emergencies is critical.
- Where higher level of trust in health authorities exists, communities are more likely to follow public health recommendations and seek health care, resulting in more rapid and effective outbreak response.
- An erosion of trust in health services and the health system more broadly can result in families being less likely to seek health care when needed, including critical preventative care such as immunisation services, undermining the public health system.
- RCCE and immunisation demand partners and stakeholders can play a key role in strengthening trust and building resilient health systems and services to prevent outbreaks and for better outbreak response

Call for Abstracts: Joint RCCE and Immunization Demand TWG Webinar Series

The ESA RCCE and Immunization Demand TWG leads invite partners to share lessons learned, best practices and interventions implemented for a planned webinar series on building trust and resilience in health systems before, during and after outbreak responses.

Submission Guidelines

- Partners are invited to submit abstracts to strengthen health service delivery including routine immunisation, community health systems, engage community structures and influencers, created enabling policy environments, strengthened data utilisation for more community-centred responses.
- Abstracts can focus on building trust across different settings (urban, peri-urban and rural) and populations, including marginalised and zero dose communities.
- Abstracts will be reviewed by a panel of technical specialists from UNICEF and IFRC for originality, potential applicability across different countries, settings and populations in ESAR and contribution to the field.
- Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to present their findings during the webinars in 8-10 minutes oral presentations. Webinars will be recorded and available on the [RCCE TWG](#) and Immunisation Demand TWG websites.
- Partners will be invited to share any relevant materials, reports and resources from presentation through the Collective Service and partner newsletters.

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Abstract Format (200 words) :

- **Title:** Brief and descriptive
- **Background/Objectives:** Provide context and state objectives of project or interventions
- **Methods:** Describe methods or approach used
- **Results and Findings:** Summarise the main results or findings
- **Implications for the field:** Interpret the results and why they are important for partners in ESAR

Important Dates

3 April: Call for Abstracts disseminated during RCCE TWG meeting and to mailing list of RCCE TWG and Immunisation Demand partners

17 April: Abstract submission deadline (submit via [this form](#))

24 April: Communication of selected abstracts during RCCE TWG meeting

May 8 and 22: Webinars on Building Trust and Resilience for Better Outbreak Response

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