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Preparedness for MERS-CoV and influenza A(H7N9) - Regional Perspective -

2 October 2013



PAHO/WHO regional perspective

- **Activities during the last years (2007- 2013):**
 - **IHR National Focal Points established;**
 - **Regional Severe Acute Respiratory Infections surveillance initiated;**
 - **Re-organization of Health Services during outbreaks (Dengue, H1N1, seasonal Flu);**
 - **International Response Teams deployed (GOARN, other mechanisms).**



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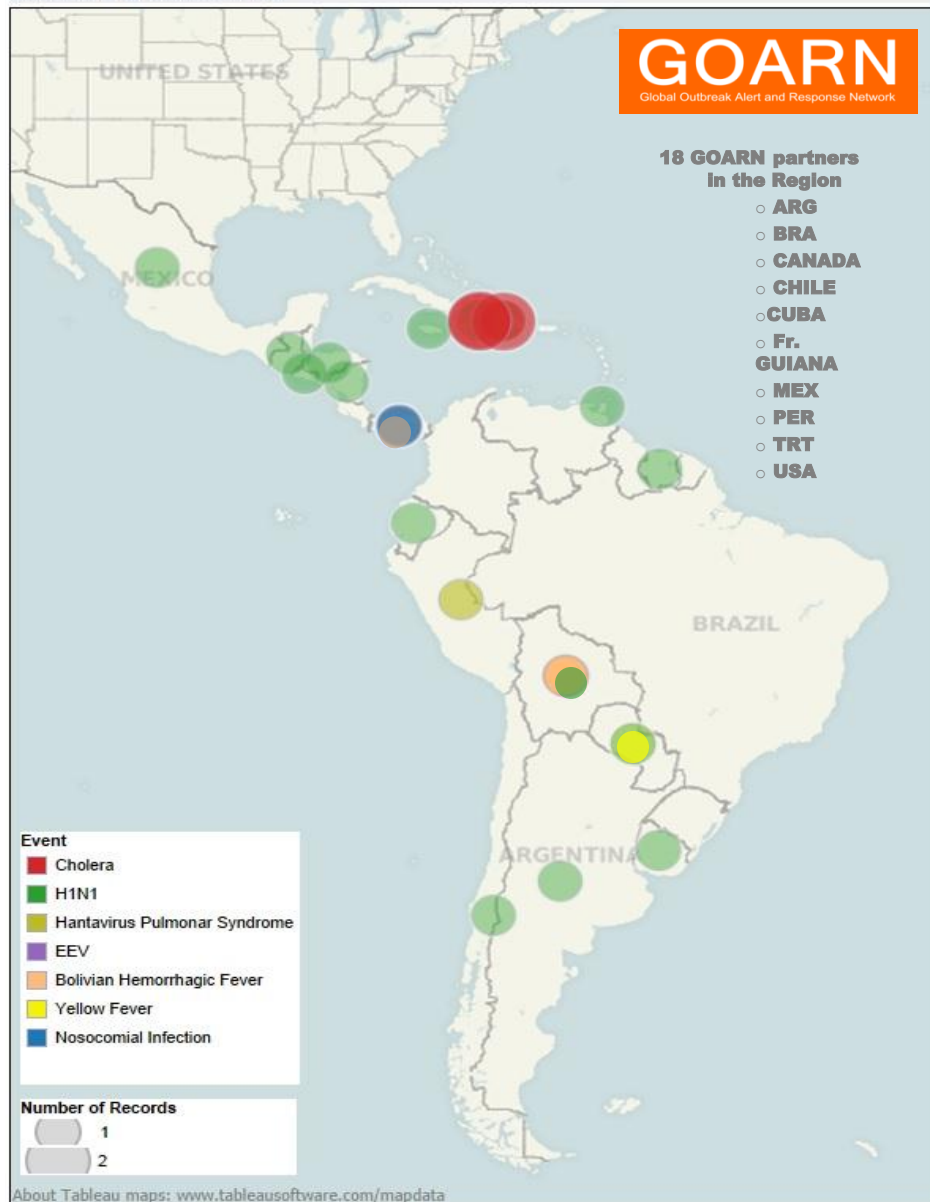


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Outbreak Response with Deployment of International Teams

Deployments by Country and Year

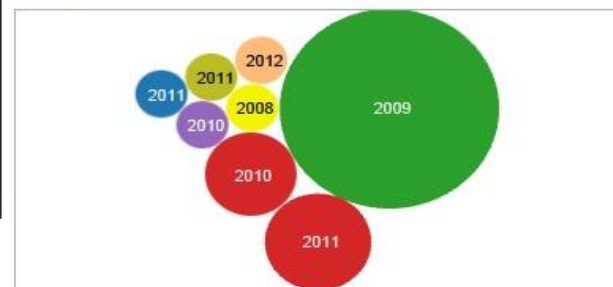


Year

2012 Show History

Deployment Information / Year / Country / Event

Event	Country	Year				
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Cholera	Dominican Republic			●	●	
	Haiti			●	●	
H1N1	Argentina		●			
	Bolivia		●			
	Chile		●			
	Dominican Republic		●			
	Ecuador		●			
	El Salvador		●			
	Guatemala		●			
	Haiti		●			
	Honduras		●			
	Jamaica		●			
	Mexico		●			
	Nicaragua		●			
	Panama		●			
	Paraguay		●			
	Suriname		●			
Trinidad and Tobago		●				
Uruguay		●				
Hantavirus Pulmonar Syndrome	Peru					●
EEV	Panama				●	
Nosocomial Infection	Panama					●
Bolivian Hemorrhagic Fever	Bolivia					●
Yellow Fever	Paraguay		●			



Information

- **Dissemination of information:**
 - Importance of disseminating clinical information, epidemiological updates, new / updated guidelines and recommendations on Surveillance, Laboratory, Case Management, Infection Control, Bio-Risk management (English, Spanish);
 - Awareness and Response of HCW regarding detection of unusual / unexpected SARI events at all levels of care.
- **Exchange of information through IHR channel:**
 - Dialogue between WHO regional IHR Contact Point and IHR National Focal Points for joint risk assessment.



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PAHO/WHO Response

- **Regional on going / performed activities include:**
 - **Articulation of Laboratory network around WHO CCs (Influenza, Coronavirus) and National Influenza Centers;**
 - **Training on Bio Risk Management for shipment of samples;**
 - **Integration in global surveillance networks;**



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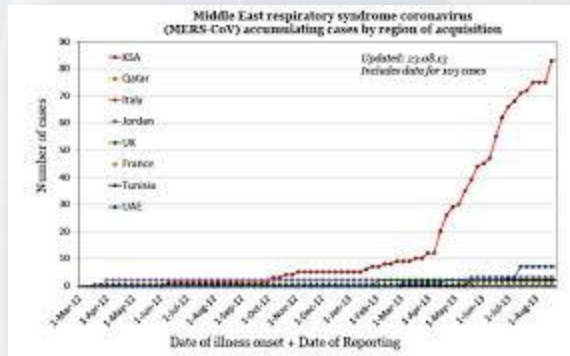


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PAHO/WHO Response

- **Regional on going / performed activities include:**
 - **Inclusion of MERS Co-V and avian influenza on surveillance training materials;**
 - **Supporting the implementation of the National Unusual Severe Acute Respiratory Infections Surveillance System;**
 - **On line Training on new / updated Infection Control Guidelines.**



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PAHO/WHO Response

- **PAHO/WHO**
 - **will keep sharing information through IHR and Public channels;**
 - **will keep supporting the countries in stepping up Surveillance and Control activities;**
 - **will deploy experts to support countries if required.**



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Hope for the best...and prepare for the worst



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