Regional Risk Communication Consultation

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Evolution of PAHO's Risk Communication

- 2005: First global meeting on Outbreak Comms
- 2006: Sub regional workshops for H5N1
- 2006: First Train-the-trainers, WDC
- 2008: In country workshops with expanded focus
- 2009: Pandemic
- 2010: Post pandemic and sustainability
- 2011: Global Risk Communication

Risk communication Online Course Field Guide for Risk Communication IHR simulation exercise for risk comm



What We Will Be Doing for 2 Days

ternational Health Regulations Global Outbreak and Alert Response Network

Risk Communication

In the Americas











Why We Are Doing This

Legal agreement and deadlines

Risk communication IHR core capacity

Ongoing emerging and reemerging diseases

Post pandemic lessons learned

Pan Americanism

Regional Response Network

Increased awareness of 2-way communication





Risk Communication



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Mexico's Health Secretary Jose Angel Cordova, center, speaks during a news conference in Mexico City Saturday April 25, 2009. Federal authorities have extended school closures in the capital and two other states with swine flu outbreaks for 10 more days and he said in the news conference that the new strain has killed as many as 81 people in Mexico, though only 20 deaths have been confirmed. At left is Mexico's Secretary of Education, Alonso Lujambio, second from left, is the Secretary of Economy, Gerardo Ruiz, second from right, is the Secretary of Labor, Javier Lozano and at right, is the presidential spokesman, Maximiliano Cortazar. (AP Photo/Dario Lopez-Mills)



Role of Risk Communication in Public Health Emergencies

- Help at risk populations make informed decisions
- Encourage protective behaviors
- Complement existing surveillance systems
- Coordinate health and non-health partners
- Minimize social and economic disruption
- Build the trust required to prepare for, respond to and recover from serious public health threats



WHO Risk Communication Principles

- o Trust
- Transparency
- Early announcement
- Listening
- Planning



Risk Communication

Risk communication is an integral component of public health risk management. It is focused on dialogue with those affected and concerned and strives to ensure communication strategies are evidence based.

Under the IHR, risk communication for public health emergencies includes the range of communication capacities required through the preparedness, response and recovery phases of a serious public health event to encourage informed decision making, positive behaviour change and the maintenance of trust.

PAHO/WHO 2010

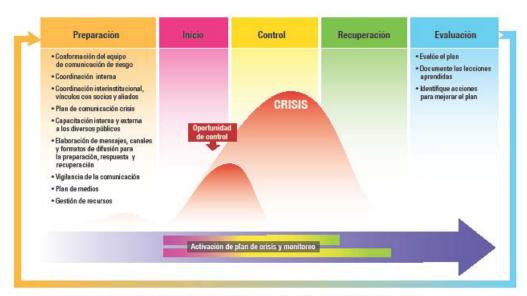


PAHO's Risk Communication Model

- Umbrella term
- Preparation, Response, Control, Evaluation
- Training
- Process
- Interactive
- Inter-institutional
- Two Way



Risk Communication Strategy

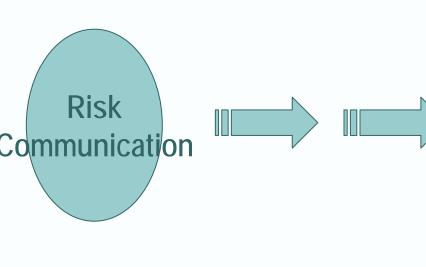


Este cuadro grafica el proceso de vida de la estrategia de comunicación de riesgo que incluye: La Preparación, Prevención, Respuesta y Recuperación.

Podemos apreclar el momento de la aparición de un brote y el momento de oportunidad que disponemos para controlario al poner en acción los planes de comunicación de crisis.

El momento de la evaluación posterior a la crista es una etapa vital en la planificación pues determina las debilidades del plan y documenta las lecciones aprendidas, con el objeto de hacer cambios en el plan de crista para próximos eventos adversos.





Media Relations



Social Mobilization

Deliver messages
Respond to media
Use Social Media

Work with the community

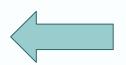
Prepare

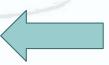
Train spokespersons

Work at MOH level

Messages







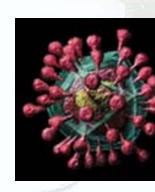
Assumptions

- We are looking at the whole gamut of communication under risk communication
- Communication without politics (is that possible?)
- This is not public relations, not media relations, not posters. It's a process.



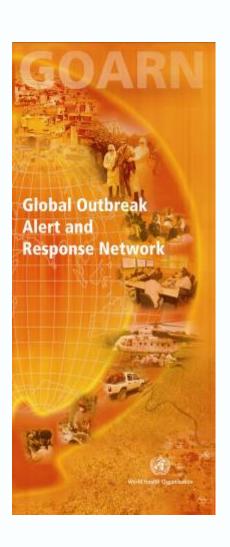
Expected Results

- Understanding of IHR and GOARN
- Who should be deployed for risk communication?
- What training exists and what is needed?
- What partners (institutions) can we count on?
- Look at gaps in IHR plans
- Agreement on regional risk comm rapid deployment requirements and mechanisms





What GOARN Does....



Coordinates and supports rapid international teams:

- Assists countries with disease control efforts
- Supports national outbreak preparedness



GOARN Role

- Mission-specific materials, including training and post-mission feedback mechanisms
- Identify and deploy multi-disciplinary expert teams for acute pandemic preparedness and mitigation.
 - epidemiology/public health
 - infection control
 - case management
 - risk communication yellow fever, pandemic, etc
 - crisis management
 - logistics
 - laboratory
 - health systems, contingency planning, etc.



Regional Alert and Response

- Risk Communication Consultation 8-9 June
- Consultation of Regional parnters 15-15 June in Brazil
- Roberta Andraghetti: IHR and GOARN
- Presentation by Maritza Labrana on possible terms of reference for risk communication and core document







Core Capacities Under IHR

- 1. National Legislation
- 2. Policy and Coordination
- 3. Surveillance Capacity
- 4. Preparedness

- 5. Response
- 6. Risk Communication
- 7. Laboratory
- 8. Human Resource Capacity for Surveillance and Response

Mandate: Strenghten National Capacity





Post-pandemic Opportunities

- Greater appreciation of the role of communication
- Basic understanding of risk communication
- Positioning under IHR = technical cooperation





Tools and Materials Post Pandemic

- IHR Simulation workshops Peru Guatemala
- Workshops for Epidemiologists pilot project
- Certified on-line course
- Guide and workshops for roll out
- Regional GOARN for Communication



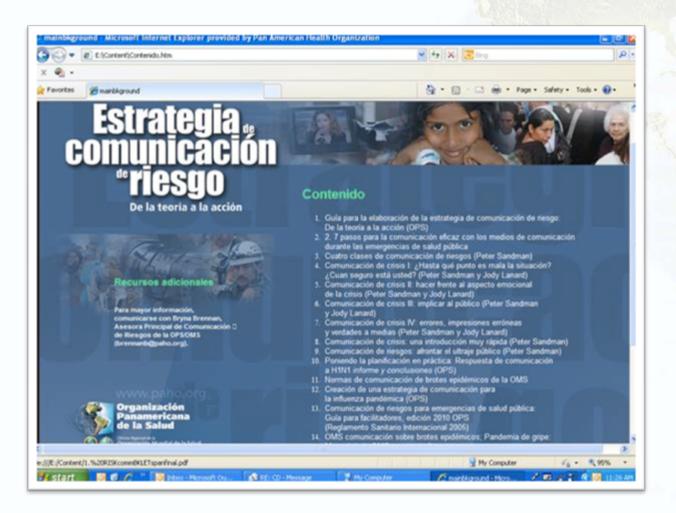
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Risk Communication for Public Health Emergencies





IHR Training Site:

http://extranet.who.int/ihr/training/



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Outbreak Communication Planning Guide

> Effective Media Communication during Public Health Emergencies

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