

Leadership During a Pandemic: What Your Municipality Can Do USAID, 2011

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Includes sections on:

- Health
- Food Security and Livelihoods
- Crisis and Emergency Risk Communications
- Disaster Management

A toolkit for municipal-level pandemic influenza preparedness and response developed by a number of agencies working with USAID, to support pandemic influenza preparation in the Latin America and Caribbean region. These include the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - Naval Medical Research Center, Management Sciences for Health's Stamping Out Pandemic and Avian Influenza (STOP AI), Technical Assistance to Non-Governmental Organizations (TANGO), and Links Media.

Audience

The primary audience for the toolkit is made up of those individuals with the authority to undertake the actions recommended by the toolkit: municipal leaders and response leaders, including government leaders such as the mayor and the mayor's staff, local government authorities, as well as leaders and first responders in the community, the private sector, schools, and civil society. The secondary audience is decision-makers outside of municipal government, such as the national disaster authority for each country or an entity that can link the national and local levels.

Objectives

The toolkit's main objectives are to (i) help improve municipal-level response capabilities by mapping out key issues and possible actions and by supporting and enhancing the ability of a municipality to respond effectively and (ii) build community resilience by providing information for authorities to deliver to households. The guiding principles are to:

- ensure the participation of stakeholders in the development of the toolkit;
- enhance sustainability via linkages to national disaster agencies, ministries of health and agriculture, and uniformed forces;
- provide a minimum feasible package (including applicable Sphere standards);
- promote the mitigation of impact by saving those who can be saved (triage);
- provide a demonstration of value added; and
- ensure that the toolkit is customizable to country and municipality (with shared components).