

Activity to Prepare for Exercise Tuesday, February 4

During this event, we will be working together to develop a response plan and framework. One of the key elements for planning is developing a response command structure.

Today, we have talked about some types of response frameworks and incident command.

Tonight, please think about and draw the type of command system you think would work best. Tomorrow, you will use your ideas to help the group design a command system that could be or is already used to respond to a biological incident in which the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Interior, and Ministry of Defense all have roles.

1) Consider whether one agency would take the lead role and would be the incident commander or if you would have multiple incident commanders—one from each agency (unified command).

2) What would be each agency's roles & responsibilities in logistics, communication, planning and operations

- a. If you chose to use unified command, staff from one agency will report to the supervisors within their own agency to maintain unity of command.
For example, under "Operations," MOH would be responsible for human disease surveillance; under "Planning," MOH would be responsible for daily human disease data updates and maps.

3) Consider which functional role you personally would be most prepared to take or have taken during past outbreaks

SAMPLE UNIFIED COMMAND STRUCTURE FOR BIOLOGICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE

This is an example; the selected structure does not need to be the same, but should be actionable within Yemen.

