

Humanitarian Pandemic Preparedness

Since October 2007, CORE Group has been a partner in the larger Humanitarian Pandemic Preparedness (H2P) Initiative with several partners, including the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Academy for Educational Development (AED), InterAction and the United Nations.

The overall goal of H2P is to build humanitarian response networks and ready-to-use tools to enable community-level response to a pandemic event.

The project comes at an opportune time, as the World Health Organization raised the H1N1 pandemic threat alert to level 6 (of six possible levels) in June 2009, declaring the first influenza pandemic in over 40 years.

As a key partner in this initiative, CORE Group focuses on:

1. strengthening the capability of CORE member organizations to minimize human morbidity and mortality due to an influenza pandemic in high-risk, vulnerable areas in which NGOs operate,
2. developing the necessary local partnerships for effective action, and
3. sharing lessons learned with global partners to develop and inform overall pandemic preparedness guidelines.

CORE Group is directly supporting NGO work in five H2P countries (Nepal, Egypt, Mali, Ethiopia, and Uganda) and more broadly supporting NGO involvement in over 20 countries through partnership with global H2P partners, including the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and UN Agencies, among others.