

Strengthening Epidemic & Pandemic Emergency Preparedness to Safeguard Maternal, Newborn & Child Health in West Africa

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Impact of Epidemics and Pandemics on MNCH

- **Disruption of Healthcare Services**
- **Increased Vulnerability**
- **Socio-Economic Challenges**



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Strategies for Enhancing Emergency Preparedness for MNCH



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- **Strengthening Healthcare Systems**
- **Ensuring Continuity of MNCH Services**
- **Enhancing Surveillance and Early Warning Systems**
- **Stockpiling Essential Supplies**
- **Implementing Effective Communication Strategies**
- **Building Resilience through Policy and Funding**

Case Studies



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- **Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Outbreak (2014 – 2016)**
- **COVID-19 Pandemic (2020 -**