



**EFFO – Project:
International and Interorganizational
Train-the-Trainer Network for Health
Care Workers in Oubreak Situations**

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EFFO-Project (Efficiency by Edification)

- **Health care workers are the most vulnerable group** in biological events and **crucial to prevent further infections**
- **EFFO-Project: Train-the-Trainer** programme and **network** for health care workers for biological event preparedness since 2014
- EFFO is committed to **strengthen Health Care Workers** for outbreak situations such as Ebola
- Why is EFFO highlighting the **international network**?
- Why is EFFO searching the **interorganizational network**?



Train-the-Trainer-Network of EFFO



in Berlin, Germany

**in Burkina Faso, Senegal
Germany and other
countries**

**possibly worldwide
e.g. Madagascar**



Challenges for biological event preparedness for Health Care Workers

- **Cognitive and emotionally difficult** to deal with high consequence infectious diseases (e.g. Ebola) because of:
 - Risk of **infection** and to die or to infect family members
 - “many unknowns” in case of **new emerging diseases, bioterrorism, and beyond borders**
 - **Rapid change of knowledge and standards** during outbreak
 - **Very specific** in clinical management and **biosafety**
- **Special concept** and “**standby**” preparation necessary



Conclusion: EFFO goes for a holistic approach

International and interorganizational network is important:

- **Improves transcultural flexibility** in trainer teams
- **Different outbreak experiences** can be shared from different countries
- Quick **support** and **surge capacity** in outbreak situations **beyond borders**
- Preparedness for special pathogens need **special methods**
- Different organizations contribute to **solutions on different levels and perspectives** without losing their own profile
- Explicit **combination of science and art** to improve **didactic and transfer knowledge**



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