

Public Health Operations in Emergencies for National Strengthening in the Indo-Pacific (PHOENIX)

National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre

The National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC) is a key component of the Australian Government's disaster and emergency medical and public health preparedness and response capability. The NCCTRC is located in Darwin, Northern Territory and manages the Australian Medical Assistance Team (AUSMAT). AUSMAT is verified through the World Health Organization Emergency Medical Team initiative and has deployed globally since 2010.

PHOENIX program

The NCCTRC has been engaged by the Australian Government to strengthen pandemic preparedness and outbreak response systems and capacity in the Indo-Pacific through the PHOENIX program. This multi-national program is a component of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Partnerships for a Healthy Region Initiative and ends in June 2027.



Goal

Countries in the Indo-Pacific deliver better health outcomes for all



Objective

Strengthened public health emergency response systems and capacity in the Indo-Pacific



Supported by the Australian Government through Partnerships for a Healthy Region

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End of program outcomes



National health workforces have enhanced capacity to respond to public health emergencies



National public health emergency systems have strengthened coordination and integration



Regional networks and communities of practice are strengthened to enhance public health emergency responses



National health workforces have enhanced ability to address outcomes for women, people with a disability and people from marginalised groups during public health emergency responses

Activities

The PHOENIX team will undertake country stakeholder engagement to ensure activities are localised to country needs.

Activities will be delivered through multi-national, regional and country-level training including:

- Public health education aligned with national priorities
- Trainer of trainer
- Mentorship
- Public health emergency operations centre training
- Rapid response team training
- Global Outbreak Alert Response Network

