



Field Epidemiology Research in the Mediterranean Region

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Message from the Guest Editor

The Eastern Mediterranean region has been affected by emergencies, war, and armed conflict. Most of the field epidemiology staff in these countries are dealing with issues caused by these crises, including those related to the availability, adequacy, and quality of health services, workforce capacity and preparedness to respond to crises and disease outbreaks, and any assessments needed during crises/emergencies. Field epidemiology work is done in communities often as a public health service and as part of government or a closely allied institution. The primary goal of field epidemiology is to guide, as quickly as possible, the processes of selecting and implementing interventions to lessen or prevent illness or death when such problems arise. Field epidemiology includes monitoring and reporting on diseases and other public health issues, design and evaluation of public health surveillance systems to track diseases, epidemiological analyses, and communication of public health findings for numerous varied audiences.

