

Interview guide exploring crosscutting areas associated with sustainability

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This interview intends to explore your perspectives about IAA execution and administration; your opinions regarding partnerships and health diplomacy; and, the best way to proceed if confronted with another similar public health emergency.

I. Administrative execution, support, management and stewardship

Please detail how funding for activities in your region/country under the Zika IAA were received, executed, administered and managed.

Probes:

1. Availability and timeliness
[Thoughts on] the availability and timeliness of funds to your program?
2. Mechanisms
[Thoughts on] how funding was delivered according to mechanisms?
3. Execution of funds
[Describe the] guidance you received on how to execute the funds.
4. Communications around funding
[Comment on the] communications concerning how obligations are to be managed in order to execute functions?
5. Improvements
[Describe how] we can improve funding execution and support.

II. Partnerships (maximize health impact)

Please describe the different partnerships developed or built upon as a result of the IAA funding for Zika activities.

Probes:

1. COMISCA, PAHO, CARPHA, USAID, MoHs
[Describe the] different partners you collaborated with on Zika activities?
2. Existing partnerships (other funding)
[Describe] any existing partnerships that were built upon as a result of the additional IAA funds.
3. Facilitators
[Describe how] the IAA funds may have strengthened Zika activities in your country/region.

4. Barriers

[Explain any] partnership complexities that were generated as a result of the IAA funding?

5. Building partnerships

[Provide some] examples of lessons learned or advice that can help advance or maximize partnerships in public health situations like Zika?

III. Emergency preparedness and response

Please describe how the IAA funds effected or impacted emergency preparedness and response capacities in your country/region.

Probes:

1. Programming versus emergency response

[Thoughts] on these funds as “lines of programming” versus “emergency response”.

2. Capacity building (staff)

[Explain] how IAA funding, if any, affected staff knowledge and ability to respond to a public health emergency.

3. Capacity building (resources)

[Explain] how IAA funding contributed to resources needed to respond to a public health emergency.

4. Networks, tools, techniques

[Help us understand] how IAA funds/activities contributed to new networks, tools and other techniques for future public health emergencies.

5. Lessons learned

What have you learned that we build upon in order to respond with more efficiency?

IV. Health Diplomacy

Describe your experiences that helped shape and manage health policies and strategic alliances among your country/region and other global partners.

Probes:

1. Agreements through new alliances and in bilateral agreements.

[Describe the] types of agreements or bi-lateral alliances that were generated as a result of IAA funding or activities.

2. CDC engagement with foreign governments to help address their health challenges

[Thoughts on] how can CDC can support collaborations or actions for broader public health engagements with [country or region]?

3. CDC regional coordination

[Thoughts on] how CDC can [or should] build public health expertise and knowledge in country or regionally?

4. Lessons learned

[Thoughts on] additional lessons learned or opportunities based on bi-lateral strategies that can impact policy goals, policy coherence and/or capacity building?