



TRAINING MODULE

Enhancing Community Capacity for Advocacy in the Context of Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response

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Session 1: Basic concepts of Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response

"Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (PPPR) is a systematic approach to preventing, preparing for, and responding to pandemics through disease surveillance, health promotion, quarantine policies, contingency planning, medical training, and equipment procurement. The aim is to protect public health, reduce social and economic impacts, and strengthen health systems and inter-agency collaboration."

Learning Objectives

After completing this session, participants are expected to be able to:

1. Understand the basic concepts of Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (PPPR), including its definition, key components, and the importance of implementing PPPR within communities.
2. Understand the concepts of vulnerability and resilience in the context of a pandemic.

Session Method

- Presentation
- Questions and answers

Tools and Materials

- Laptop and video projector
- Pretest and post-test assessment sheets
- Presentations

Time allocation

- 20 Mins

Learning Steps

1. The facilitator provides a brief introduction about PPPR, including its definition, main components, and the importance of PPPR in the community (maximum 10 minutes).
2. The facilitator provides a brief introduction about the concepts of vulnerability and resilience (maximum 10 minutes).

Learning Material

A. Basic Concepts of Pandemic Prevention Preparedness and Response (PPPR)

Definition of PPPR

Pandemic Prevention Preparedness and Response (PPPR) is a systematic and structured approach to identifying, planning, and effectively responding to potential pandemics. PPPR involves proactive efforts to prevent the spread of mass infectious diseases, as well as thorough preparations to mitigate their adverse impacts if a pandemic occurs.¹

Main Components of PPPR

Prevention

1. Disease Surveillance:

Definition: Disease surveillance is the collection, analysis, interpretation and systematic use of health data¹. Active monitoring of disease events conducted systematically to detect changes in disease spread.

Implementation: Includes case monitoring, epidemiological trend analysis, and routine data reporting to support timely decision making.

2. Quarantine Policies:

Definition: A quarantine policy is a set of measures and rules put in place by health and government authorities to control the spread of infectious diseases. These policies that restrict the movement of people, animals, or goods to prevent the spread of disease from infected areas to uninfected areas.

Implementation: Regulating and enforcing quarantine procedures, including health monitoring at entry points, isolating identified cases, and applying appropriate quarantine measures.

3. Communication for Social Behavior Change :

Definition: Conveying timely, accurate, and trustworthy information to the public about health risks, preventive measures, and the latest developments related to their lifestyle and practices

¹ <https://dhis2.org/fr/disease-surveillance/>

Implementation: Utilizing diverse communication platforms, such as mass media, social media, and direct outreach sessions to ensure optimal public understanding and engagement.

Preparedness

1. Contingency Plan Development:

Definition: Detailed planning documents outlining the steps to be taken in response to a pandemic, including resource allocation, standard operating procedures (SOPs), and crisis management structures.

Implementation: Creating and regularly testing contingency plans, involving key stakeholders to ensure readiness for various potential pandemic scenarios.

2. Training for Healthcare Personnel: ²

Definition: Education and training processes to enhance healthcare workers' competencies in managing pandemic cases, including symptom identification, isolation management, and appropriate medical care.

Implementation: Conducting regular training, pandemic simulations, and specialized courses to enhance healthcare workers' skills and knowledge in facing public health emergencies.

3. Procurement of Medical Equipment:

Definition: The process of acquiring and preparing necessary medical tools and supplies to respond to a pandemic, such as diagnostic testing tools, personal protective equipment (PPE), and vital support equipment.

Implementation: Assessing needs, inventorying stocks, and developing efficient distribution systems to ensure adequate medical equipment availability during a pandemic.

4. Public Health Promotion:

Definition: Efforts to raise community awareness regarding the importance of health, as well as educating them about preventive actions that can be taken to reduce the risk of disease spread.

Implementation: Utilizing public campaigns, outreach, and mass education to change community behaviors related to hygiene, vaccination, and other preventive practices.

Response

4. Early Detection:

Definition: Rapid and accurate identification of new disease cases or unusual symptoms that may indicate a pandemic event.

Implementation: Establishing responsive surveillance systems, enhancing laboratory capacity for diagnostic testing, and facilitating direct case reporting to health authorities.

5. Case Isolation:

Definition: Separating infected individuals or those suspected of infection to prevent further transmission to others.

Implementation: Setting up isolation facilities, arranging safe medical transportation, and providing necessary medical care according to established health protocols.

6. Appropriate Medical Care:

Definition: Providing effective care to infected individuals to improve recovery chances and reduce disease severity.

Implementation: Coordinating care teams, providing intensive care facilities, and ensuring access to medications and therapies recommended by health authorities.

7. Clear Risk Communication:

Definition: Conveying timely, accurate, and trustworthy information to the public about health risks, preventive measures, and the latest developments related to the pandemic.

Implementation: Utilizing diverse communication platforms, such as mass media, social media, and direct outreach sessions to ensure optimal public understanding and engagement.

8. Interagency Coordination:

Definition: Cross-sector and inter-agency collaboration to effectively coordinate pandemic responses, including logistics management, information dissemination, and strategic decision making.

Implementation: Facilitating regular meetings, forming emergency response teams, and implementing clear command and control structures to minimize barriers in handling crisis situations.

The Importance of Implementing Preparedness, Prevention, and Response (PPPR) in Communities

1. Preventing Widespread Transmission

PPPR is a critical step in reducing the potential spread of infectious diseases from person to person and from one region to another. By conducting strict surveillance, quickly identifying cases, and implementing effective isolation measures, communities and effective preventive measures. can break the chain of disease transmission before it reaches pandemic levels. These preventive efforts not only protect vulnerable individuals but also strengthen the overall resilience of the community against urgent health threats.

2. Protecting Public Health

By implementing PPPR, communities can safeguard their members from serious health risks posed by pandemics. Measures such as mass vaccination campaigns, hand hygiene promotion, and public education about infection prevention practices all contribute to strengthening the community's collective immunity against infectious diseases. Thus, PPPR is not only about individual protection but also about the broader public health of the community as a whole.

3. Reducing Social and Economic Impacts

Good preparedness through PPPR can significantly reduce the negative economic impacts and social disruptions caused by pandemics. Communities with well-thought-out contingency plans can recover more quickly from economic disruptions such as job losses, decreased economic activity, and social instability. By prioritizing a proactive approach, PPPR helps reduce public panic, maintain economic stability, and minimize disruptions to daily life.

4. Strengthening Health Systems

PPPR not only focuses on acute responses to pandemics but also builds the capacity of health systems to respond more effectively to future crises. This includes investing in robust health infrastructure, training healthcare personnel in crisis management, and improving access to necessary healthcare. Thus, the implementation of PPPR enhances the preparedness of health systems to address various public health challenges that may arise in the future.

5. Promoting Collaboration and Coordination

PPPR promotes close collaboration among government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector in responding to pandemics. Through effective coordination, communities can optimally mobilize resources, accelerate the distribution of aid and support, and facilitate the exchange of critical information and technology. This not only improves the efficiency of the response but also strengthens global solidarity in facing cross-border health threats.

B. Concept of Vulnerability and Resilience in the Context of Pandemics

Concept of Vulnerability

The concept of vulnerability refers to the degree of susceptibility or fragility of an entity or system to the negative impacts of specific events or crises, such as a pandemic.⁴ Factors influencing vulnerability can be categorized into several Champions:

1. Individual Factors

These factors encompass individual characteristics that can either enhance or reduce their ability to protect themselves from the dangers of a pandemic and its effects. Some individual factors influencing vulnerability include:

- **Chronic Health Conditions:** Individuals with chronic health conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, or chronic lung diseases may be more vulnerable to serious complications from viral infections like COVID-19.
- **Age:** Older individuals tend to have weaker immune systems and are therefore more susceptible to severe illnesses.
- **Immune Status:** Individuals with compromised immune systems, either due to medical conditions or specific treatments, may also be more vulnerable to infections.
- **Lifestyle:** Habits such as smoking, lack of exercise, or unhealthy eating can increase vulnerability to diseases.

2. Social and Economic Factors

These factors encompass the social and economic conditions of individuals that can affect their access to essential resources and healthcare services during a pandemic:

- **Access to Healthcare:** Individuals without good access to healthcare or who face barriers in accessing it, for example due to geographical location or availability of services, may be more vulnerable to illness.
- **Living Conditions:** Overcrowded or unsanitary living environments can increase the risk of disease transmission.
- **Economic Status:** Individuals with low economic status may have more limited access to healthcare, nutritious food, or sanitation facilities, which can affect their health during a pandemic.

- **Education:** Low levels of education can hinder understanding of preventive measures and the necessity of following health guidelines during a pandemic.

3. Environmental Factors

Environmental factors encompass the physical living and working conditions of individuals, which can influence the risk of transmission and the impact of a pandemic:

- **Sanitation:** Poor sanitation quality or limited access to sanitation facilities can increase the risk of disease transmission.
- **Population Density:** High population density allows for easier transmission of diseases.
- **Access to Basic Resources:** Lack of access to clean water, nutritious food, or medical facilities can exacerbate the impact of a pandemic on vulnerable populations.

4. Institutional and Structural Factors

These factors include institutional and structural aspects that affect community responses and health systems to pandemics:

- **Public Health Policies:** The quality of public health policies, including vaccination strategies, testing, and quarantine measures, can influence how well communities are protected from disease spread.
- **Health System Capacity:** The availability and capacity of health systems to handle high patient loads during a pandemic.
- **Health Infrastructure:** The availability of healthcare facilities, medical equipment, and other resources necessary to care for patients and slow the spread of disease.

Concept of Resilience

The concept of resilience refers to the ability of individuals, families, or communities to withstand and recover from the negative impacts of a pandemic in a way that minimizes losses and maximizes adaptation. Several key components of resilience need to be understood in depth:

1. **Physical Resilience:** This includes the health and physical fitness of individuals, which contributes to their immunity against diseases. Good physical resilience can strengthen the

immune system, speed up recovery from illness, and reduce the risk of serious complications from infections.

2. Psychological Resilience: Refers to individuals' ability to cope with stress, anxiety, and psychological pressures that may arise during a pandemic. Strong psychological resilience helps maintain good mental health, remain calm in the face of uncertainty, and encourages adaptive behavior to maintain emotional balance.

3. Social Resilience: This encompasses the support and social networks individuals have from family, friends, and the community. Strong social networks can provide the emotional, practical, and informational support needed to cope with crises, such as help in procuring essential supplies or moral support during social isolation.

4. Economic Resilience: Refers to the availability of financial resources and access to economic services necessary to cope with economic uncertainty during a pandemic. Good economic resilience allows individuals to maintain access to basic needs such as food, healthcare, and housing, and can reduce long-term negative impacts on financial stability.

5. Institutional Resilience: Refers to the capacity and responsibility of health systems and governments to respond to and manage pandemics effectively and efficiently. This includes the ability to detect cases, implement appropriate public health policies, and provide necessary care and support services to the community.

Integrating the concepts of vulnerability and resilience in the context of a pandemic is crucial for designing comprehensive strategies to reduce risks and enhance responses to crises like COVID-19. Here are further details on how these concepts can be effectively integrated:

1. Identifying Vulnerable Populations and Developing Interventions: The first step is to identify population groups that are vulnerable to the impacts of the pandemic, such as the elderly, individuals with chronic illnesses, or communities with limited access to healthcare services. With a deep understanding of the factors that make them vulnerable, such as health, socio-economic, or geographical conditions, governments and health organizations can develop appropriate interventions. Examples include expanding access to vaccinations, providing affordable healthcare services, or supporting self-isolation for those who are infected.

2. Strengthening Individual and Community Resilience: Through education, resources, and support, individual and community resilience can be enhanced to mitigate the negative impacts of the pandemic. This includes educating about good health practices, such as handwashing and physical distancing, as well as strengthening capacities to cope with stress

and anxiety that may arise. Communities can be encouraged to support each other and organize local initiatives to protect their members, such as homemade mask-making or food provision for those in need.

3. Building a Resilient and Responsive Health System: A resilient health system is key to effectively managing the burdens of a pandemic. This involves investing in adequate health infrastructure, including diagnostic laboratories, intensive care, and isolation facilities. Increasing healthcare workforce capacity and improving access to necessary medical equipment are also crucial. Being responsive in this context means having a structured emergency plan, including protocols for case handling, contact tracing, and efficient vaccine distribution.

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Session 2: Foundation and Advocacy Strategies

"Advocacy is an organized effort to influence policies and public opinion for social or health change, including stages of problem identification, data collection, strategy formulation, implementation, and evaluation. It is important for improving access to health services, protecting rights, and empowering communities through clear messaging, strong evidence, audience segmentation, and tactics such as lobbying, media campaigns, coalitions, and mass action."

Learning Objectives

After completing this session, participants are expected to be able to:

1. Understand the basic concepts of advocacy and the importance of advocacy in the context of social issues and public health.
2. Develop effective advocacy strategies based on situational analysis and community needs.
3. Apply communication and collaboration skills to support their advocacy efforts.

Session Method

- Presentation
- Questions and answers

Tools and Materials

- Laptop and Projector
- Material in PowerPoint
- Pretest and post-test assessment sheets

Time allocation

- 45-60 Mins

Learning Steps

1. The facilitator introduces the session's objectives.
2. The facilitator presents the material in PowerPoint format.
3. The facilitator opens the discussion and question-and-answer session for the participants.

Learning Material

A. Definition of Advocacy

Advocacy is an organized effort to influence policies, practices, and public opinion through various means and approaches. The main goal of advocacy is to achieve beneficial change for specific groups or the wider community, whether through policy change, enforcement of rights, or raising awareness.

Types of Advocacy

Advocacy can be classified into several types based on focus and methods used, including:

- **Policy Advocacy:** Directing efforts to influence government regulations and policies.
- **Community Advocacy:** Focusing on empowering and strengthening community capacities to advocate for their rights and interests.
- **Litigation Advocacy:** Using the legal system to demand rights and justice.
- **Media Advocacy:** Utilizing mass media to influence public opinion and policy decisions.

2. Stages of Advocacy

1. Advocacy typically involves several key stages:
2. **Problem Identification:** Identifying issues or problems that need advocacy.
3. **Data Collection and Analysis:** Gathering relevant evidence and information to support the advocacy case and other evidence.
4. **Strategy Planning:** Planning the steps and approaches to be taken to achieve advocacy goals.
5. **Action Implementation:** Executing the action plan that has been developed, such as public campaigns, lobbying, or litigation.
6. **Evaluation and Learning:** Evaluating the outcomes of advocacy actions and learning from experiences for future improvements.

The Importance of Advocacy in Public Health

Advocacy plays a crucial role in the context of public health, including:

- **Improving Access to Health Services:** Advocacy can help reduce barriers and increase access to quality health services for all segments of society.
- **Protection of Health Rights:** Advocacy works to champion the health rights of individuals and groups, especially those who are vulnerable and marginalized.
- **Raising Awareness and Education:** Through advocacy, communities can become more aware of important health issues and ways to maintain their health.
- **Health Policy Change:** Advocacy can encourage governments and other stakeholders to create and implement better and fairer health policies.
- **Community Empowerment:** Advocacy empowers communities to actively participate in decision-making that affects their health.

3. Examples of successes in Public Health Advocacy

- **Anti-Smoking Campaigns:** Successful advocacy campaigns have had high impact in many countries leading to the introduction of laws banning smoking in public places and regulating tobacco advertising.
- **HIV/AIDS Advocacy:** Organizations such as UNAIDS and various local NGOs have advocated for increased awareness, reduced stigma, and better access to treatment and care for people living with HIV/AIDS.
- **Nutrition and Child Health Advocacy:** Advocacy focusing on the importance of good nutrition for children's growth has influenced food policies and child health programs in various countries.

4. Advocacy for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response:

Advocacy consists of a set of coordinated actions undertaken to positively influence communities, decision-makers, partners, and donors in order to promote favorable behaviors and public policies, and to mobilize resources that strengthen prevention, preparedness, and response to pandemics. In other words, it involves concrete actions by communities to respond together to slow the spread of disease and protect all members of the community.

a. Prevention

It involves avoiding the introduction or spread of disease within a locality. The goal of this first step is to protect the community before an epidemic begins. To prevent the disease from entering the community, you can, for example:-

- Raise awareness among residents about hygiene (handwashing, clean water, sanitation)-
- Encourage healthy behaviors.
- Monitor unusual signs of illness and report them early.
- Reduce risks associated with close contact with animals (markets, farming, etc.).
- Encourage vaccination.

b. Preparation

It involves being ready before a crisis occurs. The goal of this second step is to enable the community to react quickly and effectively if an epidemic arises. To avoid waiting until the last minute and to organize yourself to be ready at any time, you can, for example:

- Identify all existing resources and allocate them according to priority needs
- Train community volunteers or strengthen the disaster risk reduction capacities of health committees (COSA, COSADI...)
- Implement local action plans, distribute roles and responsibilities to know who does what in case of an alert.
- Acquire and properly store essential supplies (masks, gloves, soap, water, basic medicines)
- Identify and strengthen, if necessary, reliable traditional and modern communication networks between residents, local leaders, healthcare facilities, and development partners.

c. Response

It involves acting quickly when the epidemic strikes. The objective of this third stage is to limit damage, save lives, and stop the spread of the virus. To respond together to slow the disease and protect all community members, you can, for example:-
Quickly alert health authorities.-

- Apply protective measures (isolate the sick, wear masks, wash hands).
- Raise public awareness with clear and reliable messages.
- Support affected families and avoid stigmatization

B. Effective Strategies for advocacy in public health,

The following strategies can be employed:

- **Building Alliances or coalitions:** Collaborating with various stakeholders, including civil society organizations, government, and the private sector.
- **Using Data and Evidence:** Relying on data and scientific evidence to support arguments and advocacy campaigns.
- **Clear Messaging:** Developing strong and pertinent messages to communicate to the target audience.
- **Community Mobilization:** Involving the wider community in advocacy actions through campaigns, petitions, and demonstrations.
- **Utilizing Social Media:** Leveraging the power of social media to disseminate information and increase public support.(facebook, tiktok, twitter, Instagram, zhatapp)

C. Effective Advocacy Strategies

Audience Segmentation

Audience segmentation is the process of separating audiences based on their roles and interests. By conducting segmentation, advocates can craft more precise messages and choose appropriate tactics for each audience group. Here are the steps for audience segmentation:

Audience Group Identification:

- **Champions:** Key stakeholders that have been previously identified.
- **Sympatiser:** Individuals or groups that support the advocacy, such as NGOs, academics, and local communities.
- **Refractory group:** Parties that have no direct interest in the issue but can be influenced to support it.

- **Opposing Group:** Parties that oppose the advocacy and may have conflicting interests.

2. Segmentation Criteria:

- **Roles and Functions:** Segment based on their roles in the system or structure, such as policymakers, policy implementers, and civil society.
- **Interests and Motivations:** Consider what the main interests of each group are. Are they motivated by economic benefits, social welfare, public health, or other factors?
- **Level of Influence:** Evaluate how much influence they have in the decision-making process. Do they have direct or indirect influence?
- **Level of Support:** Determine whether they are likely to support, be neutral, or oppose the advocated changes.

3. Development of Appropriate Messages:

- **Message Adjustment:** Tailor advocacy messages according to the interests and motivations of each segment. For example, for policymakers, emphasize evidence and data supporting the proposed policies. For local communities, focus on the direct benefits they will experience.
- **Media and Communication Channels:** Choose the most effective media and communication channels to reach each segment. For example, use face-to-face meetings for policymakers, social media for the general public, and written reports for academics.

Developing Effective Advocacy Messages

1. Clear and Concise Messages

a. Determining the Core Message

- **Main Objective:** Identify the main focus of the advocacy message. Is it to raise awareness, change policy, or gain public support?

- **Specific Goals:** Clearly articulate the specific goals of the advocacy. For example, "Improve access to health services for rural communities in the next two years."
- **Key Messages:** The core message that the audience should remember. This message should be brief, memorable, and emotionally engaging. Example: "Everyone deserves access to adequate health services."

b. Understanding the Audience

- **Audience Segmentation:** Identify who the target audience for the advocacy message is. Is it policymakers, the media, or the general public?
- **Audience Needs and Interests:** Understand what is important to the audience and how your message is relevant to them.
- **Appropriate Language and Tone:** Use language and tone that suit the target audience. For policymakers, use formal and data-driven language. For the general public, use simple and emotionally resonant language.

c. Message Structure

- **Strong Opening:** Start with a statement that grabs attention and is relevant to the audience.
- **Brief Explanation:** Briefly explain the problem, its causes, and its impacts in a few concise sentences.
- **Call to Action:** Include a clear and specific call to action. Example: "Support policies to expand health service access in rural areas."
- **Memorable Closing:** End with a strong and inspiring statement to ensure your message is remembered.

2. Strong Evidence

a. Collecting Relevant Data

- **Quantitative Data:** Use clear statistical data to show the magnitude of the problem. Example: "60% of the population in rural areas lack access to basic health services."
- **Qualitative Data:** Use stories or testimonials from affected individuals to add an emotional aspect. Example: The story of a mother in a village who lost her child due to lack of access to health services.

b. Credible Data Sources

- Official and credible websites of Ministry of Public Health and national and international partners
- **Research and Official Reports:** Use data from scientific research, government reports, or reports from reputable organizations.
- **Independent Sources:** Ensure data comes from independent and credible sources to enhance audience trust.
- **Current Data:** Use the most recent data to ensure relevance and accuracy of information.

c. Data Presentation

- **Graphics and Visuals:** Use charts, diagrams, and infographics to simplify data comprehension. Example: A chart showing the increase in maternal mortality rates in areas without health access.
- **Comparisons:** Use comparisons to highlight differences. Example: "In areas with good health access, the maternal mortality rate is two times lower than in areas without access."
- **Case Studies:** Present relevant case studies to clarify the impact of the problem and the importance of advocacy. Example: A case study from another region that successfully improved health access after implementing certain policies.

Example of Advocacy Message Development

Situation: Difficult access to health services in rural areas.

- **Clear and Concise Message:** "Everyone deserves access to adequate health services. Currently, 60% of the population in rural areas lacks access to basic health services. Your support in expanding health services is crucial for them."
- **Strong Evidence:**
- **Data:** "According to the Ministry of Health report in 2023, 60% of the population in rural areas lacks access to basic health services."
- **Graphic:** An infographic showing the comparison of maternal mortality rates between areas with good health access and those without.
- **Testimonial:** The story of a mother in a village who lost her child due to lack of access to health services.

Identifying Target Audiences

Identifying target audiences is a crucial step in designing an effective advocacy strategy. Understanding who influences decision-making processes and their roles and interests can help in crafting targeted advocacy messages and choosing appropriate tactics. Here is a detailed explanation of two main components in identifying target audiences: Key Stakeholders and Audience Segmentation.

Key Stakeholders

Key stakeholders are individuals or groups that have significant influence in decision-making processes related to the issues being advocated. Knowing who these stakeholders are is essential to ensure advocacy efforts can reach and influence the right parties. The following steps can be used to identify key stakeholders:

1. Stakeholder Mapping:

- **Identifying Involved Parties:** Determine who is directly or indirectly involved in the issues being advocated. This can include government, non-governmental organizations, local communities, businesses, and the media.
- **Roles and Influence:** Analyze the roles and levels of influence of each party in decision-making. Who has the power to effect change? Who can influence decision-makers?
- **Relationships and Interests:** Understand the relationships between stakeholders and their interests related to the advocated issue. Do they support or oppose the proposed changes? What motivates them?

2. Examples of Stakeholder :

- **Policymakers:** Individuals or bodies with the authority to create or amend policies, such as legislative members, government officials, and local leaders.
- **Policy Implementers:** Parties responsible for implementing policies, such as administrative officials, government agencies, and field officers.
- **Supporters and Allies:** Organizations or individuals who support advocacy goals and can help disseminate messages or influence policymakers.
- **Opposition and Adversaries:** Parties that may oppose proposed changes and could hinder advocacy efforts.

Tools Application

Use this framework to create a stakeholder matrix or map, showing each stakeholder's position and influence level. This visualization will allow you to:

- Prioritize stakeholders for targeted engagement strategies.
- Identify potential alliances or partnerships.
- Recognize and plan for opposition, adjusting advocacy strategies as necessary.

Sample Visualization:

A table or matrix format can be beneficial for visualizing this tool. Consider categorizing stakeholders as follows:

Stakeholder	Category	Role	Level of influence	Stance	Interest
Ministry of Public health	Policy Maker	Health policy creation	High	Support	Improve public health
Local business	Adversary	Economic stakeholder	Medium	Oppose	Financial concerns
Community leaders	Supporter	Community mobilisation	medium)	Support	Social welfare
Media Outlets	Allies	Public awareness	low	neutral	Engagement and coverage

Specific Tactics for Each Segment:

- **Policymakers:** Use direct lobbying, personal meetings, and relevant data presentations.
- **Supporters and Allies:** Leverage networks and coalitions to disseminate messages, conduct joint campaigns, and organize public events.
- **Local Communities:** Hold focus group discussions, educational campaigns, and community activities to raise awareness and support.
- **Media:** Use press releases, opinion articles, and interviews to reach a broader audience and influence public opinion.

Audience Segmentation Worksheet

Step 1: Audience Group Identification

Identify and classify the different audience groups relevant to your advocacy. Fill out the details in the table below:

Audience group	Description	Examples
Champions (active supporters)	Key stakeholder with direct influence	Policymaker, senior government official
Sympathiser (passive supporters)	Allies who support the advocacy	NGO, academia, local communities
Refractory group (passive resistance)	Parties with no strong opinions but can be influenced	General public, local businesses
Opposing group (active resistance)	Parties opposing or having conflicting interest	Industry representatives, lobby groups, some officials

Step 2: Segmentation Criteria

Complete the table below for each group, focusing on their roles, interests, level of influence, and level of support:

Audience Group	Roles and functions	Interest and motivations	Level of influence	Level of support
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Champions (active supporters)	Policy Maker, influencers	Economic stability, policy success	High	Varies based on individual
Sympathiser (passive supporters)	NGOs, local communities and civil society	Social welfare, environmental protection	Medium to high	Generally supportive
Refractory group (passive resistance)	General public unaffected local businesses	Economic benefits, stability	low	Neutral, maybe influenced
Opposing group (active resistance)	Industry lobbyist, competing organisations	Profit; protecting status quo	high	Generally opposed

Step 3: Development of Appropriate Messages

For each group, outline the core message tailored to their interests and motivations. Then identify the media and communication channels best suited to reach them:

Audience Group	Message	Key points to emphasize	Media and channels
Champions (active supporters)	Benefits based on evidence	Support based on evidence, economic gain	Face to face meetings and policy briefs
Sympathiser (passive supporters)	Positive effects on living conditions	Environmental and community benefits	Social media, coalition meetings
Refractory group (passive resistance)	Indirect benefits, peace in the community	Village and community development	social media, public awareness campaigns
Opposing group (active resistance)	Find common ground or address concerns	Economic benefits; evidence on reduction of risks	Press releases, stakeholder meeting

Step 4: Specific Strategies for Each Segment

Choose specific tactics to engage each segment based on their roles, level of influence, and channels:

Audience Group	STrategy
Champions (active supporters)	Direct lobbying, face to face advocacy, customized data presentations
Sympathiser (passive supporters)	Joint campaigns; public events, mobilise networks and coalitions
Refractory group (passive resistance)	Awareness campaigns, educational materials, social media engagement
Opposing group (active resistance)	Negotiation; addressing concerns through press releases, public meetings to explain advocacy efforts

Advocacy Tactics and Channel Selection

To ensure successful advocacy, the selection of appropriate tactics and communication channels is crucial. Below is a detailed explanation of some effective advocacy tactics and channels:

Lobbying Tactics

Lobbying is a direct approach involving meetings and communication with policymakers or stakeholders. This tactic involves various activities designed to influence decisions or policies made by authorities.

Steps in Lobbying:

- **Identify Lobbying Targets:** Determine which policymakers or stakeholders have influence over the advocated issue.
- **In-Depth Research:** Gather information on the positions, interests, and views of the lobbying targets regarding the issue.
- **Schedule Meetings:** Arrange meetings with lobbying targets, either formally or informally.
- **Prepare Materials:** Prepare lobbying materials that include data, arguments, and proposed solutions.
- **Effective Presentation:** Deliver messages clearly and focused, and be ready to answer questions or objections.

- **Follow-Up:** Conduct follow-ups after meetings to ensure the issue remains a priority and to monitor progress.

Media Campaigns

Media campaigns utilize various types of media to spread advocacy messages to a wider audience. The goal of this campaign is to raise awareness, influence public opinion, and pressure policymakers.

Components of Media Campaigns:

- **Print Media:** Publish articles, opinion pieces, and letters to the editor in newspapers and magazines.
- **Electronic Media:** Air advertisements or news on television and radio.
- **Social Media:** Use platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube to disseminate messages through posts, videos, and infographics.
- **Websites and Blogs:** Manage websites or blogs focusing on the advocated issue.
- **Collaboration with Journalists:** Work with journalists and media outlets to gain wider coverage.

Strategies in Media Campaigns:

- **Strong and Consistent Messaging:** Ensure the campaign message is easy to understand and consistent across all media channels.
- **Use of Visuals:** Utilize images, videos, and infographics to capture attention and convey messages more effectively.
- **Audience Interaction:** Engage the audience through comments, Q&A sessions, and online discussions.
- **Measurement and Evaluation:** Use analytical tools to measure the campaign's impact and evaluate it for future improvements.

Coalitions and Alliances

Coalitions and alliances are collaborations among multiple organizations or groups with similar goals to strengthen advocacy. By forming coalitions, strengths and resources can be combined to achieve greater results.

Benefits of Coalitions and Alliances:

- **Strength in Numbers:** Coalitions provide greater strength through a larger number of members. **Resource Sharing:** Share information, expertise, and resources to support advocacy. **Increased Influence:** Coalitions can exert greater pressure on policymakers.
- **Broader Reach:** Reach a wider audience through coalition member networks.
- **Steps to Form a Coalition:**
- **Identify Potential Partners:** Look for organizations or groups with aligned vision and mission. **Establish Coalition Structure:** Define the organizational structure, roles, and responsibilities of each member.
- **Joint Agreement:** Create agreements regarding the goals, strategies, and actions to be taken together.
- **Coordination and Communication:** Ensure effective coordination and communication among coalition members.
- **Joint Evaluation:** Conduct regular evaluations to assess progress and effectiveness of the coalition.

Mass Actions

Mass actions are public activities involving many people to draw attention to the advocated issue. These actions can take the form of demonstrations, marches, rallies, or other events that invite broad participation.

Types of Mass Actions:

- **Demonstrations:** Protest activities in public spaces to express dissatisfaction or support for an issue.
- **Marches:** Processions or parades conducted to convey a specific message.
- **Rallies:** Large meetings attended by many people to discuss and support specific issues. **Public Events:** Events such as concerts, exhibitions, or festivals aimed at raising awareness about the advocated issue.

Strategies in Mass Actions:

- **Thorough Planning:** Plan the action well, including location, time, and logistics.
- **Mobilize Participants:** Use various communication channels to invite people to participate. **Clear Messaging:** Ensure the message conveyed in the action is easy to understand and emotionally engaging.
- **Safety and Discipline:** Maintain safety and discipline among participants during the action.
- **Media Coverage:** Invite media to cover the action and expand the message's reach.

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Session 3: Developing human rights-related advocacy strategies that contribute to Disaster Risk Reduction in the Community

“Effective communication and collaboration skills are essential in advocacy efforts, especially in the context of public health and human rights, to convey messages clearly, collaborate with various stakeholders, and formulate systematic and adaptive advocacy strategies to achieve desired objectives.”

Learning Objectives

After completing this session, participants are expected to be able to:

1. Develop skills in advocacy strategy formulation.
2. Build collaborative capabilities for community-based advocacy

Session Method

- Strategy Simulation game
- Presentation
- Advocacy tools
- Questions and answers

Tools and Materials

- Laptop and Projector
- Flip Chart
- Sticky Notes
- Markers
- Scenario cards
- Timer

Time allocation

- 45-60 Mins

Learning Steps

1. Opening

- Pretest
- The facilitator explains the purpose of the game and outlines the steps for implementation.
- Participants are divided into several small groups (3-5 people per group).
- Post test

2. Explanation of the Scenario

Each group is given a task card containing an advocacy scenario related to human rights in the context of PPPR (see Scenario Card). Facilitators can encourage the participants to identify their own PPPR-related issues and develop an advocacy scenario related to human rights.

3. Strategy Development

Each group uses a flip chart and sticky notes to develop advocacy strategies based on the given scenario. They must:

- Identify the main issues and human rights that are violated.
- Determine the advocacy goals.
- Identify relevant stakeholders.
- Design an advocacy action plan that includes tactics and impact measurement tools.

4. Presentation and Discussion

- Each group presents their advocacy strategy to the other participants (maximum of 5 minutes per group).
- After each presentation, the facilitator leads a discussion session and provides feedback. Other groups can give input and ask questions.

5. Reflection and Closing

- The facilitator invites participants to reflect on their experiences during the game. Discussion about the collaborative skills and abilities that have been developed. Closing with a summary and motivation to implement advocacy strategies in their respective communities.

Additional Notes:

- The facilitator must ensure that all participants are actively engaged and that each group has a fair opportunity to share their ideas and strategies.
- The facilitator may also provide additional guidance or concrete examples if needed to assist the groups in developing their strategies.

Scenario 1: Discrimination against People Living with HIV

Scenario Description: In a certain area, the community of people living with HIV faces significant discrimination during the pandemic. Many HIV patients are denied healthcare services and isolated from society.

Prompt Questions:

1. **Identify key issues and human rights violations:** What forms of discrimination do HIV patients face in Community A? What human rights are violated in this situation?
2. **Determine advocacy goals:** What are the main advocacy goals to address discrimination against HIV patients in this community?
3. **Identify relevant stakeholders:** Who are the stakeholders that need to be involved in this advocacy (e.g., local government, health institutions, civil society organizations)?
4. **Design an advocacy action plan that includes tactics and success measurement**

Tools: What tactics can be used to advocate for the rights of HIV patients? How will the success of this advocacy be measured?

Scenario 2: Unequal Vaccine Access

Scenario Description: In Community B, access to COVID-19 vaccines is very limited for certain minority groups. Vaccine distribution is more focused on the majority group, resulting in injustice.

Prompt Questions:

- 1. Identify key issues and human rights violations:** What are the main injustices occurring related to vaccine distribution in Community B? What human rights are violated in this situation?
- 2. Determine advocacy goals:** What are the main advocacy goals to ensure fair vaccine distribution in this community?
- 3. Identify relevant stakeholders:** Who are the stakeholders that need to be involved in this advocacy (e.g., health authorities, minority organizations, media)?
- 4. Design an advocacy action plan that includes tactics and success measurement tools:** What tactics can be used to advocate for fair vaccine distribution? How will the success of this advocacy be measured?

Scenario 3: Gender-Based Violence during the Pandemic

Scenario Description: In Community C, there has been an increase in gender-based violence during the pandemic. Many women and children have become victims of domestic violence due to lockdowns and social restrictions.

Prompt Questions:

- 1. Identify key issues and human rights violations:** What forms of gender-based violence have increased in Community C? What human rights are violated in this situation?
- 2. Determine advocacy goals:** What are the main advocacy goals to address gender based violence in this community?
- 3. Identify relevant stakeholders:** Who are the stakeholders that need to be involved in this advocacy (e.g., women's protection services, police, and non-governmental organizations)?
- 4. Design an advocacy action plan that includes tactics and success measurement tools:** What tactics can be used to advocate for the protection of victims of gender based violence? How will the success of this advocacy be measured?

Scenario 4: Limited Access to Health Information

Scenario Description: In Community D, many residents do not receive adequate information about COVID-19 prevention and available health services. This leads to the spread of misinformation and non-compliance with health protocols.

Prompt Questions:

- 1. Identify key issues and human rights violations:** What are the main issues related to access to health information in Community D? What human rights are violated in this situation?
- 2. Determine advocacy goals:** What are the main advocacy goals to improve access to health information in this community?
- 3. Identify relevant stakeholders:** Who are the stakeholders that need to be involved in this advocacy (e.g., health authorities, media, civil society organizations)?
- 4. Design an advocacy action plan that includes tactics and success measurement tools:** What tactics can be used to advocate for improved access to health information? How will the success of this advocacy be measured?

Scenario 5: Limitations on Educational Access during the Pandemic

Scenario Description: In Community E, many children are unable to access education during the pandemic due to limitations in technology and resources. This has resulted in significant educational setbacks.

Prompt Questions:

- 1. Identify key issues and human rights violations:** What are the main issues related to access to education in Community E during the pandemic? What human rights are violated in this situation?
- 2. Determine advocacy goals:** What are the main advocacy goals to ensure equal access to education during the pandemic in this community?
- 3. Identify relevant stakeholders:** Who are the stakeholders that need to be involved in this advocacy (e.g., schools, local government, and non-governmental organizations)?
- 4. Design an advocacy action plan that includes tactics and success measurement tools:** What tactics can be used to advocate for equal access to education? How will the success of this advocacy be measured?

Learning Material

A. Communication and Collaboration Skills to Support Advocacy Efforts

Communication and collaboration skills are essential foundations in advocacy efforts, especially in the context of public health and human rights. The ability to convey messages clearly and collaborate with various stakeholders is crucial for achieving effective advocacy goals. Here's an explanation of the communication and collaboration skills needed to support advocacy efforts.

Communication Skills

A. Verbal Communication

- **Clarity and Simplicity:** Using language that is easy to understand and gets straight to the point.
- **Delivering Messages with Confidence:** Speaking assertively so that the message is well-received by the audience.
- **Use of Data and Facts:** Utilizing accurate and relevant data to support arguments and enhance credibility.

b. Non-Verbal Communication

- **Body Language:** Using positive and open body movements to support verbal messages.
- **Eye Contact:** Maintaining eye contact to demonstrate honesty and engagement.
- **Facial Expressions:** Using appropriate facial expressions to convey emotions and empathy.

c. Active Listening

- **Giving Full Attention:** Focusing on the speaker without interruption.
- **Asking Questions:** Asking relevant questions to clarify and deepen understanding.
- **Providing Feedback:** Giving constructive responses to show that we are listening.

2. Collaboration Skills

a. Teamwork

- **Building Trust:** Creating a mutually trusting environment among team members.
- **Clear Task Distribution:** Clearly dividing tasks and responsibilities to enhance efficiency.
- **Commitment to Common Goals:** Ensuring all team members have a shared understanding of the goals to be achieved.

b. Networking

- **Identifying Stakeholders:** Identifying individuals or groups that can support advocacy efforts.
- **Building Relationships:** Establishing strong, mutually beneficial relationships with various stakeholders.
- **Cross-Sector Collaboration:** Working with other organizations, governments, and the private sector to strengthen advocacy.

c. Conflict Resolution

- **Managing Differences of Opinion:** Resolving disagreements constructively while respecting all parties involved.
- **Negotiation:** Using negotiation techniques to reach agreements that benefit all parties.
- **Seeking Joint Solutions:** Focusing on solutions that are acceptable to all involved parties.

3. Strategies for Developing Communication and Collaboration Skills

a. Training and Workshops

- **Participating in Training and Workshops:** Engaging in training and workshops to enhance communication and collaboration skills.
- **Conducting Simulations and Role-Plays:** Practicing real advocacy scenarios through simulations and role-plays.

b. Self-Development

- Learning Effective Communication Techniques: Studying effective communication techniques through books, online courses, and other resources.
- Practicing Active Listening in Daily Life.

c. Evaluation and Feedback

- **Receiving Feedback from Colleagues and Mentors:** Identifying areas for improvement through feedback.
- **Conducting Regular Self-Evaluations:** Assessing progress and effectiveness in communication and collaboration.

B. Stages in Advocacy Strategy Development

The development of an effective advocacy strategy consists of several stages that need to be systematically followed. Below is a detailed explanation of these stages:

a. Planning

1. Team Formation

- **Identifying Team Needs:** Determine the specific skills and knowledge required to support the advocacy strategy. These skills may include communication, research, data analysis, public relations, and lobbying.
- **Selecting Team Members:** Choose team members who possess the necessary skills and knowledge. Team members can come from within the organization or involve external consultants with specific expertise.
- **Assignment of Tasks and Responsibilities:** Establish the roles and responsibilities of each team member according to their expertise. Ensure that each member understands their role and how their contribution supports advocacy goals.
- **Team Development:** Conduct training or workshops to enhance the team's skills in specific areas, such as lobbying techniques, policy analysis, or effective communication.

2. Data and Information Gathering

Identifying Data Sources: Determine relevant data sources, such as research reports, statistical data, field experiences, and case studies.

Data Collection Methods: Select appropriate data collection methods, such as surveys, interviews, focus group discussions (FGDs), or document analysis.

Data Processing and Analysis: Process and analyze the collected data to identify patterns, trends, and key findings that can support advocacy arguments.

Data Presentation: Present the data in an easily understandable format, such as graphs, tables, infographics, or well-structured written reports.

b. Implementation

1. Executing the Plan

- **Advocacy Activities:** Implement the planned activities, such as meetings with decision-makers, media campaigns, preparation and distribution of advocacy materials, and other activities according to the developed strategy.
- **Coordination and Communication:** Ensure good coordination among team members and effective communication with stakeholders to ensure activities run as planned.
- **Field Adjustments:** Be prepared to adjust tactics and activities based on field conditions and stakeholder responses.

2. Monitoring and Evaluation

- **Monitoring:** Continuously monitor the implementation of advocacy activities to ensure everything runs as planned and to detect any problems or obstacles that arise.
- **Gathering Feedback:** Collect feedback from team members, stakeholders, and target audiences to understand their responses to advocacy activities.
- **Periodic Evaluation:** Conduct regular evaluations to measure progress against set goals and assess the effectiveness of each activity undertaken.

c. Strategy Adjustment

1. Reflection and Learning

- **Analyzing Successes and Failures:** Review what has succeeded and what has not, based on monitoring data and evaluation results. Identify factors that supported success and causes of failure.
- **Learning from Experience:** Document key learnings from each advocacy stage for use in future planning and implementation.
- **Team Discussion:** Hold reflection sessions with the team to discuss analysis results and learnings, as well as to identify areas for improvement.

2. Tactic Adaptation

- **Adjustments Based on Evaluation:** Modify tactics and advocacy strategies based on evaluation results and learnings. This may involve changes in approach, target audience, messaging, or activities.
- **Replanning:** If necessary, replan by integrating new findings and identified adjustments.
- **Flexibility and Responsiveness:** Remain flexible and responsive to changes in situations or external conditions affecting advocacy. Ensure that the strategy remains relevant and effective in achieving desired goals.

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