

**MEETING ABSTRACTS****EMT Response in COVID-19 Pandemic: Best Practices from Deployment of UK-MED and PCPM's EMTs**

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**Background/Introduction:** As part of EU (Horizon 2020) HERoS program, UK-MED and PCPM compiled main operational difficulties faced by the two EMTs in 25 and seven COVID-19 deployments, respectively. In particular, the paper discusses the changing role of EMTs, as well as challenges faced in meeting high expectations of the respective Ministries of Health (MOH).

**Objectives:** Documenting challenges faced by EMTs in COVID-19 response, lessons learned, and best practices.

**Method/Description:** Review of mission reports; interviews with mission members; input from other EMTs (TBC).

**Results/Outcomes:** The paper lists best practices of the two EMTs and recommendations to donors and EMT Secretariat, particularly linked to mission duration and collaboration with MOH.

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