

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE & RECOVERY

## Public Health Expertise in Emergencies

### BY THE NUMBERS

**50** 

Responds to support an average of 50 emergency responses each year

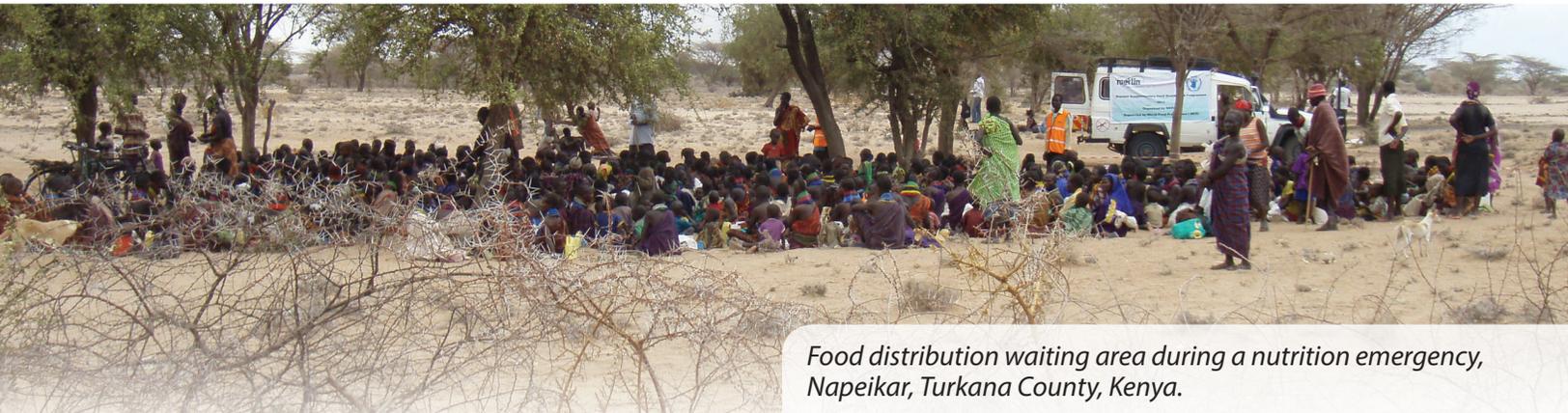
**170** 

Tracked 170 unique diseases globally

**400** 

Trains and coordinates a roster of more than 400 staff across CDC who can deploy rapidly

**From setting up surveillance systems within days after a major earthquake, to developing mass immunization campaigns, to evaluating child nutrition programs in post-conflict settings, we are on the scene.**



*Food distribution waiting area during a nutrition emergency, Napeikar, Turkana County, Kenya.*

### ON THE SCENE

CDC's Emergency Response and Recovery (ERR) experts travel the world to work with populations during emergencies and to address global crises that could impact the public health of Americans. These experts coordinate CDC's international emergency response activities, often at the request of the U.S. government, nongovernmental agencies, and local organizations. ERR experts have a longstanding commitment to building public health capacity before, during, and after global emergencies like war, famine, civil strife, natural disaster, displacement, and genocide.

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/globalhealth/healthprotection>

### HOW WE DO IT

**Prepare.** While crises often happen without warning, we must be prepared. ERR experts continuously monitor global public health events to detect potential health threats and work with partners to develop emergency operations centers and incident management systems that can be quickly activated during public health emergencies or large events like mass gatherings.

**Respond.** When disaster strikes, health experts in areas such as infectious disease, nutrition, mental health, risk communication, clinical services, surveillance, logistics, and water, sanitation, and hygiene provide technical assistance to partners. These experts are ready to deploy anywhere in the world at a moment's notice.

**Rebuild.** ERR experts provide support to countries in post-emergency settings, such as after the Haiti earthquake and in the countries most affected by Ebola. They work with partners to respond to post-emergency situations and support countries without basic public health systems whenever needed.



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