DID YOU KNOW
▶ One of the first true disease detectives was John Snow, a 19th century doctor who traced the source of a cholera epidemic to a London water pump.
▶ Disease detectives tackle some of the world’s most lethal public health threats, from HIV to SARS to Ebola.
▶ Today, we face a serious shortage of skilled disease detectives.

HOW WE HELP
CDC’s Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) works with partners to train public health professionals in disease detectives who find and stop health threats close to the source, increasing our ability to detect and respond to events in a world where the next outbreak is only a plane ride away.

WHERE WE ARE
In 1980, Thailand became the first country to expand FETP outside of North America. Today, over 70 countries* participate in FETPs globally.

BY THE NUMBERS
2000
In a six year period, FETPs responded to over 2,000 outbreak investigations.

80%
Nearly 80% of graduates continue to serve in public health programs in their home countries.

3,100
Over 3,100 FETP graduates play a key role in disease surveillance and response.

306
In 2015, the 2-year program graduated 306 FETP residents.

HOW WE CONNECT
AFENET
African Field Epidemiology Network

TERESIN
Training in Epidemiology and Surveillance in Latin America

SAFETYNET
Southeast Asia Field Epidemiology and Technology Network

EMPHNET
Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network

EPIET
European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training

HOW WE DO IT
Impacts
“Disease detectives are essential to improve global health security. They are public health heroes.”
– CDC Director Tom Frieden, MD, MPH

To learn more: http://www.cdc.gov/globalhealth/healthprotection/fetp/index.htm

Learning by doing
▶ Teaches residents to collect, interpret, and apply information on infectious and noncommunicable diseases.
▶ Residents spend approximately 75% of their time in the field.

Strong partnerships
▶ Helps ministries of health enhance their own health protection and health promotion programs.
▶ Lays a solid foundation for other important health initiatives in countries around the world.

Tiered levels of training
▶ Increases public health capacity at local, district, and national levels.
▶ Addresses different skill levels within the public health system.

Meeting country needs
▶ Recognizes differences in cultures, priorities, partners, capacities, and public health systems.
▶ Strengthens surveillance and workforce development in line with IHR and GHS.

Surveillance and response
▶ Collects and analyzes important health data.
▶ Provides timely information to take action and save lives.

How we work
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