

Assessing the Pandemic/Epidemic Readiness of Primary Health Care Centres (ERPHC) in India under IDSP

IDSP-NCDC, with support from the World Bank, is implementing the “Assessing the Pandemic/Epidemic Readiness of Primary Health Care Centres (ERPHC) in India” project under Pandemic Fund Round 2.

The objective of the project is to strengthen pandemic and epidemic preparedness at the primary healthcare and district levels. The initiative focuses on developing and field-testing standardized tools and protocols to assess pandemic and epidemic readiness of Primary Health Care Centres and District Public Health Laboratories (DPHLs) and to institutionalize periodic preparedness assessments within the public health system.

The project is proposed to cover 20 districts across 10 States and will be implemented in two phases:

Phase I:

Formative Phase: Review of global best practices, development and field-testing of assessment tools and protocols in pilot districts, and exploration of mechanisms for engaging medical colleges with district surveillance systems.

Phase II:

Rollout Phase: Implementation of the finalized tools and protocols across selected districts and identification of key enablers and challenges for sustainable scale-up.

The project will contribute to IDSP's efforts to strengthen preparedness, surveillance and response capacities by establishing a systematic framework for assessing, monitoring and improving pandemic and epidemic readiness across the primary healthcare and district health system.