

➤ **Competence Based Training Short Course in Emergency Preparedness & Management Grant**

The Council for Technical & Vocational Education Training (COTVET) is funding this project with GHC1,326,000.00 with Professor Julius Fobil as the PI. The main goal of the project was to strengthen the national capacity for emergency preparedness, containment of pandemics and swift implementation of interventions to minimize the attendant problems of these complex situations and ultimately avert the huge concomitant financial losses.

The overall strategy is to establish a project with a clear objective of providing a theoretical background and practical expertise, for personnel [Ministry of Health, NADMO, Ghana National Fire Service, Environmental Health and Sanitation Department, Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA), Ghana Health Service, companies engaged in sectors prone to or more at risk of such disasters due to the nature of their work. These include large scale industries in the chemical, petro chemical and oil and gas industry]. At the end of the training sessions, participants will acquire essential skills and knowledge required to plan and implement effective management systems in addressing pandemics or health related issues during emergencies, and strategies to lessen the loss of lives, livelihood and properties. Once developed, the short course in Emergency/Disaster preparedness and management will lead to strengthening of institutional capacities to be able to provide solutions to different types of emergencies/disasters of public and private institutions engaged in emergency management and disaster preparedness in Ghana, as well as the whole West African Sub-region.

It is hoped that the course will upgrade the skills levels of middle to top level personnel involved in emergency planning, disaster preparedness and management. This will help prevent and/or reduce the loss of lives and property during emergencies when they occur. Dr. Amos Laar: School of Public Health and Dr. Bismark Sarfo both of School of Public Health, University of Ghana and Dr. Farzana Kapadia New York University, Global Institute of Public Health are collaborators on this project.