

Supplementary Table 1. **Survey on “Advanced FETPNG fellows’ involvement and readiness for the COVID-19 response”**

1. Have you at any time been involved in the COVID-19 response? Yes / No (skip to Q8)
2. Approximately how much of your work time was spent on COVID-19 response in 2021?
Rarely: 1–2 days per month
Occasionally: 1–2 days per week
Often: 3–4 days per week
Full time working on the response: 5+ days per week
3. What was your role(s) in the COVID-19 response?
4. How many people did you typically supervise at any given time while working on the COVID-19 response?
5. Besides FETPNG and aFETPNG, did you receive any training to help you with the COVID-19 response?
Yes / No / Don't know
If Yes, please specify all relevant trainings you attended.
6. Did you conduct any training to support others in the COVID-19 response? Yes / No / Don't know
If Yes, how many trainings did you conduct in 2021?
Approximately how many people in total did you train in 2021?
What did you train people to do?
7. What were the 3 biggest challenges you faced during the COVID-19 response?
8. How confident did you [would you] feel in supporting these activities for the COVID-19 response?

	Not confident	Slightly confident	Moderately confident	Very confident
Risk communication				
Community engagement				
Specimen collection				
Specimen handling and shipping				
Case investigation				
Contract tracing				
Surveillance				
Data management				
Data analysis				
Infection prevention and control				

9. How confident did you [would you] feel in leading these activities for the COVID-19 response?

	Not confident	Slightly confident	Moderately confident	Very confident
Risk communication				
Community engagement				
Specimen collection				
Specimen handling and shipping				
Case investigation				
Contract tracing				
Surveillance				
Data management				
Data analysis				
Infection prevention and control				

10. Overall, how helpful has the intermediate and advanced FETP been in preparing you for the COVID-19 response?
 - Not helpful
 - Slightly helpful
 - Moderately helpful
 - Very helpful
11. Can you give specific examples of how the intermediate and/or advanced FETPNG has helped prepare you or support you in your COVID-19 response?
12. What could the intermediate and/or advanced FETPNGs do to better prepare you for another emergency response?
13. How aware is your manager of your skills as a field epidemiologist?
 - Not aware / Somewhat aware / Very aware
14. Were your skills as a FETPNG graduate well used by your manager during the COVID-19 response?
 - Yes / No / Don't know
15. What could be done to improve the use of FETPNG graduates by management?

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete this survey.

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