



## **African Partner Outbreak Response Alliance (APORA)**

### **Mission Statement:**

**The African Partner Outbreak Response Alliance (APORA) is an AFRICOM-facilitated African-led initiative to address the African Partner Nation militaries capability to effectively respond to a disease outbreak and assist with African Defense Support of Civil Authorities in disease outbreaks.**

### **Objectives:**

- ✓ Advocate among national, regional, and international health and security organizations regarding the importance of the role of the military in outbreak response.
- ✓ Promote effective military-civilian partnerships in the health and security communities.
- ✓ Encourage regional and national program coordination and development by providing financial assistance to regional and national programs for military services.
- ✓ Provide technical assistance through identifying, documenting, and disseminating tools and guidance such as lessons learned, best practices, and research results.
- ✓ Identify areas for applied research to address gaps in pandemic response.
- ✓ Identify best practices from Africa Partners.
- ✓ Self-assessment and gap analysis will provide greater understanding of Partner Nation Military capability to respond or assist other countries in region
- ✓ Utilize current partners and mobilize new partners and additional financial resources for pandemic programs for the military services, and continued engagement with current partners.

The Alliance Core Membership meets once a year and, to the best extent possible, convenes in conjunction with other conferences. This affords the opportunity to invite wider Alliance participation.

### **Core Members:**

- Republic of Benin
- Republic of Burkina Faso
- Republic of Cameroon
- Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
- Republic of Gabon
- Republic of Ghana
- Republic of Liberia
- Republic of Mali
- Republic of Niger
- Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Republic of Senegal
- Republic of Togo

Membership of the Alliance is open to any Partner Nation willing to join and contribute to the Alliance objectives.



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The Alliance communicates between meetings through e-mail, via the Alliance website and through smaller gatherings if necessary. Individual experts and representatives of national militaries and NGOs may be invited to attend the Alliance meetings as deemed appropriate.