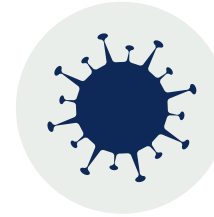


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The U.S. has partnered with Cameroon on Global Health Security (GHS) since 2015.



Cameroon is at risk for infectious disease outbreaks, including cholera, avian influenza, Ebola, anthrax and rabies.



First Joint External Evaluation (JEE) conducted in 2017; follow-up planned in 2024.

The U.S. Government (USG) GHS Program in Cameroon

The U.S. partners with the Government of Cameroon to strengthen the country's capacities to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease threats.

USG's Global Health Security investments also support stronger, more resilient health systems, including training human and animal health workers, strengthening laboratories, bolstering surveillance systems, and setting up an emergency management system. These investments support and build on those made by the Government of Cameroon, in coordination with other partners and stakeholders.

Current and planned GHS activities reflect national priorities, build on best available data, and align with the country context and the health system.

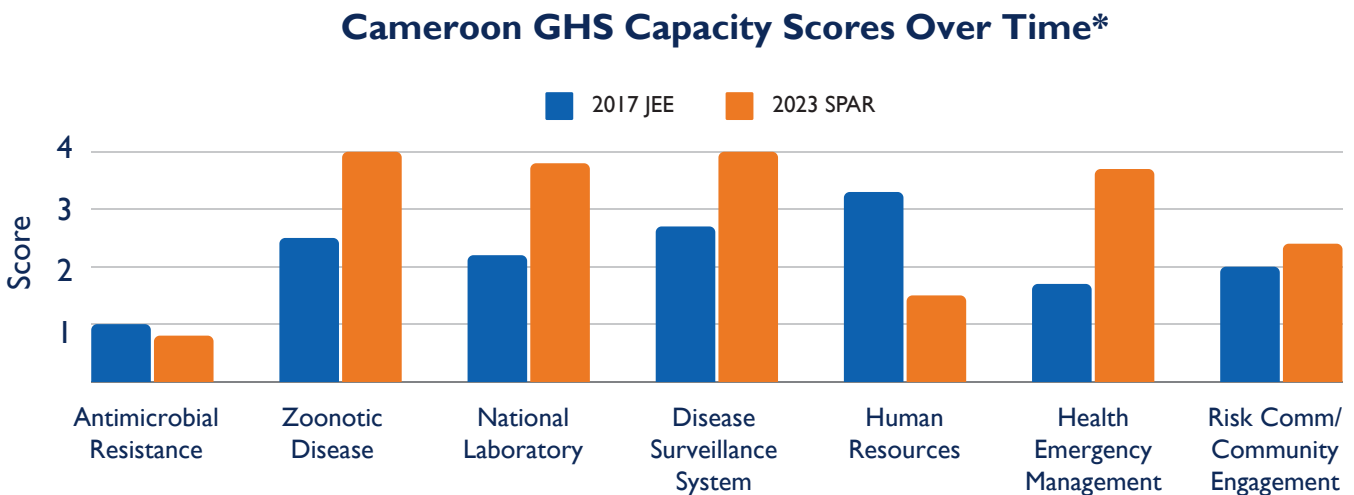


Participants during a COVID-19 case management training session in Cameroon
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Impact of GHS Investments

Cameroon has made significant progress strengthening its health security. The Joint External Evaluation (JEE) is a voluntary external assessment of health security capacities conducted approximately every 4-5 years while the States Party Annual Report (SPAR) is an annual self-assessment of these capacities conducted by the governments themselves. The chart below estimates the progress made in the technical areas endorsed by the Government of Cameroon for U.S. GHS collaboration.



*Antimicrobial Resistance use [2021 Global Health Security Index](#) scores as they are not included in the SPAR. These tools provide the best approximation of GHS capacities though they use different methodologies. As a result direct comparisons may have limitations.

Notable Achievements with U.S. Support

- Field Epidemiology Training Program (3 levels) and the In-service Veterinary Epidemiology Training in place, making key contributions to emergency responses.
- Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) surveillance program in 10 sentinel sites launched. Cameroon is reporting data to the WHO Global AMR Resistance & Use System.
- National Veterinary Lab of Douala operationalized to diagnose bacterial animal diseases in one of the biggest cities and poultry-producing zones.
- Permanent multi sectoral risk communication and community engagement task force formally established within Cameroon Zoonotic Disease Program.
- Cameroon Emergency Operations Center (EOC) established and national and regional staff trained, allowing the effective and timely response to public health emergencies.
- Cameroon's National Public Health EOC deployed an interdisciplinary rapid response team to the southern border region within 24 hours of the 2023 Marburg virus disease outbreak declaration by Equatorial Guinea.

Priority Technical Areas Endorsed by the Government of Cameroon for U.S. GHS Investments



Antimicrobial Resistance



Zoonotic Disease



National Laboratory System



Disease Surveillance



Human Resources



Health Emergency Management



Risk Comm/Community Engagement

Additional areas of investments include: Food Security, Biosafety & Biosecurity, Immunization, Infection Prevention & Control, Points of Entry