

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) established the Middle East/North Africa (MENA) Regional Office in Muscat, Oman, in 2020 to deepen health security partnerships and enhance regional readiness for emerging health threats. The CDC regional office in Muscat serves as a hub for coordination across the 25 countries and territories in the Middle East and North Africa. While the office's focus is regional, CDC's presence in Oman also supports close collaboration with the Oman Ministry of Health (MOH) on in-country work and regionally impactful programs that strengthen public health across the region.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- **8 scientists** participated in the U.S.–Oman laboratory twinning program with two state health laboratories—the first such initiative in MENA. This deepened expertise and fostered new collaboration.
- **27 professionals** completed the Global Laboratory Leadership Program (GLLP), advancing management and operational excellence across Oman's laboratory network.
- Provided technical support for biosafety modernization and early threat detection with Oman during the development of the new Central Public Health Laboratory.
- **Facilitated 12+ laboratory trainings** in Oman with regional participation on diagnostics, genomics, and quality management, promoting Oman as a leader in building sustainable regional laboratory capacity.



- **100+ graduates** of the Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Program across governorates and sectors, expanding Oman's ability to detect, investigate, and respond rapidly to public health events.
- **4 fellows** completed the U.S. CDC Public Health Emergency Management fellowship, enhancing national and regional emergency coordination and response readiness.
- **40 health professionals** trained for a U.S.-based Certification in Infection Control—the first such initiative in the MENA region.
- Conducted additional trainings in epidemic intelligence and rapid response, cultivating a skilled workforce prepared to manage outbreaks and public health crises.



- **100+ professionals** trained to implement event-based surveillance (EBS), making Oman the first Gulf Cooperation Council country to establish and operationalize a One Health–integrated EBS system across ministries — enabling faster detection and coordinated response to emerging threats.
- **35 health professionals** received hands-on training in tuberculosis (TB) contact investigations and interviewing, improving case finding, data accuracy, and the effectiveness of TB control programs.



- Partnered with the MOH to host regional technical meetings and trainings that brought together collaborators from across the region—leveraging Oman's trusted partnerships and neutral position to **advance cross-border cooperation in health security**.
- Omani delegates participated in the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program on pandemic preparedness, **strengthening global partnerships and bilateral cooperation**.
- MOH leaders presented at the inaugural Pandemic and Future Preparedness Conference co-hosted by the U.S. CDC and National Institutes of Health, and Mohammed Bin Rashid University, which was attended by over 200 participants from 16 countries—showcasing Oman's leadership in **advancing regional pandemic readiness**.