

GOLDEN STAR

Pandemic Preparedness

Supporting programs to strengthen national systems, policies and practices for the prevention, detection and response to public health threats.



As recently as 2018, the African continent was impacted by an outbreak of Ebola Viral Disease, one of the most aggressive pandemic diseases known today. With our operations sited in a country at risk, Golden Star strengthened and enhanced its programs of pandemic preparedness, and provided integral support to host District's in their preparations. Key elements of the response included:

- Formation of a Crisis Management Team to direct company actions and planning,
- Documentation of an Ebola Viral Disease Management and Response Plan,
- Training of medical staff in viral haemorrhagic fevers, and associated case management and protocols,
- Construction of isolation centres,
- Daily situation tracking with the support of International SOS,
- Support to private sector and government health advocacy groups.
- Education to stakeholders at local, District and national levels, including a presentation at the National Stakeholders Forum on Ebola funded by the GIZ and Ministry of Health, and
- Site access and hygiene controls, contact tracing, temperature screening, and other prevention controls.

Under a multi-stakeholder health platform and project (www.preparednessandresponse.org) funded by USAID, a review found that Golden Star has played a major role as a champion and industry leader in the country's Ebola preparedness and response.

