

Call for Papers for a Special Issue on COVID-19



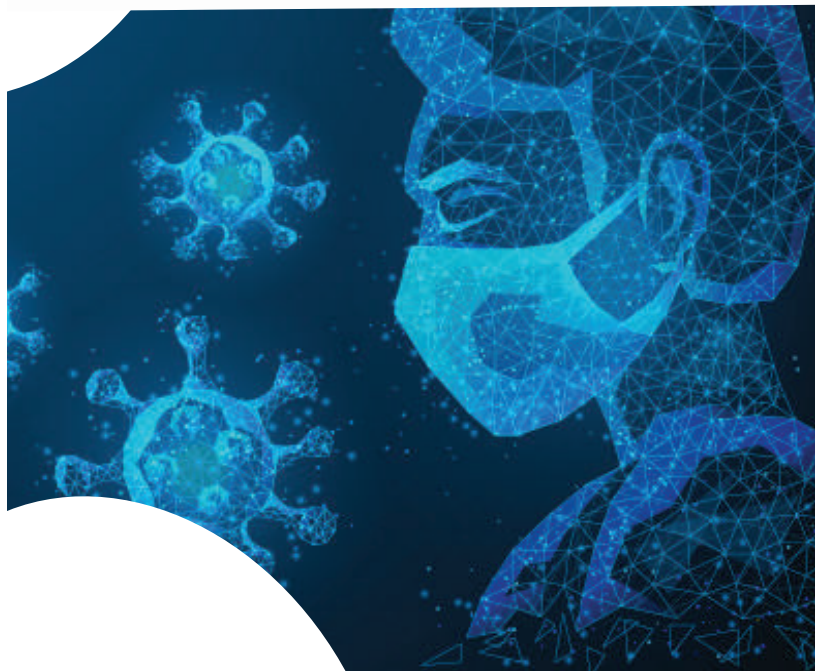
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**Theme: Preparedness and
Response to COVID-19 in Africa**

Subthemes:

- 1) The role of field epidemiology training programs in COVID-19 preparedness and response,
- 2) Country Experiences and
- 3) Public health innovations.

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The AFENET Journal of Interventional Epidemiology and Public Health (JIEPH) is soliciting for papers on the field experiences and best practices in COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts in Africa. These papers will inform future public health actions that will strengthen response and recovery from COVID-19.

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PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO COVID-19 IN AFRICA

On 7 January 2020, the Chinese government declared an outbreak of a novel coronavirus- which causes coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Since then, the virus has spread globally with WHO declaring a COVID-19 pandemic on 30 January 2020. To curb growing numbers of infections, countries are implementing a wide range of Public health and social measures such as lockdowns and quarantines, which have greatly altered the way we live, learn and work. To date, all African countries have reported at least one case of COVID-19.

In many countries, Field Epidemiology Training Programs (FETPs and FELTPs) are at the forefront of preparing and responding to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. [The Journal of Interventional Epidemiology and Public Health \(JIEPH\)](#) is delighted to run a Special Supplement Issue that will highlight contributions of African field epidemiology training programs and ministries of health in the fight against COVID 19.

We will publish articles (primary and secondary research) featuring field experiences and best practices in preparedness and response efforts to curb the virus and mitigate its effects in Africa. The Supplement theme is **Preparedness and response to COVID-19 in Africa** with the following subthemes: 1) [The role of field epidemiology training programs in COVID-19 preparedness and response](#), 2) [Country Experiences](#) and 3) [Public health innovations](#).

In particular, we are seeking articles focusing on one or more of the following topics:

1. Coordination, planning and monitoring at national, regional & continental levels
2. Risk Communication and Community Engagement
3. Surveillance, rapid response, case investigation and contact tracing
4. Points of entry and cross-border initiatives and collaborations
5. Laboratory capacity, testing, sample transportation, results reporting
6. Infection Prevention and Control
7. Operational support and logistics –e.g. PPE rational use, preposition etc.
8. Public health and social measures or Non pharmaceutical Interventions such as Lockdowns, quarantine
9. Guidelines and protocols development and deployment
10. ICT and innovations such virtual learning and telemedicine
11. Maintaining essential health services
12. International policy and global health diplomacy
13. Social vulnerabilities, resilience and adaptability to the pandemic

Papers will undergo expedited peer review overseen by an expert guest editorial team and speedy online publication for accepted papers. Papers will be received with effect from **1 July 2020** till **30 June 2021** and will be published on a rolling basis as and when they are ready.

Residents, graduates and staff of field epidemiology training programs, ministry of health officials, implementing partners as well as the general public health and scientific communities are encouraged to submit papers.

Structure of papers

Refer to JIEPH's instruction for authors on the available article categories and their respective structure and word limit: https://www.afenet-journal.net/view/content.php?item=ifa#ENGLISH_1.

Submission process

- Papers should be written in English
- Submission should be made online at <https://www.manuscript-hut.afenet-journal.net/accounts/user.php?method=log>
- Authors should provide evidence of ethical approval, IRB exemption or CDC non-research determination
- Field epidemiology training program residents and graduates should submit their papers through their respective program directors and provide evidence that Ministry of Health or other relevant authority granted permission to publish the paper.
- Deadline for submission is **30 June 2021**.

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We hope that field epidemiology training programs, ministries of health and partners in Africa and the public health and scientific community will submit high calibre papers that will inform future public health action in Africa and beyond for years to come.

