

Fact Sheet: Medical Bio-Responsiveness

Background:

Recent outbreak of Ebola Viral Disease (EVD) in Western Africa showed that international organizations and Nations lack a coherent response and have limited resources to respond to such outbreaks. Outsourcing of transport for contaminated patients and/or remains is difficult due to availability of specialized equipment, safety for airframes, international regulations, security and overall costs to deploy and maintain adequate Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs).

To increase NATO responsiveness to medical biological outbreaks (natural and/or intentional) up to and including Bio-Safety Level 4 (BSL-4), pooling of existing capabilities within National inventories is required. This will allow for increased capacity, improved effectiveness, and create a structure amongst Allies in support of NATO and Nations, upon request.

Mission:

Validation of the concept of Bio-Response to Outbreak developed by the Smart Defence Initiative (SDI) 1.45

Headquarters:

NATO Allied Command Transformation, Medical Branch.

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