



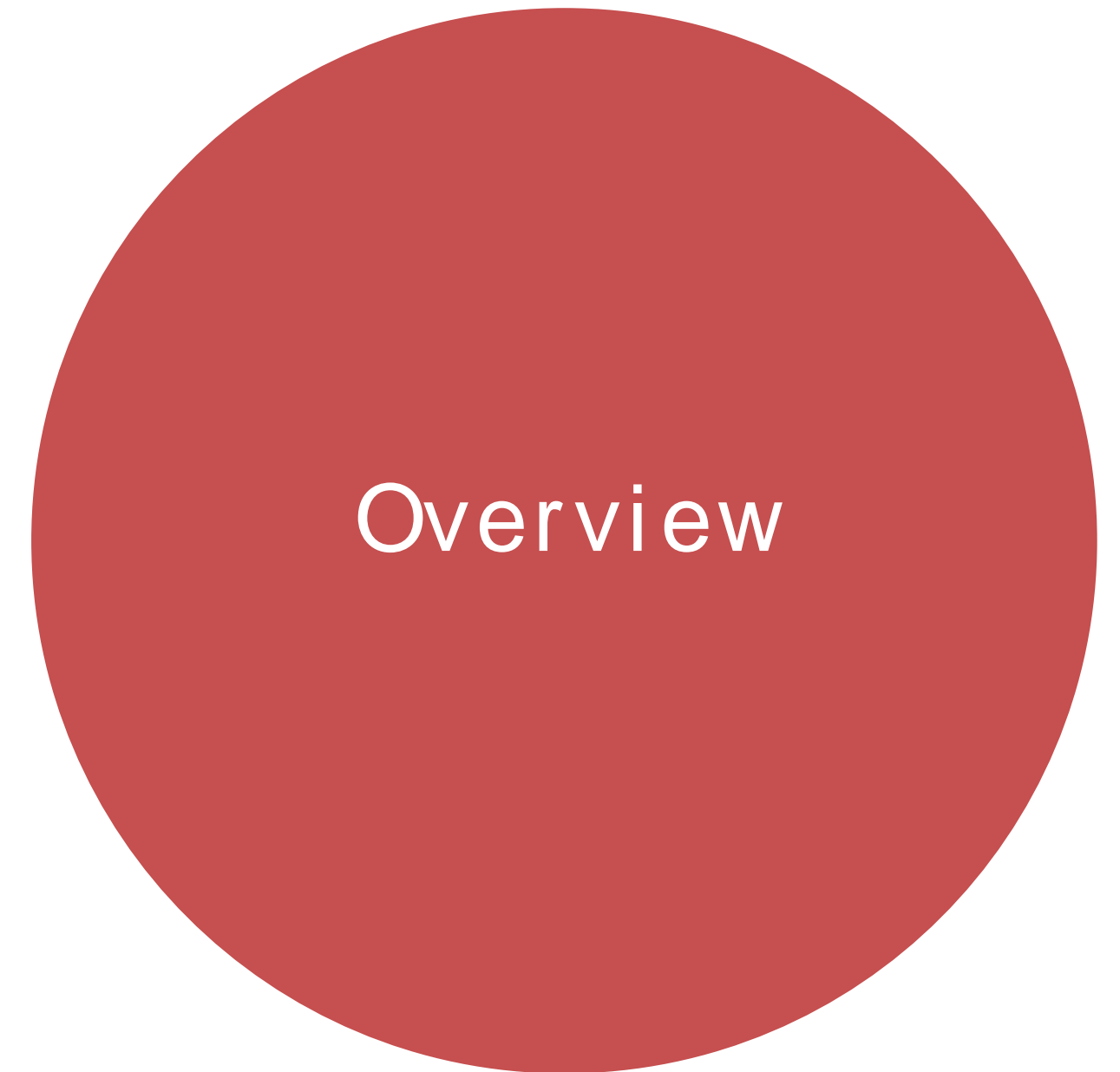
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WCO C-RED Project
CUSTOMS FOR RELIEF OF EPIDEMIC DISEASES

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Project overview

Project Duration:	May 2016 – October 2017
Donor:	The Netherlands
Budget:	640 000 Euro
Beneficiaries:	Member Administrations from the WCA region Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone

Overall goal

Assist Customs Administrations in West Africa to be better prepared to minimize the effects of regional epidemic diseases and natural disasters

Purpose

Enhance the capability of the Customs administrations in West Africa to be better equipped and prepared to deal with regional epidemic diseases (such as EVD) and natural disasters

Expected Outcomes

- Strong protection of front line officers from epidemic diseases
- Mechanisms to sustainably guide the release of relief goods

Objectives

Expected results

Component 1

Provision of basic equipment for self-protection

Results

- Needs identified
- Self-protection equipment procured and delivered

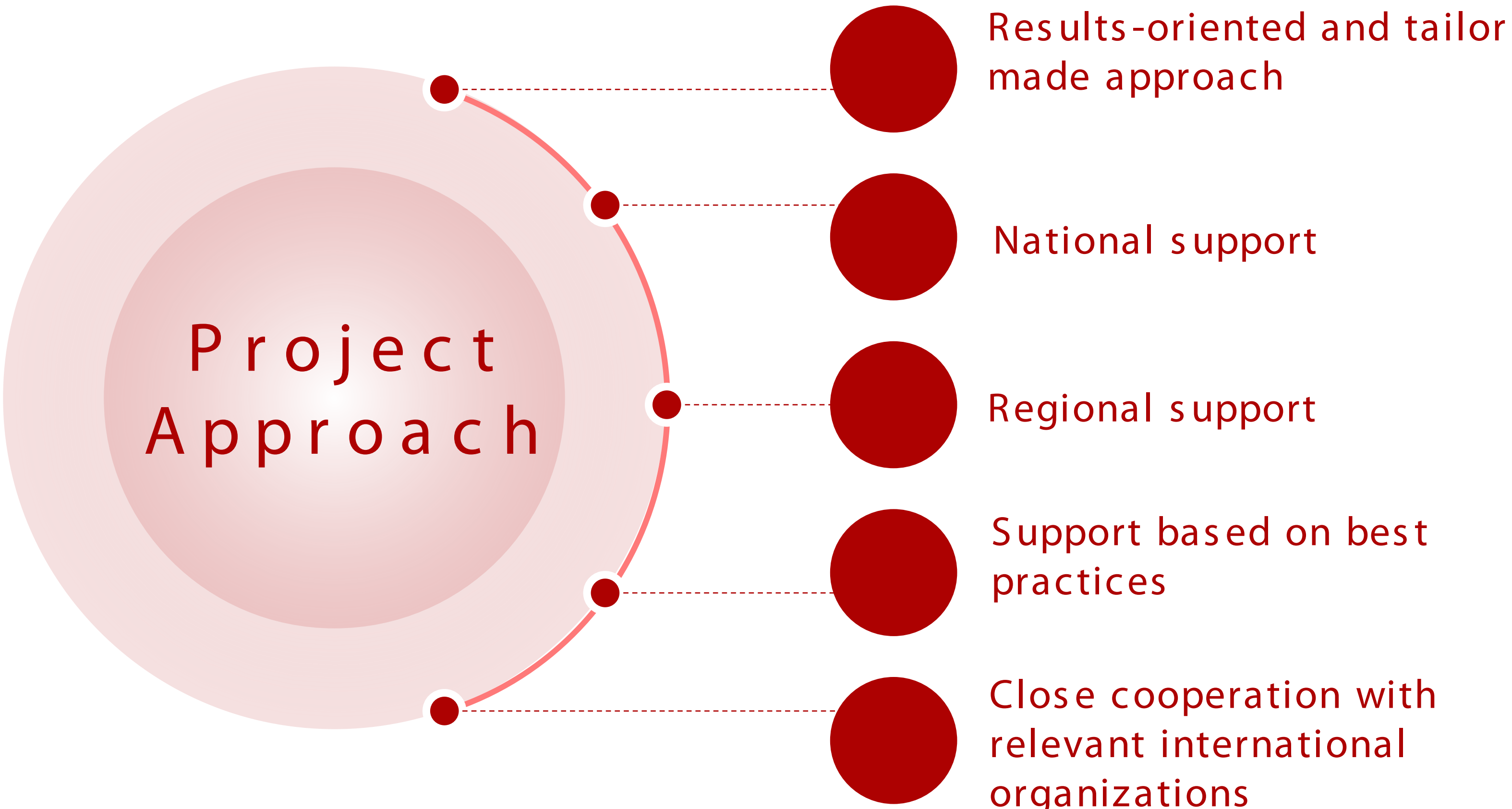
Component 2

Capacity Building to effectively react to regional epidemics and natural disasters

Results

- Regional exchange of experience facilitated
- National CB support delivered

Project Management, including communication and visibility activities



Project Approach

Results-oriented and tailor made approach

National support

Regional support

Support based on best practices

Close cooperation with relevant international organizations

Achievements to date - Component 1



Baseline data collected and needs identified



Technical Specifications developed

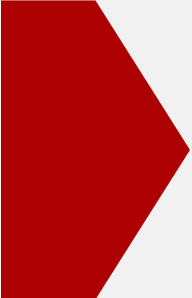


UNHRD identified as WCO partner to procure the PPE

Achievements to date - Component 2



Baseline data collected and gaps identified



Regional exchange of experience in the priority clearance of relief goods during the Ebola crisis facilitated



National Capacity Building needs identified and support planned for 2017

Challenges

Term very
diverse

PPE specific
storage conditions
and need for timely
delivery

Available
guidelines mainly
for health
workers

Regional roles and
responsibilities and
communication
between countries

Border
agencies
coordination

Non-application
of the proper
procedure and
bureaucracy

Lack of lists
of necessary
relief goods

Annual Work Plan 2017

Component 1

- Sign a Technical Agreement with UNHRD
- UNHRD to procure the PPE on behalf of the WCO
- Delivery of the equipment to UNHRD depot in Ghana

Component 2 National support

- Nigeria - review of existing SOPs, simulation exercise
- Guinea - training of trainers and officers, improvement of SOPs, setting up of a coordination group for disaster response, simulation exercise
- Sierra Leone - improvement of SOPs, stakeholder engagement, simulation exercise

Component 2 Regional support

- Regional workshop on overall experience sharing and joint discussion on future steps

Project management

- Day-to-day project management and quality implementation of project activities
- Technical and financial reporting
- Communication and visibility