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Welcome to the GTFCC course on sample collection and testing with rapid diagnostic tests (or RDTs), for cholera, for healthcare workers.

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Slide 3 : COURSE OUTLINE.

This course is divided into three modules. In the first module, we will provide you with an introduction to cholera and testing for cholera. In Module 2 we will dive deeper into best practices and procedures for sample collection, preparation and transport for cholera. In Module 3 we will provide you with best practices and procedures for the use of cholera RDTs.

Slide 4 : Target audience.

This course is designed for rapid response teams, local health authorities, nurses, medical doctors, other primary healthcare workers, and laboratory personnel, basically any individuals who are involved in collecting samples, in preparing samples for transport or shipment, or performing rapid diagnostic tests for cholera or even involved in training on these topics. Individuals who follow this course may be affiliated to ministries of health, Non-Governmental Organizations, or any other organization involved in cholera surveillance or cholera outbreak response.

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Before we begin, it may be of interest for you to attend the online OpenWHO course named “Cholera: Introduction” for a general overview on cholera including prevention and control principles.