

knowledge of communicable diseases, commentary, informational material and graphics should also accompany the summaries. Duplicating machines or printing presses are available under most circumstances. The epidemiologist may, however, experience difficulty in gaining access to them because of competition with colleagues, and even when there is access there may be no funds for publishing the reports. The airlifting or local purchasing of such equipment may, thus, be more effective forms of relief assistance than is the donation of medical supplies. Innovation may be required for distribution to the field, but distribution usually can be arranged through the system developed for collection of relief deliveries, personal mail to relief workers, and so forth.

The weekly report provides more than feedback to field workers. The epidemiologist should ensure that the weekly report and adequate background information (personal visit or covering note) are circulated to the relief coordinator and other national authorities and local representatives of voluntary agencies. The relief coordinator should be responsible for distributing the report to members of the media and the community.

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