

2.0 FIELD WORK

2.1 Terms of Reference and Preliminary Activities

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The purpose of the overall study has been mentioned in the Introduction. The tasks set for the field team included:

- the collection of blood and urine samples from citizens of the host country living in areas remote from any allegations of the use of toxin/chemical weapons;
- the collection of blood and urine samples from refugees (in refugee camps) who made no claim to having been exposed to toxin/chemical weapons;
- the collection of blood and urine samples from refugees (in refugee camps) who claimed to have been exposed to toxin/chemical weapons;
- to obtain other collateral information from the subjects using a standard questionnaire (through interpreters), and any other medical information from authorities (e.g., in the event of a hospitalized patient);
- should the occasion arise, to investigate any current allegations of the use of toxin/chemical weapons; and
- to record experiences with a view to the development of a "standard operating procedure" for use in the investigation of allegations of the use of chemical or biological weapons.