

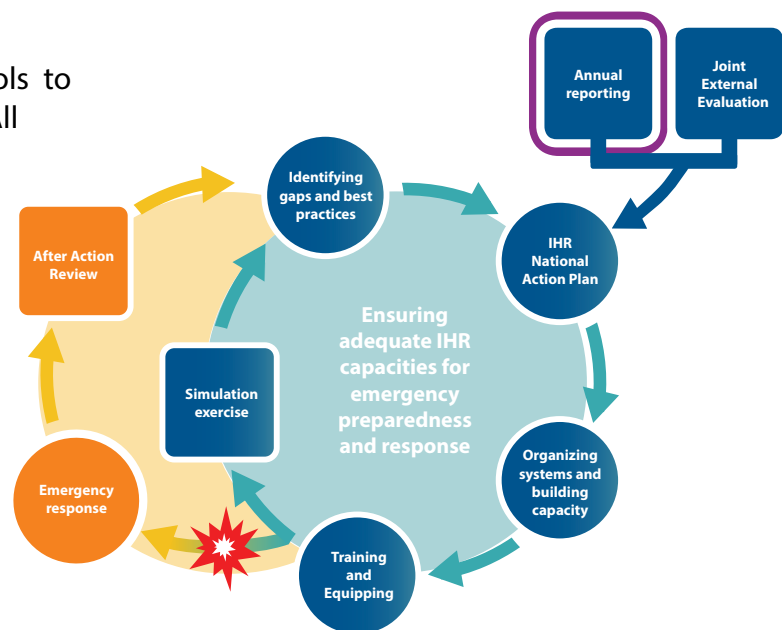
## INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (IHR) MONITORING AND EVALUATION TOOLS

# ANNUAL REPORTING

A mandatory requirement of the IHR

## WHAT

Annual reporting (AR) is one of the four tools to monitor and evaluate countries' IHR capacities. All countries that are signatories to the IHR(2005) committed to develop and maintain minimum core public health capacities to implement the IHR effectively. **Under Article 54 of the IHR(2005), States Parties are also required to report to the World Health Assembly every year on their progress on IHR implementation.**



## WHY

**AR enables countries to track progress using standardized indicators, and provides a snapshot of country capacities in relevant technical areas.**

## HOW

**The WHO IHR Secretariat developed a questionnaire to assist States Parties in fulfilling their AR duties. The AR questionnaire consists of guided questions on indicators for the key capacities needed to detect, assess, report and respond to public health events of national and international concern.**

These capacities relate to national legislation and financing, IHR coordination, surveillance, preparedness and response, public health laboratories, health services, risk communication, points of entry and other areas. Countries provide a qualitative self-assessment of their capacities on a scale from 1 (*fragile capacity*) to 5 (*enabler capacity*).



## HOW (cont'd.)

National IHR Focal Points usually facilitate the completion of the questionnaire in collaboration with professionals from public health and other sectors responsible for implementing the IHR(2005) (for example, animal health, food and water safety, environmental health, and radiological, nuclear and chemical safety).

The data collection process can take place through a workshop, with the questionnaires distributed to the relevant expert groups beforehand, or through other means appropriate to a specific country context.

## WHO support

WHO helps countries to review and monitor progress, prepare their annual report and develop national action plans for IHR implementation.

Country annual reports are available on the WHO website.

## Contact us

The WHO Regional Office for Europe has a dedicated team to support and guide countries in performing IHR monitoring and evaluation.

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