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Action plan to improve public health preparedness and response in the WHO European Region

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From global strategy to regional action plan

Report of the Review Committee on the Role of the IHR (2005) in the Ebola Outbreak and Response (A69/21)

May 2016

Implementation of the IHR (2005): global implementation plan (A70/16)

May 2017

Five-year global strategic plan to improve public health preparedness and response, 2018–2023 (A71/8) welcomed with appreciation

May 2018

Global



Sept 2009

Regional Committee resolution EUR/RC59/R5 reaffirming commitment to implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005)

Sept 2017

Accelerating implementation of the IHR (2005) and strengthening laboratory capacities for better health in the WHO European Region (EUR/RC67/13)

Regional

Development timeline of the regional action plan




Seventy-first World Health Assembly, May 2018

Web consultation of Member States: main comments

There was general agreement that development of the plan to improve preparedness and responsiveness of the public health sector is urgent and timely.

- The plan is comprehensive, covering important issues for strengthening preparedness; it provides strategic guidance at the national level.
- The importance of aligning the plan with ongoing subregional preparedness planning efforts and frameworks – for example at EU level – was noted.
- The challenge will be to ensure financial and political commitment to implementation of all proposals – in particular, collaboration with non-health sectors.



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The draft action plan to improve public health preparedness and response in the WHO European Region, 2018-2023, aims to strengthen national and regional capacities to effectively prevent, prepare for, detect and respond to public health threats and emergencies and to provide support to affected countries, when necessary. It takes into account actions taken and lessons learned in the European Region since the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) entered into force in 2007, and as presented in the guiding document EUR/RC67/13, on accelerating implementation of the IHR (2005) and strengthening laboratory capacities for better health in the European Region, at the 67th session of the Regional Committee for Europe (RCE) in September 2017. It builds on the five-year global strategic plan to improve public health preparedness and response, 2018-2023, and is tailored to the needs of the European Region.

The present document outlines the draft action plan to be implemented by States Parties and the WHO Regional Office for Europe in collaboration with key partners and in line with the requirements of the IHR (2005). It is structured around the three strategic pillars described in the global strategic plan: (1) building and maintaining States Parties core capacities required by the IHR (2005); (2) strengthening event management and compliance with the requirements under the IHR (2005); and (3) maintaining progress and promoting accountability. The action plan will be accompanied by a monitoring framework with indicators for each technical area of the strategic pillars.

The regional action plan incorporates feedback received from the Member States during the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee (May 2018) and through previous web-based and face-to-face consultations on the global strategic plan. The revised regional action plan, incorporating the feedback received, is submitted to the 68th session of the Regional Committee for Europe, accompanied by a draft resolution for its adoption.

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High-level meeting on accelerating IHR implementation, Munich, Germany, February 2018

Rationale for the action plan

To ensure “***high-level political and financial commitment to address the full cycle of emergency management, including prevention, preparedness, response and recovery, supported by multisectoral engagement, whole-of-society approaches and effective partnerships***”

Draft resolution on the action plan to improve public health preparedness and response in the WHO European Region (EUR/RC68/Conf.Doc./5)



Action plan to improve public health preparedness and response in the WHO European Region

Vision

A WHO European Region where the impact of health emergencies is prevented or minimized

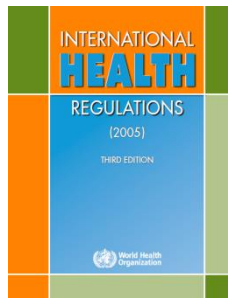
Goal

To strengthen and maintain adequate capacities in the WHO European Region to prevent, prepare for, detect and respond to public health threats effectively, and to provide assistance to affected countries, when necessary

Key guiding principles of the action plan



Strengthening health systems



Framework and principles of the IHR (2005)



Sustainable Development Goals



Country ownership



Partnerships and intersectoral collaboration



Building on subregional frameworks



Focusing on high-priority countries and needs



Following the all-hazard and One Health approaches



All phases of the emergency management cycle



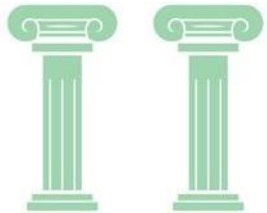
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WHO leadership and coordination

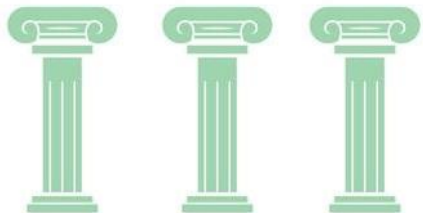
The action plan is based on three strategic pillars



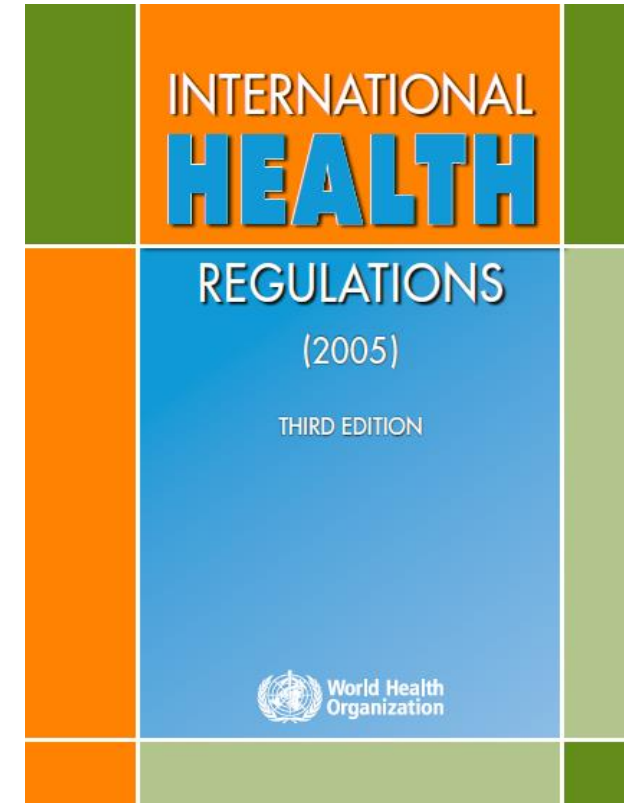
Build, strengthen and maintain **States Parties' core capacities**, as required under the IHR (2005)



Strengthen **event management** and compliance with the requirements of the IHR (2005)



Measure progress and promote **accountability**



Pillar 1 – Build, strengthen and maintain States Parties’ core capacities, as required under the IHR (2005)



National policies, plans and legislation



Risk communication



IHR (2005) coordination, communication and advocacy



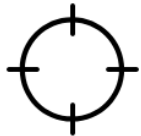
Points of entry



National laboratory systems



Synergies with health systems



National surveillance systems



One Health



Human resources



Sustainable financing

Pillar 2 – Strengthen event management and compliance with the requirements of the IHR (2005)



Notification and information sharing

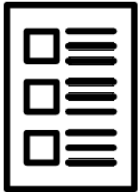


Emergency preparedness and response operations



Medical countermeasures and personnel deployment

Pillar 3 – Measure progress and promote accountability



Mandatory annual reporting by States Parties



Assessment of capacities through use of voluntary tools

Draft resolution for adoption of the regional action plan (EUR/RC68/Conf.Doc./5)

Urges Member States

- a) to mobilize and sustain political and financial commitments to the development and strengthening of core capacities under the IHR (2005);
- b) to strengthen or maintain national capacities;
- c) to commit to and take proactive multisectoral action in the implementation of the regional action plan;
- d) to strengthen synergies between the health system, essential public health functions and IHR implementation;
- e) to undertake systematic assessments of national capacities in order to monitor progress, identify gaps and prioritize actions.

Requests the Regional Director

- a) to provide technical support for the implementation of the regional action plan;
- b) to advocate for, engage and mobilize resources through partnerships with relevant stakeholders;
- c) to strengthen and maintain the functions and capacities of the Secretariat for event management;
- d) to facilitate the exchange of experience and best practices among States Parties;
- e) to monitor and evaluate regional progress annually to enable rapid monitoring of progress towards the establishment of the IHR (2005) core capacities in the Region;
- f) to report on progress on the implementation of the regional action plan at the 71st session of the Regional Committee in 2021.



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