

## Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR) 13 December 2022

The Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR) is a new model of multilateral partnership and collaboration to build solidarity and enhance mutual trust, cooperation, and accountability for health by bringing nations together to strengthen national capacities for health emergency preparedness, universal health coverage, and healthier populations.

The UHPR is a Member States-led intergovernmental mechanism in which countries agree to a voluntary, regular and transparent review of their comprehensive national health and preparedness capacities, elevates these to the highest levels of government, and commits to rapidly strengthen preparedness and response. The UHPR integrates available information, catalyzes interactive dialogue and pragmatic, specific actions to improve preparedness, and results in substantial and sustained increases in the attention, focus, and financing of health emergency preparedness, and response. The UHPR builds on and incorporates results of relevant assessments for health emergency preparedness.

The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated that, in addition to technical capacities, strong leadership, governance, and financing are essential. This peer review and support is part of WHO's proposals to strengthen the Global Health Architecture for Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Resilience.

The UHPR aims to result in:

- Prioritized improvements in health security, with leadership and commitment from the head of state, mobilizing a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach beyond the health sector.
- Accountability to improve access to health services to prevent, detect, and respond to emergencies, including primary health care.
- Better compliance with commitments made under the International Health Regulations and related WHA resolutions in emergency preparedness, enabling a linkage to national and global funding in order to accelerate improved country capacity for preparedness.
- Prioritized actions that require immediate attention, in line with regional and global priorities.
- Mutual learning and pooling of best practices, solutions, and innovations.

### Review

Domains for succinct review include the **Governance** of a country to prepare for and respond to a high-risk event, which includes stakeholder engagement, information systems and evidence, and policy and legal frameworks. **Finance** will be reviewed including adequacy of sustained investments to meet the goals which the country has set for itself. **Universal Health Coverage** will be assessed in terms of access to care, including areas of health that impact the mortality related to outbreaks such as access to vaccination and care, non-communicable disease management, and more, and out-of-pocket expenses. **Health Emergencies Protection** including vaccine coverage for high-risk and epidemic-prone diseases; preparedness capacities as measured by existing assessment tools; and timeliness of detection, notification, and response which measure the real-world functioning of systems, identifying systems gaps which can be benchmarked against clear targets.

### Next steps

Based on feedback from Member States, the National Action Plan for Health Security will be updated with the outputs of the UHPR and national, regional, and global entities can commit to supporting measurable progress against this plan. Lessons from the pilots will be incorporated into simplified metrics, tools and processes for the reviews, iteratively improving the practicality, simplicity, transparency, utility, and alignment with existing processes.

Pilot phase will continue throughout 2023 as Member States determine the way forward.