

Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR)

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Background

- No country was prepared for a health emergency of the scale and severity of Covid-19 pandemic
- Fragmentation in response strategies
- Insufficient international cooperation and solidarity
- Lack of platform for sharing of experiences and peer-to-peer learning between countries

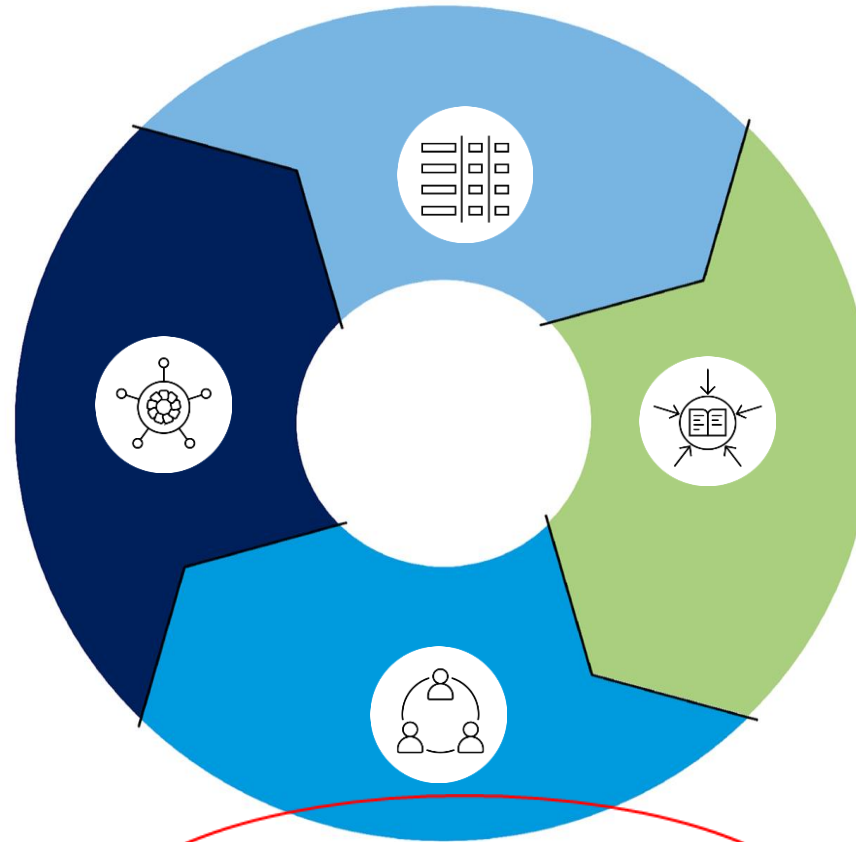
Universal Health and Preparedness Review – a game changer

- Member States-led peer review mechanism to strengthen health emergency preparedness
- Innovative intergovernmental review process that integrates available information, and engages national leadership at the highest level
- Interactive dialogue among Member States to assess capacities, identify gaps, share best practices and mobilize support
- Platform for building mutual trust, accountability and solidarity within and between countries

UHPR Process

1. Preparing for the UHPR Process

Country internal consultation



2. National Review

Multisectoral

Whole-of-society

High-level engagement

Evidence-based data (e.g. IHR MEF)

3. Global Peer Review (GPR)

High-level dialogue among MSs
under the auspices of WHO

4. National Follow-up

Based on the global peer reviews
and recommendations

Universal Health and Preparedness Review – 3 years Journey

- Nov 2020: DG announces UHPR
- WHA75, 2022: UHPR concept note noted by Member States ([A75/21](#))
- National review process piloted in 5 countries between December 2020 and May 2023 (CAR, Iraq, Portugal, Thailand, Sierra Leone)
- Upcoming country pilots in Cameroon, The Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Luxembourg, and Tanzania
- EB decision [EB154\(9\)](#) January 2024, requests the organization to continue the voluntary pilot phase and provide a report to WHA78
- Successful implementation of the Global Peer Review on 13-14 February 2024

Next steps

- Continued consultation with Member States on further development of the UHPR
- Updating relevant guidance documents on the national and global review phases, in line with Member States feedback and lessons learnt from the country pilots and GPR
- WHO to provide a report on “*lessons learned, implications, benefits, challenges, and options for the next steps*” to WHA78, in line with [EB decision EB154\(9\)](#)

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Thank you

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