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Report on financial and administrative implications for the Secretariat of resolutions proposed for adoption by the Executive Board or Health Assembly

1. Resolution Avian and pandemic influenza: developments, response and follow-up

2. Linkage to programme budget

Area of work

Epidemic alert and response

Expected result

2. Support provided to Member States for strengthening national communicable disease surveillance and response systems, including the capability for early detection, investigation of, and response to, epidemics, pandemics and emerging infectious disease threats

(Briefly indicate the linkage with expected results, indicators, targets, baseline)

The resolution is fully consistent with the expected results for the area of work and with the strategic objective in the draft medium-term strategic plan to reduce the health, social and economic burden of communicable diseases. It also supports the objectives of WHO's Global Pandemic Influenza Action Plan to Increase Vaccine supply.

3. Financial implications

- (a) Total estimated cost for implementation over the "life-cycle" of the resolution (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000, including staff and activities) US\$ 1 430 000
- (b) Estimated cost for the biennium 2006-2007 (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10 000, including staff and activities) US\$ 430 000
- (c) Of the estimated cost noted in (b), what can be subsumed under existing programmed activities? US\$ 300 000

4. Administrative implications

- (a) Implementation locales (indicate the levels of the Organization at which the work will be undertaken and identify the specific regions where relevant)
 - All levels of the Organization; national implementation specifically supported by regional and country offices, with international coordination at headquarters.
- (b) Additional staffing requirements (indicate additional required staff full-time equivalents, noting necessary skills profile)
 - No additional staffing expected at country level; the equivalent of two full-time staff with experience in virology and laboratory strengthening would be required for strengthening at regional level (75%) and global coordination (25%) for 2007–2008.
- (c) Time frames (indicate broad time frames for implementation and evaluation)
 Projects already under way in this biennium for laboratory strengthening, research coordination and facilitation of specimen shipment will be continued and accelerated during the biennium 2008–2009. Longer-term implementation will be linked to WHO's Global Pandemic Influenza Action Plan to Increase Vaccine Supply.