

Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

Report by the Director-General

1. The proposal for the proportional allocation of Partnership Contribution resources between preparedness and response (see paragraph 2 below) is made in accordance with Section 6.14.5¹ of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits (the “PIP Framework”) and is based on the advice of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Advisory Group,² which considered the following.

- (a) One of the conclusions from the recent report of the Review Committee on the Functioning of the International Health Regulations (2005) in relation to Pandemic (H1N1) 2009³ was that the world is ill-prepared for a severe pandemic.
- (b) Lessons learnt from the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 demonstrated that implementation of response measures, such as access to vaccines, would be enhanced with advance preparation.
- (c) The greatest impact can be achieved by building capacity in countries where it is lowest.
- (d) Preparedness requires long-term investment, particularly when capacity building requires training and transfer of knowledge.
- (e) Full implementation of the PIP Framework, notably through the conclusion of Standard Material Transfer Agreements 2, will provide access to the quantities of pandemic vaccines and antiviral drugs necessary to establish a response.

¹ Section 6.14.5 provides: “The Director-General will propose to the Executive Board which proportion of contributions should be used for inter-pandemic preparedness measures, and which proportion should be reserved for response activities in the event of a pandemic, based on the advice of the Advisory Group”.

² See paragraph 18 of the report of the Advisory Group, document A65/19.

³ See document A64/10.

2. In view of these considerations the Director-General proposes the following.
 - (a) In the early phases of the Framework's implementation, more of the Partnership Contribution should be used for preparedness than for response.
 - (b) Specifically, over the next five years (2012–2016) approximately 70% of contributions should be used for pandemic preparedness measures and approximately 30% should be reserved for response activities, recognizing the need and usefulness of flexibility in allocating funds.
 - (c) In order to ensure that the proportional division does not hinder necessary response measures during pandemic influenza emergencies, the Director-General should be able to modify temporarily the allocation of Partnership Contribution resources as required to respond to said emergencies. The Director-General should report on any such modification to Member States.
 - (d) The proportional division should be reviewed again in 2016.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

3. The Board is invited to consider the Director-General's proposal and the draft decision below.

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The Executive Board, having considered the proposal submitted by the Director-General on the proportional allocation of Partnership Contribution resources between preparedness and response, as required under the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework, Section 6.14.5, decides that:

- (1) In the early phases of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework's implementation, more of the Partnership Contribution should be used for preparedness than for response.
- (2) Specifically, over the next five years (2012–2016) approximately 70% of contributions should be used for pandemic preparedness measures and approximately 30% should be reserved for response activities, recognizing the need and usefulness of flexibility in allocating funds.
- (3) In order to ensure that the proportional division does not hinder necessary response measures during pandemic influenza emergencies, the Director-General should be able to modify temporarily the allocation of Partnership Contribution resources as required to respond to said emergencies. The Director-General should report on any such modification to Member States.
- (4) The proportional division should be reviewed again in 2016.

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