



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

152ND SESSION OF THE WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD

NATIONAL STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 12.2: WHO'S WORK IN EMERGENCIES

Thank you, Madam Chair,

Kenya aligns with the statement delivered by Ghana on behalf of the African Member States.

We thank the Secretariat for the report on WHO's work in emergencies, which highlights that more than 30 million people are projected to face crisis levels of food insecurity in the greater Horn of Africa, as a result of the region's worst drought in 40 years.

Kenya therefore echoes calls made by WHO during the health emergency appeal that seeks to raise 2.5 billion dollars to boost the Contingency Emergency Fund. Through the logistics Hub in Nairobi and the Africa CDC eastern regional centre, Kenya stands ready to provide any support in this regard.

In assessing Kenya's capacity from Kenya's Joint External Evaluation (JEE) process, nearly three-fourths (14 of 19) of the associated Technical Areas demonstrated indicators where there was limited capacity. Kenya is therefore implementing the national action plan for health security to address these gaps through a multisectoral approach.

Through implementation of the 'One Health' approach, Kenya has seen some more targeted successes in mitigating infectious disease transmission, including the addition of zoonotic disease reporting to the Health Ministry's integrated disease surveillance and response framework and anthrax surveillance among animals and humans.

Kenya is also implementing actions specifically focused on eliminating human rabies by 2030.

Kenya therefore looks forward to continued discussions in the INB and IHR working group towards strengthening national, regional and global capacities for emergency preparedness and response.

I thank you.