WHO Health Emergencies Update

Update on Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR)

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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

• The first Global Peer review was successfully held on 13-14 February 2024
EB decision, document EB154(9)

(1) continue developing the voluntary pilot phase of the Universal Health and Preparedness Review
   • in consultation with Member States
   • according to report A75/21 and feedback from Member States
   • without prejudice to the INB and the WGIHR processes
   • building on existing mechanisms
   • complementary to and non-duplicative of existing modalities and evaluation tools and processes used by Member States

(2) to report on lessons learned, implications, benefits, challenges, and options for the next steps through EB156 to the WHA78 in 2025
## Global Peer Review: 13–14 February at WHO, Geneva

### Background
- The UHPR Concept Note ([A75/21](#)) foresees two phases:
  1. A national review
  2. A global peer review
- The global peer review phase is a central element of the UHPR process
- Demonstrates the functioning and benefits of the UHPR
- Consultation with all MS on the draft working methods of the global peer review, 3 July 2023
- MS and Civil Society Organizations provided written comments on the national report

### The First GPR
- 3 Member States - Central African Republic, Portugal, and Thailand - were reviewed
- Cameroon, Sierra Leone, and Luxembourg contributed as peer review panelists
- 180+ participants from MS, Health Ministers, Deputy Health Ministers, Ambassadors and senior representatives (online & onsite).
- High level of MS commitment, with fruitful and transparent dialogue among MS in the spirit of global solidarity
- Highlighted the add value of the UHPR, facilitated bilateral collaboration, experience sharing, and keeping health emergency preparedness high on political agenda.
at the community level.

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Next steps

• Outcome report of the global peer review has been shared with all member states and it is available on the WHO website

• 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)
Thank you!

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https://www.who.int/emergencies/operations/universal-health---preparedness-review