Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR)

Pilot Portugal

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Country context - Portugal

- 10,344,802 inhabitants (2021)
- Two archipelagos with Political and Administrative Statute of Autonomous Region (Azores and Madeira)
- No changing borders since 1297
- Founding member of NATO in 1949
- Semi-presidential republic since 5 October 1910 and democratic country since 25 April 1974
- Universal National Health System (SNS) since Sept 1979
- EU Member-State since 1986
- Chief of State - President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa
- Head of Government - Prime Minister António Costa
- Assembly of the Republic with 230 seats

UHPR activities - Background info:
- Still facing pandemic
- No government 2021-2022 - MoH delegation to technical level
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WHO HQ
UHPR team

• A new multi-country mechanism of capacity revision within universal health coverage, preparedness, and response to emergencies framework
• Global dialogue on Preparedness
• Mapping capacities and capabilities

WHO Euro
UHPR team

• Use former experience (GHSA)
• Identify best indicators and methods to collect information
• Mapping capacities and capabilities
• Opportunities to assess COVID-19 response

Portugal
National Committee
UHPR Secretariat
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- **11 Sites visited** (Lisbon, Algarve, Porto)
- **4 Simulation Exercises** at national and local levels (100+ participants)
- **Review of the reference documents** shared by Portuguese colleagues (140+)
- **20 + High-level advocacy meetings** (H.E. the Minister of Health, Parliamentarians, Directors, etc.)
- **20 + Key informant interviews**
- **Focus group discussions** (80+ participants)
- Contributions to the Draft UHPR National Report

**Multisectoral engagement:**
- 13 ministries
- 36 public institutions
- 22 private and civil society institutions
Key highlights from the UHPR pilot in PORTUGAL

UHPR Review

- e-SPAR
- AAR
- JEE
- Any other assessment of EPHO or Health systems
- Others

Better mapping of country’s capacities and capabilities at strategic and technical level

- Health system care delivery and coverage
- Public Health
- Civil society
- Other sectors
Key highlights from the UHPR pilot in PORTUGAL

• Subnational and national contributions to global preparedness and response
• Recognize lessons from COVID-19
• Strategic vs technical complementarity
• Gaps identified in the health sector were also identified in all sectors, mainly when it comes to horizontal aspects: procedures, tools, human resources
• Engagement of the Parliament Health Group
• EU and European context
Recommendations from the UHPR pilot

• Preparation requires time and coordination
• Leading team dedicated
• Indicators to be revised from better proxy’s on Health services, P&R and Governance/finance
• Editorial and compilation of information skills required
• Report will require more justice on the editorial text to translate better the add-value
• WHO pre-done report would help
• Follow up with WHO for phase II - Peer-review: transparency and country sharing
Recommendations from the UHPR

Governance and Leadership
• Legislation (PH measures, roles and responsibilities of decision-makers, technical experts and community in emergencies)

Multi sectoral coordination
• Sustain and institutionalize key partnerships developed during pandemic response

Research & Development
• Support of health emergency preparedness

Engagement of Communities, Risk Communications
• Enhance risk communication through reliable communication network within and between organizations and with the public

Data and Information Sharing
• Real time data sharing and better data integration in all sectors
• Improve tools to make them user friendly and needs driven
• Integrate data management for routine activities

Digital Technology and Telemedicine
• Maintain and increase investment in innovation and digital technology
Recommendations from the UHPR - Priorities /Recommendations

**National Planning**

- National Health Plan 2021-2030 for UHC, healthier populations and emergency preparedness
- National emergency preparedness and response plans
- Capture, document and disseminate the best practice and lessons learnt from pandemic (IAR & AAR)
- Training, recruitment and career paths
- Integrate in the system and processes the gains made during the pandemic response
- Sustainable the budget lines for health emergency prevention and preparedness, based on lessons learned from COVID-19 pandemic
- More engagement of the parliament including through the health commission for PH emergencies preparedness and response
Thank you