



Global Action Plan for Infection Prevention and Control

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Honorable Chair, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests,

I have the honor to present the State of Kuwait's national statement on the Global Action Plan for Infection Prevention and Control

The State of Kuwait thanks the Director General for his report under agenda item 11.3

Kuwait has been steadfast in its commitment to minimizing healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and advancing patient safety, aligning with global health objectives.

Kuwait's Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) directorate supports key national initiatives such as hand hygiene campaigns and antibiotic stewardship programs, which aim to prevent the spread of infections and manage antibiotic use to avoid resistance.

Kuwait's IPC directorate spearheads various initiatives in line with WHO standards, ensuring a



robust framework for infection prevention and control. These initiatives have yielded significant achievements.

Kuwait's achievements in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), aligning with WHO standards to reduce healthcare-associated infections and enhance patient safety, include enhanced hand hygiene practices, with a 79% compliance rate in 2023, comprehensive and tailored regular training programs for healthcare workers on best practices in IPC, and annual awareness campaigns promoting health literacy regarding hand hygiene, aligning with WHO initiatives. It is worth noting that Kuwait is recognized for its minimal infection spread in intensive care units for infants and premature babies, highlighting its national recognition and leadership in this regard. Additionally, it is important to shed light on the role of dedicated health bundle champions who ensure adherence to infection control protocols across all healthcare facilities.

Kuwait's commitment to global standards is demonstrated by continuously updating and enforcing hand hygiene protocols. In line with the WHO's



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In the short term, Kuwait aims to enhance surveillance systems for rapid detection and response to HAIs, improve hand hygiene practices, and expand antibiotic stewardship programs.

In the long term, Kuwait plans to integrate IPC measures across all healthcare levels, invest in continuous training for healthcare workers, and participate in international IPC initiatives.

Kuwait's commitment to high IPC standards aligns with global health objectives, emphasizing safety and public health improvements. By addressing current challenges and setting clear goals, Kuwait safeguards its population's well-being and upholds its reputation as a leader in healthcare safety.

Thank you, Chair.

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