

The United Republic of Tanzania



WHO Work in Health Emergency

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1. **Chairperson,** The United Republic of Tanzania takes note of the report on WHO's work on health emergencies and applauds WHO for the coordinated efforts in response to these emergencies and commends the work done by the Work Group on IHR revisions work yet in progress. We would like to see to it that the negotiations are taken to the best interests of all countries. Therefore, financing should be addressed adequately.

Tanzania has continued to implement measures to strengthen its capacity to prevent, prepare, timely detect, respond and recover from health emergencies as evidenced by milestones made in the 2nd Joint External Evaluation (JEE) done 2023 to evaluate the IHR core capacities. We commend the collaboration from the WHO and other partners towards attainment of core capacities which contributed to response to the catastrophic mudslide in Hanang Tanzania and floods in Lindi and Morogoro with limited hazards.

2. **Chairperson,** Tanzania also recommends to WHO Secretariat to put critical strategies to address the observed inverse proportionality between increase in humanitarian needs, frequency, complexity of health emergencies and allocation of financial resources. To reduce future burden, Tanzania recommends to WHO Secretariat to escalate support on prevention, preparedness and response globally. In addition, we support WHO efforts on protection of health workers and patients from attacks in complex humanitarian emergencies. Furthermore, we recommend to the Secretariat to continue providing technical guidance, facilitating international partnerships, urging governments to establish and implement policies to ensure the safety and protection of health workers and patients from the attacks.

3. **Chairperson,** In conclusion, Tanzania in collaboration with WHO and other partners will continue to make efforts to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response capacity so as maintain the global health security.

4. **I thank you.**