

Consultation on Guidance for Joint External Evaluation 3rd Edition

Geneva, Switzerland, 5 – 7 July 2023

# BACKGROUND

The Joint External Evaluation is one of the four components of the IHR Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. Since 2016, one hundred eighteen (118) JEE missions have been conducted to 117 States Parties[[1]](#footnote-1).

Based on lessons learnt from COVID-19 pandemic, the Review Committee on the Functioning of the International Health Regulations (2005) during the COVID-19 Response[[2]](#footnote-2), and the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme[[3]](#footnote-3) expressed the need to adjust the IHR Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, including the assessment tools (SPAR and JEE).

In 2021, a technical working group composed of global experts, partner institutions, States Parties representatives and WHO was established to review the recommendations and update the JEE tool. The revised JEE tool (JEE 3.0) was launched in June 2022, which has 19 technical areas and 56 indicators.

Good practices are emerging from recent JEEs in regard to consensus building between the government and external experts and the important roles of WHO country offices in organizing JEE missions. These lessons and good practices should be incorporated into the updated guidance and information available for States Parties, external partners and WHO who will take part in future JEE missions.

A JEE guidance update is planned with HQ, regional colleagues, WCO colleagues and partners who have been part of the recent JEE 3.0 missions and will discuss the lessons in conducting JEE. This will be used to update the guidance and accompanying documents to reflect the evolving processes and the roles of different stakeholders for a successful JEE mission.

# OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

## General Objective:

To update the JEE guidance and accompanying documents and JEE strategy to reflect the processes and the evolving roles of different stakeholders at different phases of the JEE.

## Specific Objectives:

* To finalize the technical area relationship mapping that will guide the involvement of sectors (e.g., financing, human resources, legal instruments, etc.) in the JEE process and provide additional guidance in conducting self-evaluation, external evaluation and drafting of priority action per technical area
* To define the roles of stakeholders (JEE external experts, JEE team leads/co-leads, report writer, WHO at all levels, partners, donors), including roles post-mission and draft outlines for orientation and training
* To finalize the JEE 5-year strategy incorporating the lessons and new thinking in conducting JEE missions
* To finalize the JEE platform and roster component of the guidance

## Expected results:

* JEE processes, activities, and timeline reviewed and concrete changes outlined/visualized, including the use of JEE platform
* Roles of stakeholders defined and orientation and training outline drafted
* Revised outlines and contents of the orientation, training and relevant templates

# AGENDA

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| Day | Morning | Afternoon |
| 1 | SPAR meeting | * Welcome, Introduction, Objectives * IHR, JEE as component of IHR MEF * JEE 3.0 mission – lessons * JEE technical area heat map and data behind |
| 2 | * Finalize JEE strategy   + Review the components | * JEE 3.0 tool   + Review comments from JEE experts |
| 3 | * Review of components of implementation guides | * SPH portal JEE roster of experts * Summary and closing |

# DATES AND VENUE

* 5 - 7 July 2023, Geneva Switzerland

# PARTICIPANTS

* HSP Director
* 1 WHO staff from each of the Regional Offices and representative COs
* Technical staff from HQ
* JEE team leads, JEE report writer
* representatives from States Parties (including from SIDS/PIC/small states)
* representatives from partner organizations, e.g., CDC, RKI, WB/ADB, WOAH, FAO, IAEA, PHE
* staff from CAP
* Unit Heads HSP

# LANGUAGE

* The meeting will be held in English.

1. Thailand had two JEE missions (2017, 2022) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://www.who.int/teams/ihr/ihr-review-committees/covid-19> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://www.who.int/groups/independent-oversight-and-advisory-committee> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)