

Global Workshop on Strategic Risk Analysis and Profiling for Health Emergencies

9 - 11 May 2018, Geneva

Concept Note

Background

Since the establishment of the WHO Health Emergencies Program, Operational Readiness has been identified as a priority. Special emphasis has been given to enhancing readiness for emergency response of Member States, WHO and partners at country level as a key element of all hazards health emergency risk management.

Emergency Preparedness is the knowledge, capacities and organizational systems developed by governments, response and recovery organizations, communities and individuals to effectively anticipate, respond to, and recover from the impacts of likely, imminent, emerging, or current emergencies. The process for developing and implementing emergency preparedness follows an iterative cycle of activities which is applied using a risk management approach i.e. it is applied throughout all the phases of prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Readiness is the outcome of preparedness actions and refers to the outcome of planning, allocation of resources, training, exercising and organizing to build, sustain and improve operational capabilities based on risk assessments and focus on the highest priority risks.



Figure 1. The emergency preparedness cycle

Against this background, the proposed workshop will address a systematic approach to risk analysis and profiling to inform operational readiness. Strategic risk analysis is undertaken before an event occurs to identify and prioritise hazards by level of risk and guide risk-informed programming, actions and allocations of resources. Actions that stem from a risk analysis will catalyse actions to prevent, prepare for, and reduce the level of risk associated with high-risk hazards and their consequences on health. These actions can include the prioritisation of limited resources, in-depth capacity and vulnerability assessments, development of emergency response and contingency plans, and the implementation of preparedness and risk mitigation activities.

General Objective

Under the Strategic Framework for Emergency Preparedness, the workshop will bring together global and regional WHO staff and external experts to strengthen a common approach to leading, facilitating and supporting roll-out of systematic risk analyses.

Specific Objectives

- Review existing approaches for risk analysis and profiling
- Agree on a global approach to for the development, and use of risk profiles
- Establish a global workforce for conducting risk analysis at the country level.

Outline of the workshop

- 1. Day 1: Day 1 - Risk Analysis as part of Emergency Preparedness and Readiness and Agreeing on a Global WHO approach to Strategic Risk Analysis and Profiling**
 - a. Risk management and emergency preparedness in the context of IHR and beyond
 - b. Current approaches and priorities for Risk Analysis in WHO offices and within Member States.
 - c. Toward harmonization of methodology
- 2. Day 2: Moving from risk profile to monitoring, early warning and initiating preparedness actions to enhance readiness.**
 - a. What is next after the risk profile .
 - b. Sharing data and profiles.
 - c. Monitoring risks and establishing early warning
 - d. Driving actions and resources allocation
 - e. Discuss the roll-out of global risk analysis globally and monitoring as part of WHO's implementation of Operational Readiness.

3. Day 3: Train a Global Risk Profiling pool of facilitators.

- a. Present and discuss the approach using the STAR tool.
- b. Train staff as facilitators and establish a roster of facilitators for STAR.

Expected Results

A common understanding on the methods and expected outcomes of Risk Analysis and an initial workforce for roll-out that includes:

1. An agreed approach for Risk Analysis and Profiling across WHO Regions;
2. Standard outcomes and reporting.
3. A global pool of facilitators.

Methods

Time and place:

The workshop will take place in Geneva, Chateau de Penthes, from 9-11 May 2018 .

Participants

WHO staff and external experts will participate from all levels (HQ, Regional, Country).

Criteria for the selection of participants:

- Involved in Risk Analysis and Assessment in their professional functions.
- Have expertise and experience conducting strategic risk analyses or assessments
- Knowledge of emergency preparedness and readiness and their involvement in country planning for health emergencies.
- WHO staff, partner, and Member State participants may be nominated.

WHE team	Number	Duty Station
HQ	8	Geneva
AFRO	4 (2 regional, 2 country)	Brazzaville / Country
AMRO	4 (2 regional, 2 country)	Washington DC / Country
EMRO	4 (2 regional, 2 country)	Cairo / Country
EURO	4 (2 regional, 2 country)	Copenhagen / Country
SEARO	4 (2 regional, 2 country)	Delhi / Country
WPRO	4 (2 regional, 2 country)	Manila / Country
External	3	TBC
<i>Total</i>	<i>35</i>	

Workshop methods

- Presentations
- Group work
- Facilitated discussion

Reference documents

- Strategic Framework for Emergency Preparedness
- IHR and the IHR Monitoring and Evaluation Framework post-2016
- STAR Guide and Excel Tool
- Regional frameworks