

MAY 2021

THE IHR PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Updates from PHE's International
Health Regulations Strengthening
Project

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Welcome

This publication provides updates for the project's internal colleagues and external partners. If you have any queries or feedback, please contact Alex.Sully@phe.gov.uk



Updates from the IHR Project

“A big thanks to PHE”, conveys the Additional Director of PHL KP

The IHR Project received recognition from the Additional Director of the Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) who extended thanks for the “Tremendous Support” the PHE team has given in trying to establish and strengthen PHL in KP.

The PHL reached the landmark figure of 500,000 COVID-19 tests in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province this month.

[Read about the expansion of the KP PHL network here.](#)

Colleagues outside the KP-Public Health Reference Laboratory



Access the latest news from the IHR Project and its partners on the [News page of our online knowledge hub.](#)



Health partnerships perspectives

The Esther Alliance for Global Health Partnerships has launched a live webinar series titled Health Partnerships Perspectives. The series hosts speakers from a range of geographical and professional backgrounds to exchange expertise and knowledge on health partnerships' evidence and case studies.



Esther Alliance for Global Health Partnerships
@EstherGlobal

[#HealthPartnershipsPerspectives](#) - Evaluating Institutional [#HealthPartnerships](#)
Friday 30th April, 1pm GMT/2pm CET

Ahmed Razavi, Consultant in global public health, Africa portfolio lead, IHR Strengthening Project, Public Health England

Register: ow.ly/SEA550EtaJu

Evaluating Institutional Health Partnerships

Ahmed Razavi, Consultant in global public health and the Africa portfolio lead for the International Health Regulations Strengthening Project at Public Health England. Ahmed is a medical doctor and Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health. Ahmed has previously worked with a range of organisations including Chatham House, the WHO Collaborating Centre for Public Health Education and Training at Imperial College London, the UK Faculty of Public Health and the University of Cambridge.

Health Partnerships Perspectives
A Live Event Series

5:00 PM · Apr 27, 2021 · Hootsuite Inc.

[Click the post to view on Twitter](#)

On Friday 30 April, Ahmed Razavi, IHR Project Africa Portfolio Lead spoke at the event alongside Dr Vicki Doyle, Director of Capacity Development International and David Weakliam, Global Health Programme Director - Health Service Executive Ireland.

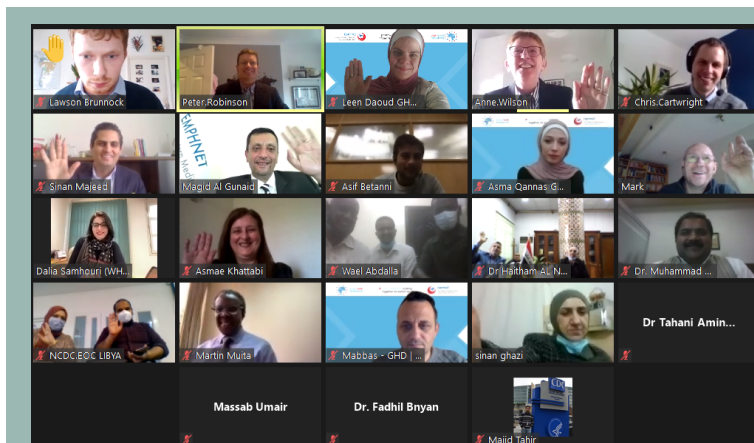
[Read the news article and access the event recording here.](#)

Case study:

Working with partners to widen the reach of the IHR Strengthening Project to additional countries

The IHR Project is working with Global Health Development|Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (GHD|EMPHNET) to explore opportunities for IHR strengthening in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

In February 2021, the IHR Project and GHD|EMPHNET jointly delivered a virtual workshop with delegations from Iraq, Libya, Pakistan and Sudan.



Screenshot taken during the multi-sectoral coordination workshop

The workshop discussed multi-sectoral coordination and facilitated the exchange of knowledge and skills from different geographical and professional backgrounds. A case study has recently been produced on this work and covers reflections, learning and achievements from the partnership so far.

[View the case study on the IHR Project Knowledge Hub.](#)

Access other case studies from the IHR Project on our Knowledge Hub.



Including:

- [Developing an online directory of emergency responders and rapid response teams for Africa CDC and AU Members](#)
- [Pakistan MSOCP Case Study; PHE call to collaborative approach in a devolved health system](#)
- [Preparedness for, and ongoing response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Nigerian Experience](#)

New resources on the IHR Project Knowledge Hub

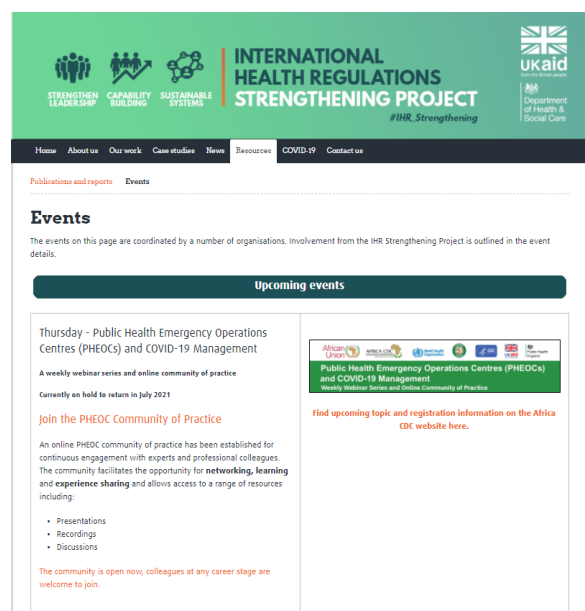
The IHR Project Knowledge Hub has a new page for resources developed by the project and its partners. The [Resources tab](#) now draws publications, reports, tools and events into one place.

Events

This month we have added an 'Events' area to the hub which hosts information on past and upcoming events for IHR capacity building. Links to event registrations, recordings and resources are displayed on the page.

New in [events](#):

- Public Health Emergency Operations Centres (PHEOCs) and COVID-19 Management and access to the PHEOC community of practice
- Webinar: Evaluating Institutional Health Partnerships - Esther Alliance
- Webinar: Global Digital AMR Surveillance - International Society for Infectious Diseases



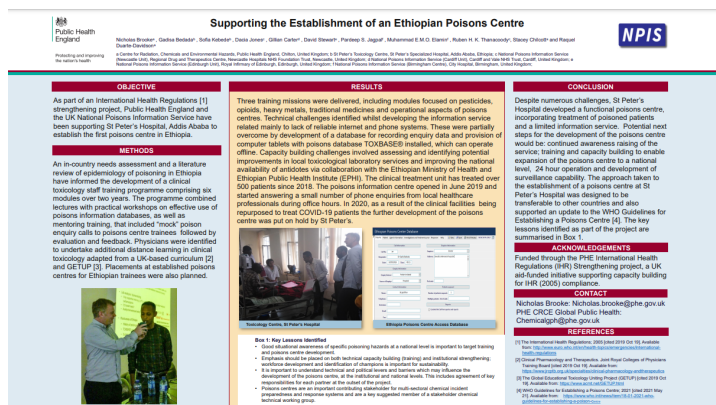
A preview of the Events page

Publications and reports

The 'Publications and reports' page now sits under the resources tab. You can access posters, reports and peer-reviewed publications from the IHR Project and its partners here.

New in [publications and reports](#):

- Poster - Promoting safe and effective use of chemical disinfectants in Myanmar during COVID-19
- Poster - Supporting establishment of an Ethiopian poisons centre



A preview of the conference poster - Supporting establishment of an Ethiopian poisons centre

Access the IHR Project Knowledge Hub:
www.gph-ihrstrengthening.org



Please contact Alex.Sully@phe.gov.uk if you have any materials or news you would like to publish on the IHR Project Knowledge Hub.

Media round up

A selection of recent appearances of the IHR Project in the media. Please click the items to view the posts.



May Wellbeing Tip - Morning walks

Check out this podcast to hear how morning walks can boost your physical and mental health:

[Just One Thing - with Michael Mosley: Early Morning Walk](#)

Or read about it [here](#).