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
A goodbye to Addis from John Forde

The IHR Project sadly bid goodbye to John Forde this month. John has been with the project since 2018.

For the past three years, John has been based in Addis Ababa as the IHR Project’s Country Lead and Senior Public Health Advisor for Ethiopia.

John reflected on his role, working with the Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI), their achievements and life in Addis Ababa.

Read the article by John Forde.

Going virtual with lab leaders!

The IHR Project’s National Infection Service and Workforce Development teams have successful adapted their laboratory leadership and management training to remote delivery.

Find out the key reflections, learnings and next steps from the facilitators.
ISO 15189 Internal Audit training for NCDC laboratory staff

This month, the IHR Project ran two 3-day workshops on ISO 15189 Internal Audit for Laboratory Staff of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC).

The trainings were accredited by the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN) as Continuous Professional Development and participants were awarded 4 credit units to be used toward acquiring licenses for medical laboratory practice.

The workshops were facilitated by Olubunmi NegeduMomoh, the IHR Project’s Technical Advisor (Laboratories) to the Director General of NCDC.

Find out more about the training on our hub.

Africa CDC launches the Kofi Annan Global Leaders Programme

On 12 April, the African Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) in partnership with the Kofi Annan Foundation, launched the Global Health Leaders Programme.

The aim of the programme is to support the next generation of aspirational public health leaders from Africa.

Read about the programme, fellows and how the IHR Project is collaborating with Africa CDC.

Workshop at the NCDC Central Public Health Laboratory (CPHL) in Yaba, Lagos
**Government progress report**

**G7 Carbis Bay progress report: advancing universal health coverage and global health through strengthening health systems, preparedness and resilience**

This report sets out how G7 countries led on improving global health and tackling epidemics and emerging threats since 2015, including in the COVID-19 pandemic. Colleagues from the IHR Strengthening Project contributed to the report and evidence from the project appears in chapter 3, highlighting the UK’s support for WHO Joint External Evaluation (JEE) processes and their use in strengthening IHR capacities.

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**Conference poster**

**A literature review of the epidemiology of poisoning in Ethiopia to support development of training materials to establish a poisons centre.**

This poster was developed under the IHR Strengthening Project and submitted to the 2020 Public Health England annual conference.

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**New resources on the IHR Project Knowledge Hub**

Access on the [Publications and reports page of our knowledge hub](#).

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**Workforce development tool: Leadership and the Four Energies**

The IHR Project’s workforce development team will be producing a tool each month on their favourite concepts, models, hints and tips for different work environments.

The first tool in the series has been produced by Jess Moll, Workforce Development Manager, and is titled ‘Leadership and the Four Energies’.

This resource introduces the concept of the ‘Four Energies’ and how to employ them in the workplace. The resource also includes short videos to demonstrate the techniques.

Please share this with your colleagues and get in touch if you have any feedback.
Upcoming IHR capacity building events

Links to further information and event registration can be found on the Events page of the IHR Project Knowledge Hub.

Tuesday 29 June 2021
15:00 BST
Infection, Prevention and Control and Outbreak Response: Moving beyond a reactive to a proactive approach

This is the second event of a UK Public Health Rapid Support Team (UK-PHRST) discussion series on outbreak preparedness and response. The series aims to encourage reflection and shared learning, as well as creative discourse.

Tuesday 6 July 2021
15:00 BST
Tackling harmful chemicals in the healthcare sector

Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) Europe is hosting an online event to enhance the health sector engagement in the process defining the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) beyond 2020.

Online course
Free - complete at own pace
Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance

The Fleming Fund and the Open University are offering 19 freely available modules on their Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance course.

The aim of the course is to help you to identify, develop and apply skills and knowledge relevant to your role as an AMR professional in order to change and improve your working practice and the practice of people with whom you work.

Please contact Alex.Sully@phe.gov.uk if you have any materials, news or events 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.

Inspiring women in leadership: Ebere Okereke

Francesca Robinson from the British Medical Journal interviewed Dr Ebere Okereke, Consultant in Global Public Health, on her passion in promoting women in leadership. She talks about being a successful woman of colour and helping others to grow professionally through mentorships.

Access the article here.

June Wellbeing Tip - Yoga

The International Day of Yoga, on the 21st of June, highlighted the many benefits of yoga on mental and physical wellbeing, especially during the current pandemic. Many people have taken up yoga for increased fitness, mindfulness and relaxation - why not try it out!

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