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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

Dr Osman Dar appointed to the One Health High Level Expert Panel

Earlier this year, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO) put out a joint call for One Health practitioners to establish a global One Health High Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP).

The IHR Project's Consultant in One Health, Osman Dar is one of 26 experts appointed to the advisory panel.

[Read about the role of the OHHLEP panel and Osman's appointment.](#)



Osman Dar and colleagues at the Africa CDC headquarters in March 2021.

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



Ebelechukwu and the IHR Project's Nigeria-based team

IHR Project team profile - Nigeria

Ebelechukwu, IHR Strengthening Project Support Officer, plays a key role within the project and the work that we do in Nigeria.

Ebelechukwu works closely with the project's Nigeria based team which includes a Senior Public Health Advisor, Senior Health Advisor (WAHO/RCC), Technical Advisor (Surveillance and Epidemiology) and two Technical Advisors to the Director General of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control on Organisational Development and the National Reference Laboratory.

[Meet Ebelechukwu and find out about her role within the IHR Project.](#)

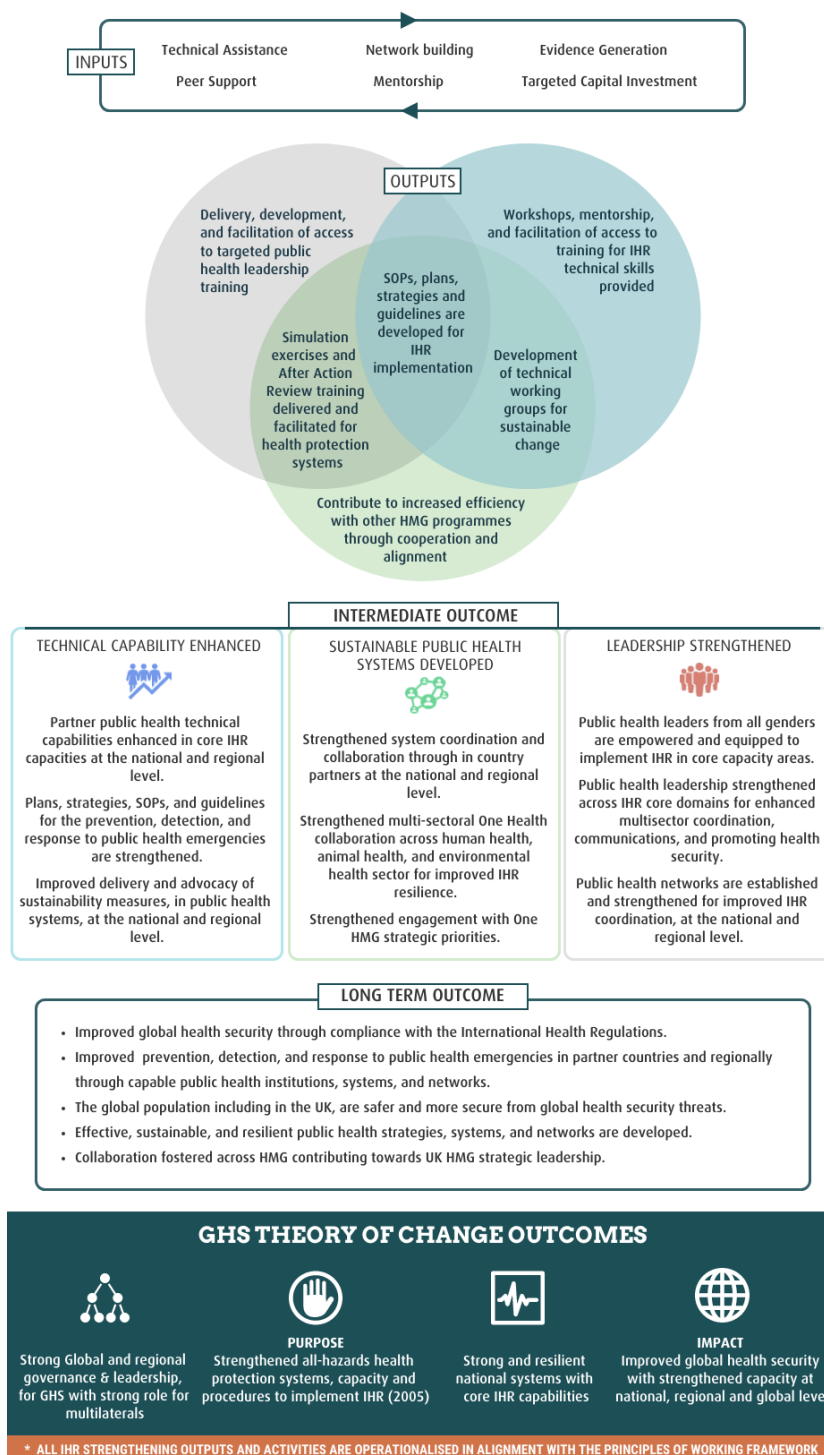
The IHR Project Theory of Change Model

The project's Theory of Change model has been published on the 'Our work' page of our online knowledge hub.

The model demonstrates how the IHR Project's activities and outputs contribute to desired outcomes and bring longer-term, sustainable impact.

The project is premised on working in partnership to support countries to improve compliance with the IHR through contributing to the development of strong national public health systems capable of preventing, preparing for, detecting, and responding to a wide range of public health threats. An efficient and coordinated public health system is essential to retain and continually develop a skilled public health workforce and inspirational public health system.

[To view the model in detail,](#)
[access the 'Our work' page of our](#)
[knowledge hub.](#)



Access more information on the IHR Project from the [About us](#) and [Our work](#) pages of our knowledge hub.

New resources on the IHR Project Knowledge Hub

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

Workforce development tool: One Minute Management

The July 'tool of the month' from the IHR Project's Workforce Development Team introduces the topic of 'One Minute Management'.

One Minute Management is the concept that active management and short, clear conversations can lead to efficient, constructive relationships at work. One Minute Management comes from behavioural science and suggests how leaders can bring out the best in other people.

IHR Strengthening Project Workforce Development



One Minute Management

It can be challenging being a leader. There are many expectations upon us and most of us haven't had a great deal of training to be able to step up from managing routine activity. I like to refer to Leadership practice – it's something that we build with experience and we develop our own professional style. By sharing ideas, concepts and practical experience we hope to provide food for thought and allow colleagues to adopt into their practice.

There are four pages in this document.

None of us have enough time. Many of us struggle to delegate and empower other people. Blanchard and Johnson address these issues really helpfully in their book "One Minute Manager"¹.

This is a concept that active management and short, clear conversations can lead to efficient, constructive relationships at work.

Preview of the July workforce development tool,
available on the knowledge hub


Please share this with your colleagues and get in touch if you have any feedback.

Peer reviewed publication

Evaluating implementation of International Health Regulations core capacities: using the Electronic States Parties Self-Assessment Annual Reporting Tool (e-SPAR) to monitor progress with Joint External Evaluation indicators

As part of the PHE IHR Strengthening Projects remit to build the evidence base for effective health systems strengthening, this paper investigates how SPAR and JEE indicators correlate to inform progress on IHR compliance and explores gaps in coverage. The authors mapped JEE indicators to SPAR indicators and found a high level of correlation suggesting the SPAR process offers a method for countries and technical assistance programmes to monitor progress and identify gaps in between JEE visits. The ongoing IHR Monitoring and Evaluation Framework review process offers an opportunity to enhance alignment and the authors suggest opportunities for this.

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](#).

Thursday 5 August 2021

14:00 BST (16:00 EAT)

Public Health Grand Rounds: A new public health order in the 21st Century

COVID-19: What have we learned?



The poster for the Public Health Grand Rounds event features the African Union and Africa CDC logos at the top. The title 'PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS' is in large red letters, with the theme 'A New Public Health Order in the 21st Century' below it. It lists four speakers: Professor Salim Abdool Karim, Mr Itondo Kakoma, Dr Magda Robalo Correia e Silva, and Dr Asmaa Khattabi. Below the speakers are three topics: 'HIV and Covid-19: When 2 pandemics collide', 'The importance of law in reducing community risks in Public Health Emergencies', and 'COVID-19 and public health policy and governance'. The main title 'COVID-19: What have we learned?' is in green and red. It is organized by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. At the bottom, it provides a Zoom link and registration details.

African Union **AFRICA CDC**
Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Empowering Africa's Health

PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS
Theme: **A New Public Health Order in the 21st Century**
Lecture and Discussion Series 2021: COVID-19
5 August 2021

Professor Salim Abdool Karim
Director, Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA)

Mr Itondo Kakoma
Permanent Representative to the African Union, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

Dr Magda Robalo Correia e Silva
High Commissioner for COVID-19 Response in Guinea-Bissau

Dr Asmaa Khattabi
Kofi Annan Global Public Health Leadership Fellow and Associate Professor, National School of Public Health, Morocco

HIV and Covid-19: When 2 pandemics collide

The importance of law in reducing community risks in Public Health Emergencies

COVID-19 and public health policy and governance

COVID-19: What have we learned?
Ending the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigating its impact can be a reality where there is a collective effort to use evidence-informed and effective interventions.

The scale and magnitude of human, financial and technological investment in the management of the pandemic creates successes but also highlights weaknesses in our systems to address the needs of the marginalised and vulnerable persons. The pandemic highlights the scales of inequalities and the challenges that continue to persist and undermine momentum, putting at risk the progress made with health and economic development during the past decade, with tragic implications for people's lives, economies, health security, and sustainable development.

Organized by:
Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
Under the patronage of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
When: Aug 5, 2021 04:00 PM Nairobi
Topic: PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS
Register in advance for this webinar:
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register?wn=523545502&pwd=8111F5pA>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The Africa CDC's successful Public Health Grand Rounds lecture series is supported by the IHR Project and is restarting next month.

The webinar on 5 August 2021 will hear from four panel members reflecting on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

Fleming Fund
Online
Learning

Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance
Courses



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.



July Wellbeing Tip #1: Get Active!

Did you know 20-30 minutes of physical activity is recommended everyday? Regular exercise is important for both mind and body and improving energy levels and sleep. Some of the ways to include exercise in your daily routine include going on a lunchtime run, skipping, online aerobic videos or even an activity such as gardening!

July Wellbeing Tip #2:

Look after your mental health. This is especially important in the current pandemic, here is a link to a PHE Podcast on Mental Health...

[Access on Spotify](#)

[Access on Google Podcast](#)

