THE IHR PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Updates from UKHSA'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, feedback or contributions please contact: IHR.Programme@ukhsa.gov.uk

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The IHR Strengthening Project Hosts Side Event at the Conference for Public Health in Africa (CPHiA) 2022

In December, a number of the IHR Strengthening Project team attended the 2nd International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA) in Kigali, hosted by the African Union and Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) in partnership with the Government of Rwanda.

The IHR Strengthening project, in collaboration with Africa CDC, was privileged to organise an official side event at the conference, on "Strengthening and Developing Mentorship for Public Health Workforce in Africa". The event explored what good mentorship looks like, how to grow from mentee to mentor, and other pertinent issues to help develop and expand public health mentoring in Africa. The sessions aimed to initiate, establish and encourage dialogue on mentoring for the public health workforce in Africa, and create a database and a functional network of public health mentors for Africa.

"The creation of a mentoring network for Africa will enable linking mentor-mentee to scale and at a high quality to transform the public health workforce practice on the continent."

Martin Muita IHR Strengthening Project Lead for Africa CDC





The conference was an excellent opportunity for the IHR Strengthening Project team to network with public health colleagues and learn more about the great work being taken forward in Global Health across the continent.

<u>Read the full article on</u> <u>the hub</u>

Updates from the IHR Project

One Health National Bridging Workshop in Zambia

The IHR Strengthening Project One Health team travelled to Zambia to facilitate the One Health National Bridging Workshop. National bridging workshops (NBW) provide a formal consultation and structured exercise bringing together national and sub-national stakeholders across Ministries of Health, Agriculture, Livestock, Environment and Wildlife and other relevant sectors to improve cross-sectoral coordination and collaboration in the pursuit of improved national health security and One Health.

The workshop, which was organised by WHO in collaboration with World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), UKHSA and Capacitating One Health in Eastern and Southern Africa (COHESA) was successfully carried out with a number of key technical areas prioritised and specific activities identified to support improved coordination and collaboration. The roadmap is aligned with the national One Health Strategy and will be implemented within the context of the National Action Planning for Health Security (NAPHS) once the report has been finalised. **Read the full article on the hub**



Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission Validation Workshop in Cote D'Ivoire

Dilys Morgan, Consultant in Global Public Health, attended the ECOWAS Commission Validation workshop for the ECOWAS Regional One Health (OH) strategy and OH Coordination governance mechanisms.

The workshop was aimed at fostering networking and trust-building between the human, animal, and environmental health sectors across the ECOWAS region. The workshop brought together OH stakeholders from ECOWAS Member States and institutions, international partners and non-state actors to consult on progress made in operationalising the Regional OH Governance Manual and the development of a regional OH strategy.

The event provided an excellent opportunity to meet with colleagues and key contacts from our partners from West African countries, as well as highlighting the work and impact of UKHSA in the region.



Read the full article on the hub

Updates from the IHR Project

Regional Knowledge Hub Workshop in Ethiopia

Members of UKHSA's IHR Strengthening team alongside colleagues from Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) held a planning and development workshop in Ethiopia during October 2022 to support the establishment of the Regional Knowledge Hub (K-Hub).

Africa CDC is mandated to strengthen Africa's public health institutions' capacities and capabilities to detect and respond quickly and effectively to disease threats and outbreaks. Working through the network of its Regional Coordinating Centres (RCCs), one of the priorities for Africa CDC is the management of regional knowledge. To this end, a Regional Knowledge Hub (K-Hub) was conceived as a unique resource to serve as an interactive and useable "one stop shop" for all public health critical information and knowledge on the African Continent. This is more than just a repository with the aim being to create a community of interest supported by a central online platform. The K-Hub will facilitate and enhance regional collaboration and coordination by ensuring availability of key public health resources. To support the development of the K-Hub, a two-day residential workshop was held at Kiruftu Resort in Debrezeit, Ethiopia.

A total of 20 participants attended the workshop. Participants were drawn from all the directorates of Africa CDC, including the Southern and Eastern RCCs. The workshop was designed to include a range of interactive activities such as World Café, Mentimeter, group discussions, and use of Padlets to ensure maximum participation and engagement of participants.

"Without good information we can't make good public health decisions. The potential impact of the Knowledge Hub is significant for the ambition of Africa CDC"



At the end of the workshop the participants agreed that it had been a useful 2 days that generated valuable outputs. Dr Justin Maeda confirmed that the outputs from the workshop would be fed back to Africa CDC management as an Executive Summary containing the high-level outcomes and that the Regional K-Hub work will also feed into the Technical Advisory Committee.

Following the workshop, a roadmap for implementation will be further developed and a pilot of the Regional K-Hub will be undertaken. Further to this additional stakeholder workshops will be organised to inform further development of the Regional K-Hub. The UKHSA is supporting this critical Africa CDC work stream with key personnel through its IHR Strengthening project.

Read the full article on the hub

Monthly Media Round Up

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

UK Health Security Agency 🤣 @UKHSA · Dec 14, 2022 Ø Offi Replying to @UKHSA Mentoring is a crucial part of leadership & development. This week the

PKofiAnnanFdn for an official side event at @CPHIA_AfricaCDC on Strengthening and Expanding Mentoring for Public Health Practitioners in



UK Health Security Agency 🤣 @UKHSA - Dec 14, 2022

rom @FPH, @AfricaCDC, @KofiAnnanFdn & @instituteGC the development & expansion of public health mentoring in Africa provide a starting point for creating a database and functional of public health mentors for Africa.



@faith Nfii @faith nfi

I was honored to moderate a session on strengthening and developing mentoring for public health workforce in Africa on the margins of #CPHIA2022 in partnership with @UKHSA @AfricaCDC @laktarr001 @DrEmeruemJnr #HealthWorkforceDevelopment #NewPublicHealthOrder



Bunmi Negedu-momoh @bumyn15 -2)

Last week. I participated in the #WAHO Metrology and equipment maintenance stakeholders networking workshop for the ECOWAS region in Dakar. Good collaboration @OoasWaho @UKHSA #IHR_Strengthening project @NCDCgov #proalab #GFA #foundation



9:08 PM - Dec 4, 2022

Sola Aruna @solaruna

Glad that @UKHSA #IHR Strength ning Proiect is able to support @NCDCgov laboratories in this importar journey of strengthening their quality management systems.#StrongerTogether #UpwardsandOnwards @bumyn15 @DrSamColl

NCDC 🕏 @NCDCgov · Dec 7, 2022 Last week, our Central Public Health Laboratory team concluded the annual review meeting of their 2022 extivities, supported by the @UKHSA #IHR_Strengthening project.



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Bunmi Negedu-momoh @bumvn15

UKinNigeria #IHR Strengthening project happy to pport our @NCDCgov lab team to ensure #QMS and lab accreditation.

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This aimed to evaluate the lab management system implement



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Izukanji Sikazwe @Sikazwe7u~~

Creating a partnership to set up a network of mentors in public health for Africa. Great session and thank you for asking me to be part of it.

Ellie Fairfoot @fairfoot.allie - Dao 12, 2022 Dr Tinueh Bays, BUKHSA BHR, Strangthening project, chairs a panel with WickfinnansFor Loose Public Heath Leadership Programma fellows past and present - Dr Inas Abdelwahed, Dr Christie Tirvods, Dr @elkazvezuzu and Dr Isaak Sonde - on their mentoring experiences @CPHIA2022



January Wellbeing

7 tips to keep your New Year's resolution (ucdavis.edu)

Dr Fatumo Abdi
 @Fatumo Abdi

Such an honour to present with Dr Victor Joseph @DrEmeruemJnr @dralexcoutinho & colleagues at #CPIA in #Kigali, Rwanda at a superb session on creating networks to strengthen the Public Health workforce across Africa #UKHSA #fph @WHOAFRO @AfricaCDC @drbloo



Relie Fairfoot @fairfoot_ellie - Dec 12, 202

nazing presentation by Dr Victor Joseph and Dr Fatumo Abdi Abdillahi from @FPH on their work in framing and institutionalising public health mentoring across Africa and exemplifying what good mentoring can look like

@CPHIA_AfricaCDC #CHPIA2022 #IHR_Strengthening



Proud to have supported this event. Looking forward to doing the same for @NCDCgov #CPHL

#StrongerTogether @bumyn15 NCDC @ @NCDCgov - Nov 30, 2022

Last week, our #NationalReferenceLaboratory held a management revie meeting for the year 2022, supported by @UKHSA.

Sola Aruna

This aimed to evaluate the lab quality management system to determine its continuing suitability, adequacy, effectiveness and its support for patient care.



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Dr. Hibo Asad

This week, as part of #UKPHRST, we collaborated with @NCDCgov, #IHR_Strengthening project & @WHONigeria to deliver a 6 day R course to strengthen the data surveillance analytics capacity and improve the efficiency of data management & analysis processes, #Rtraining @UKHSA @LSHTM



11-02 PM - Dec 3, 2022