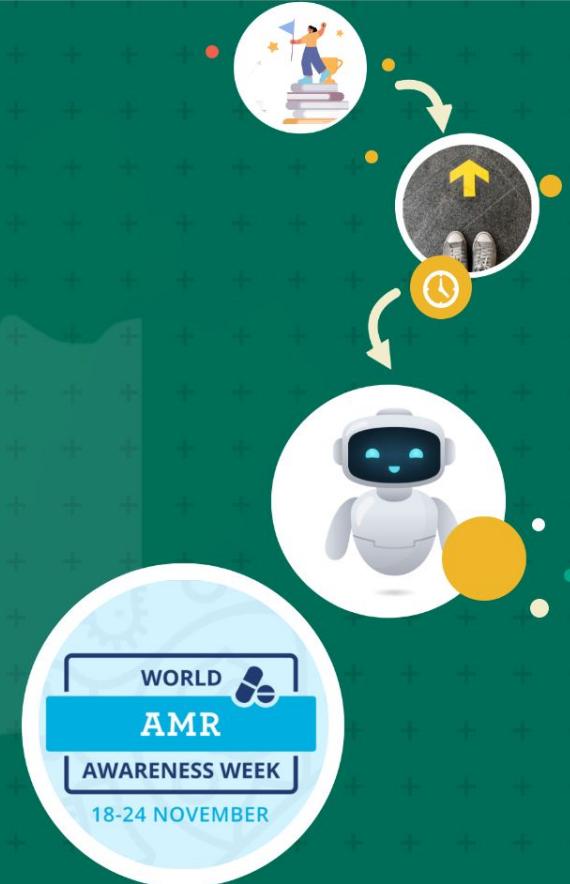


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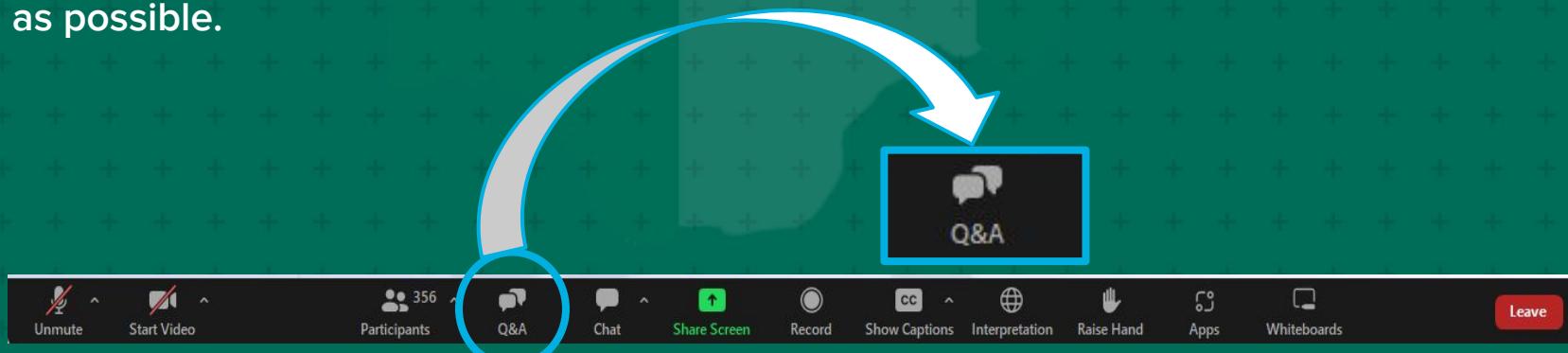
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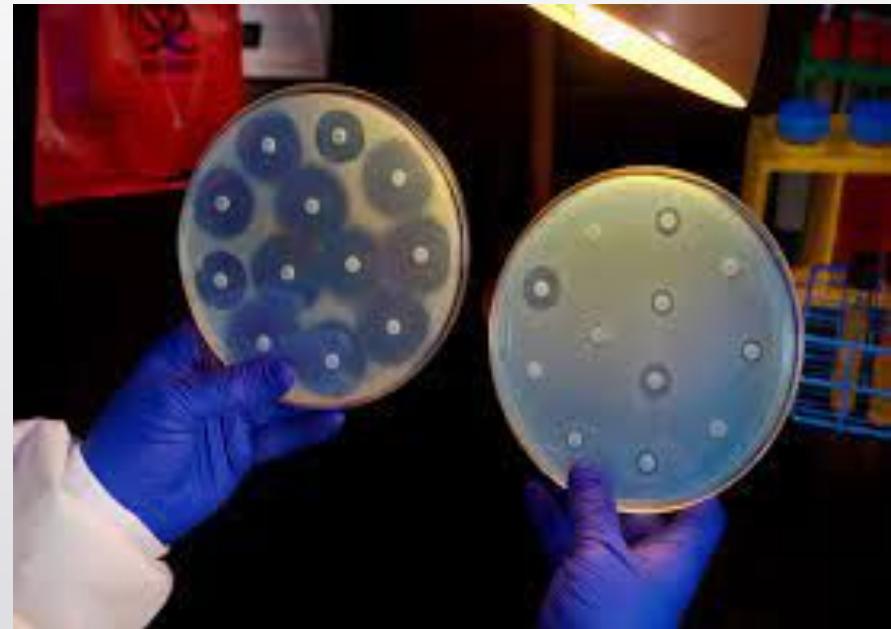
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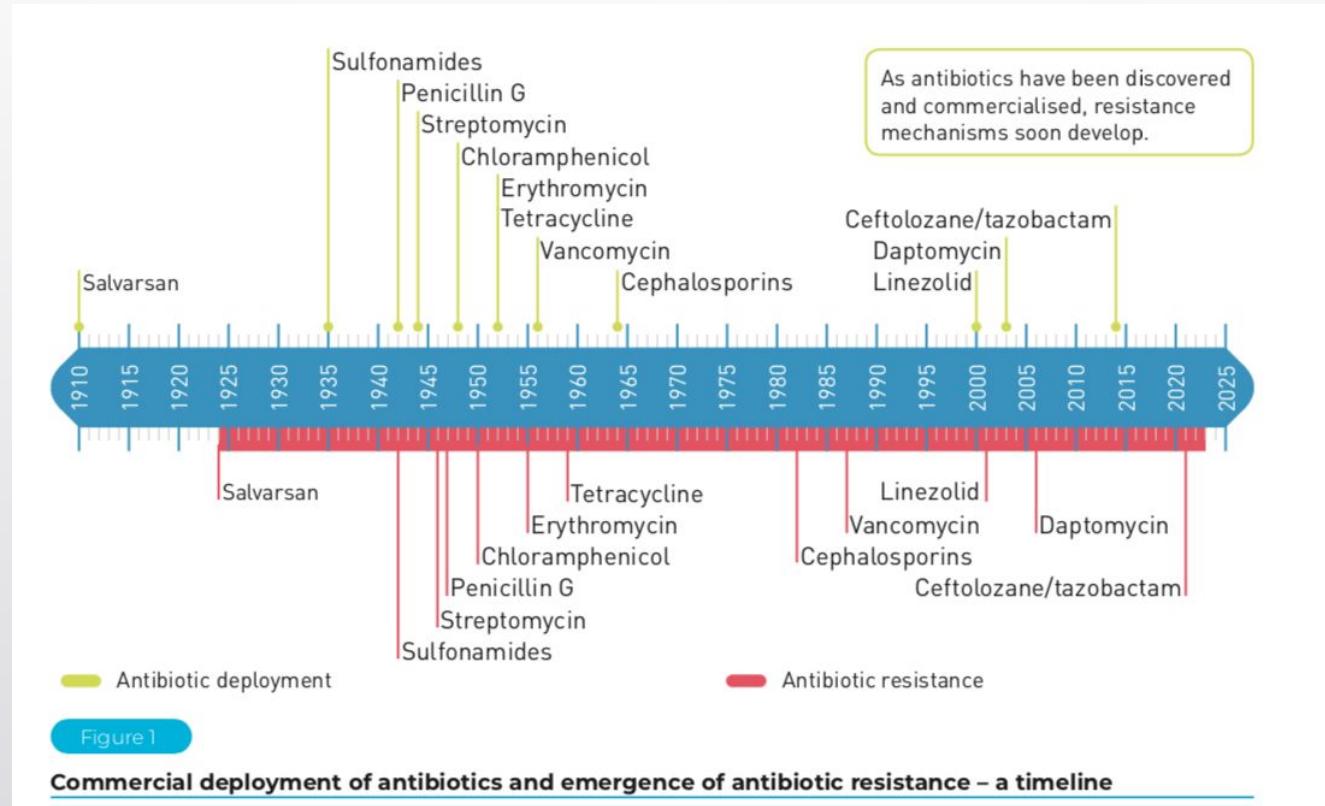
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- One Health Approach
- Key Intervention Strategies
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Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

- Ability of bugs to withstand the action of antimicrobial agents
- Renders antibiotics ineffective
- Often develop rapidly following the introduction of the drug



Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)



Antimicrobial Agents

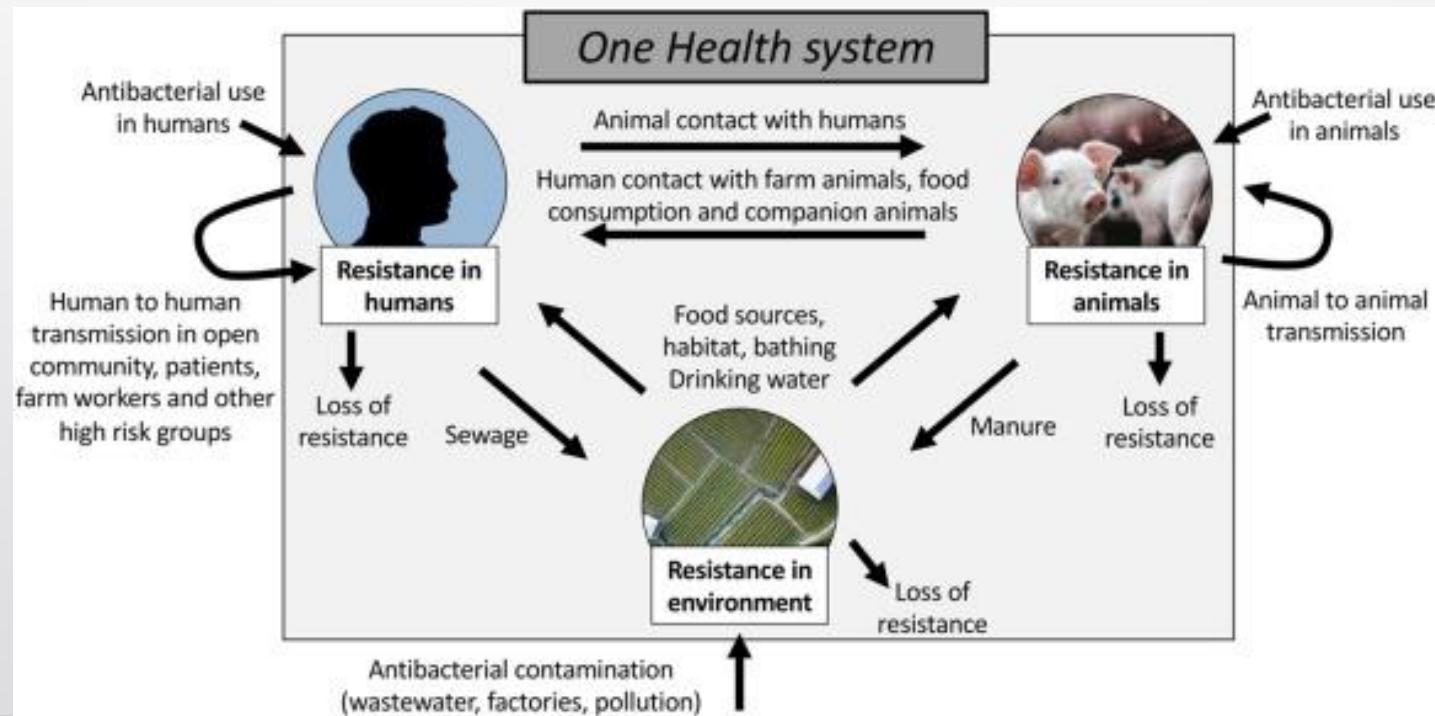
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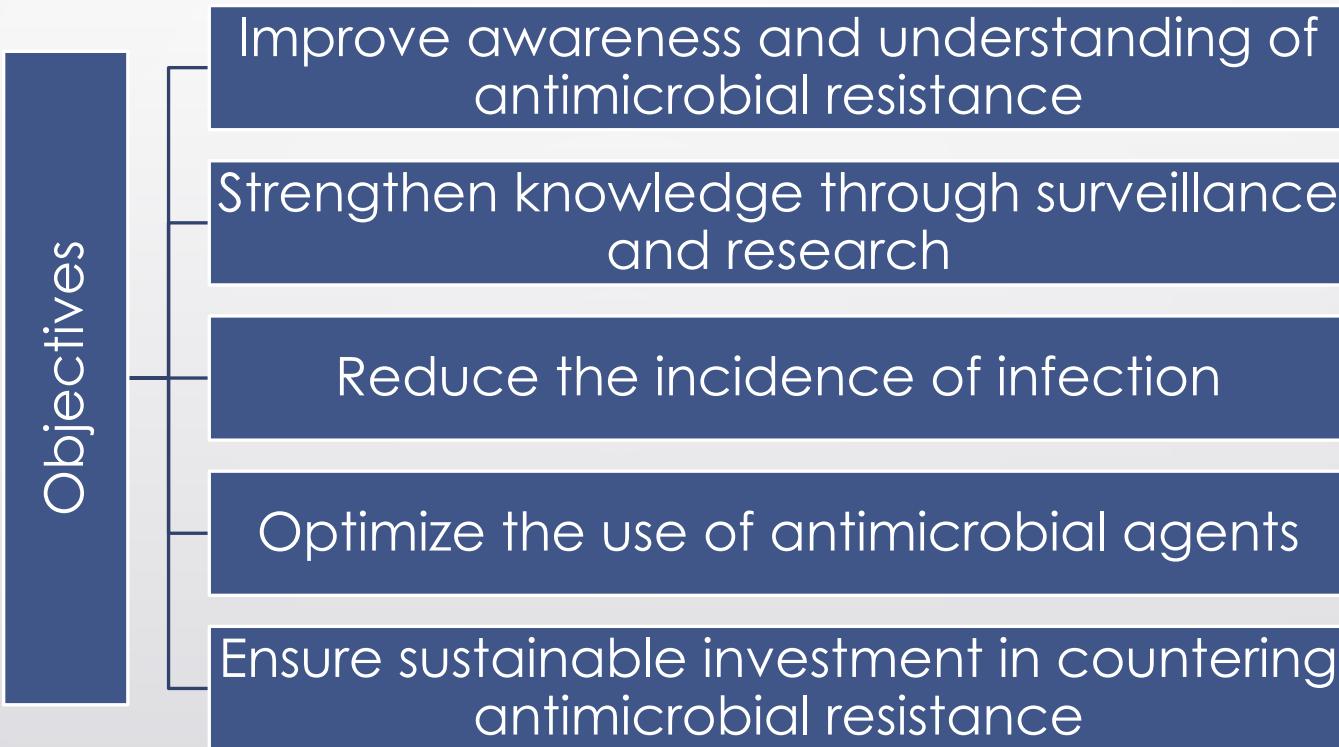




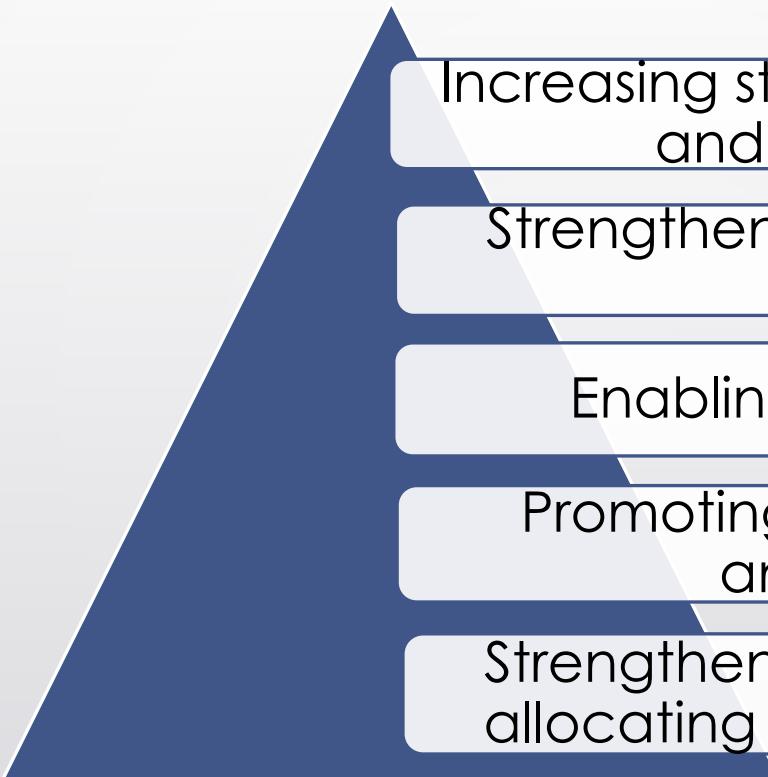
Key Intervention Strategies



WHO Global Action Plan



FAO Action Plan on AMR



Increasing stakeholder awareness and engagement

Strengthening surveillance and research

Enabling good practices

Promoting responsible use of antimicrobials

Strengthening governance and allocating resources sustainably

WOAH Strategy on AMR



Improve awareness and understanding



Strengthen knowledge through surveillance and research



Support good governance and capacity building



Encourage implementation of international standards

Specific Examples of Interventions

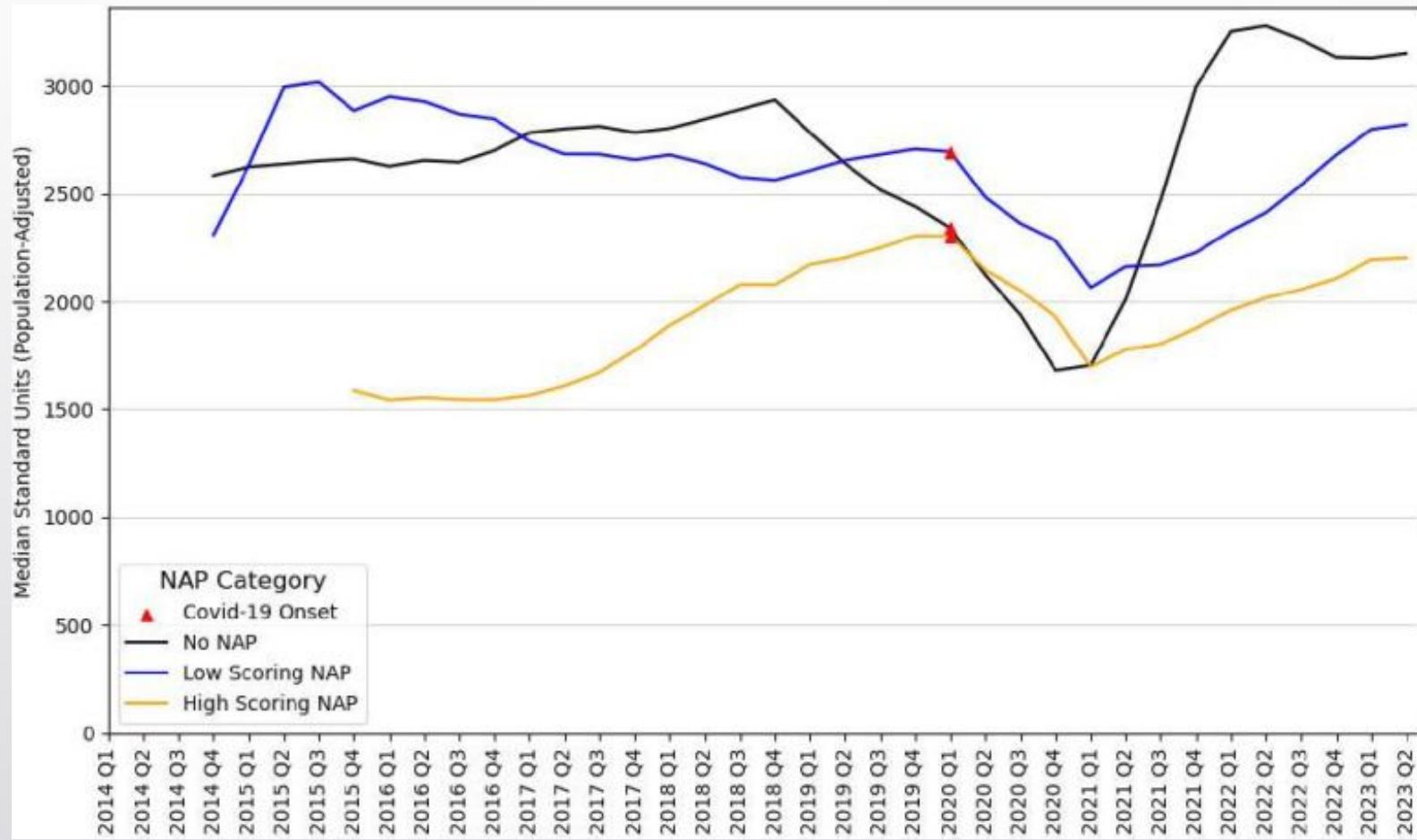
- Conduct training sessions
- Hand hygiene programme
- Controlling antibiotic prescriptions
- Integrating surveillance systems
- Raise public awareness
- Improve waste management

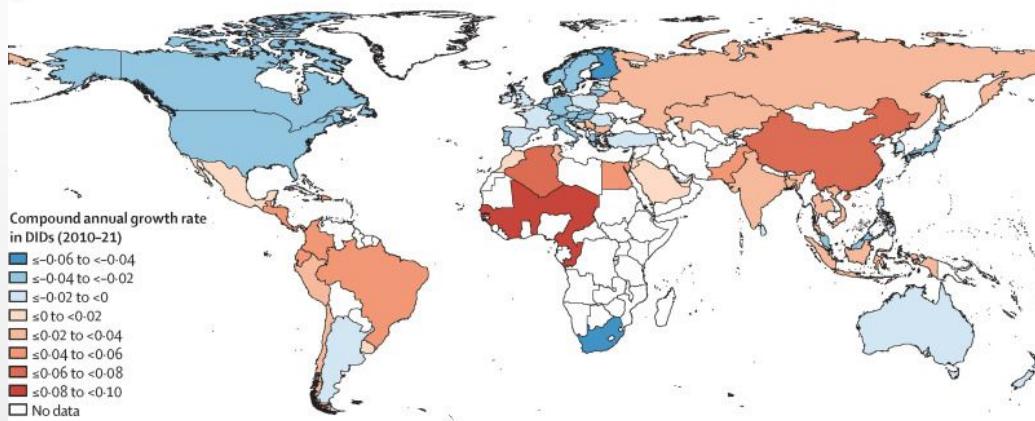
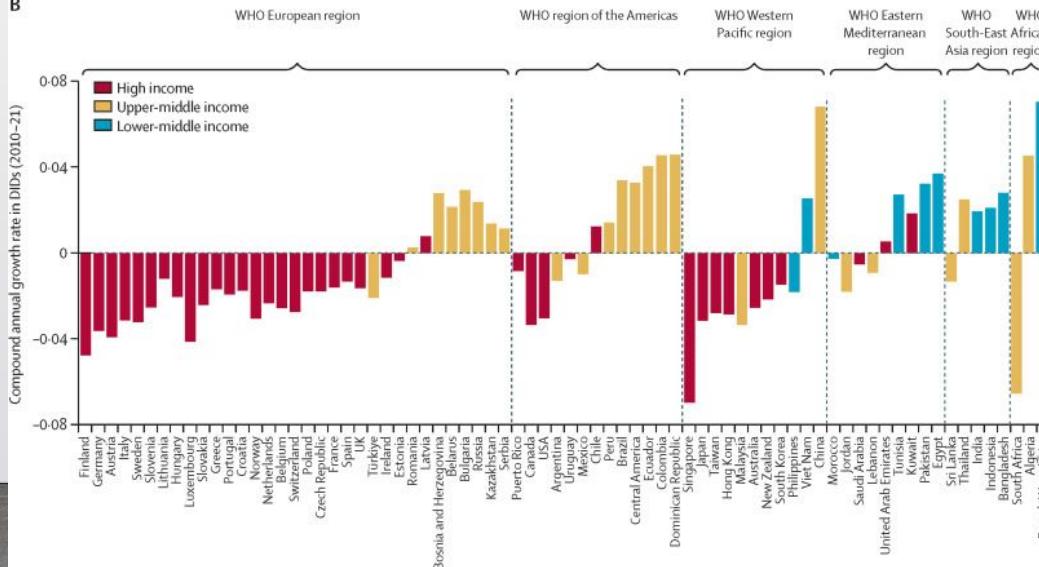
Possible Positive Outcomes

- Better Stewardship
- Improved IPC
- Reduction in antibiotic consumption
- Improved surveillance systems
- Reduced resistance rates



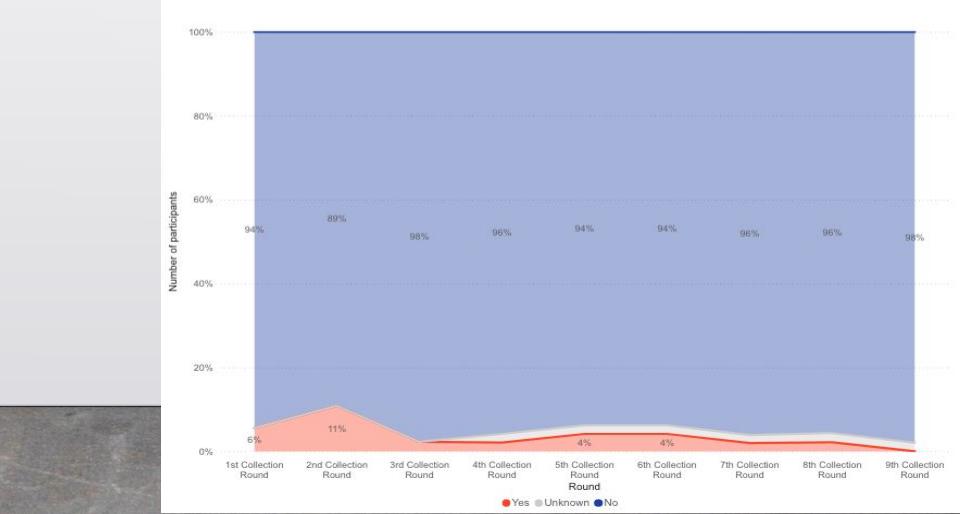
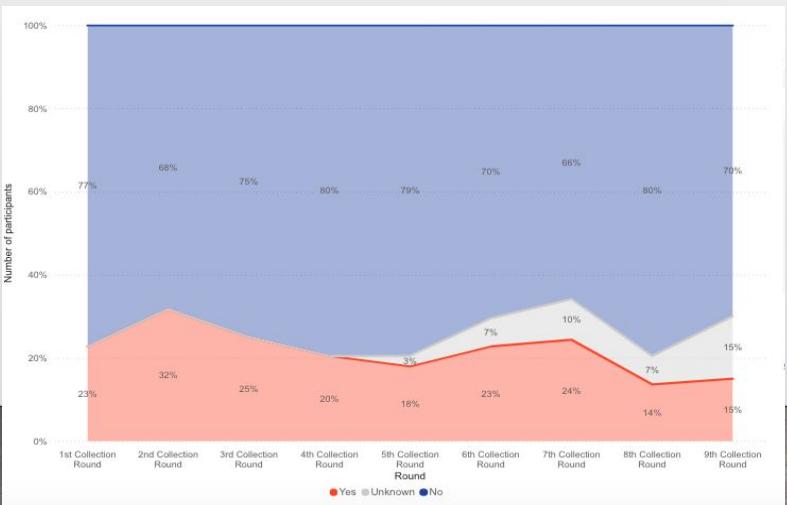
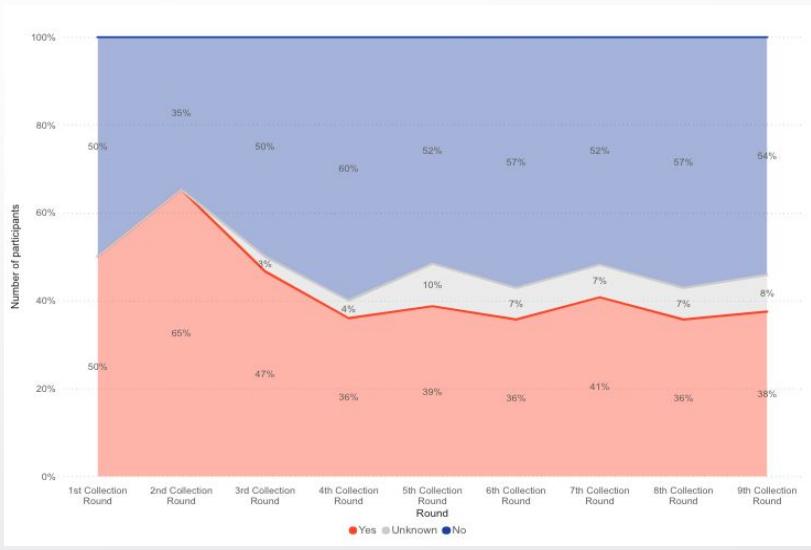
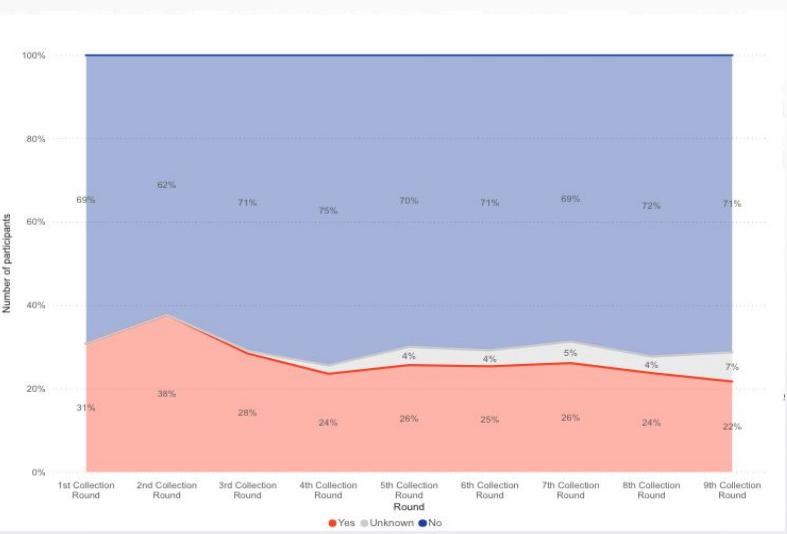
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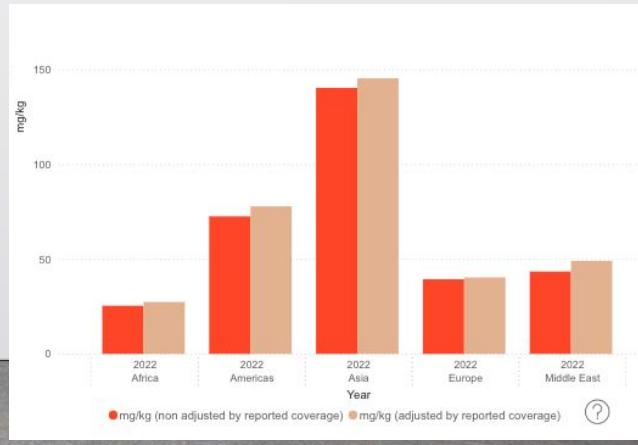
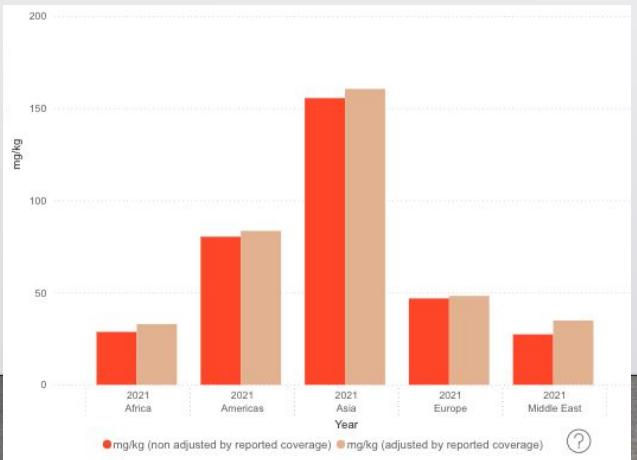
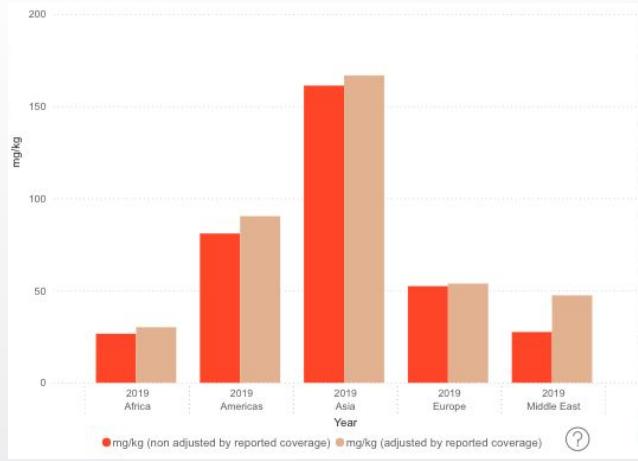
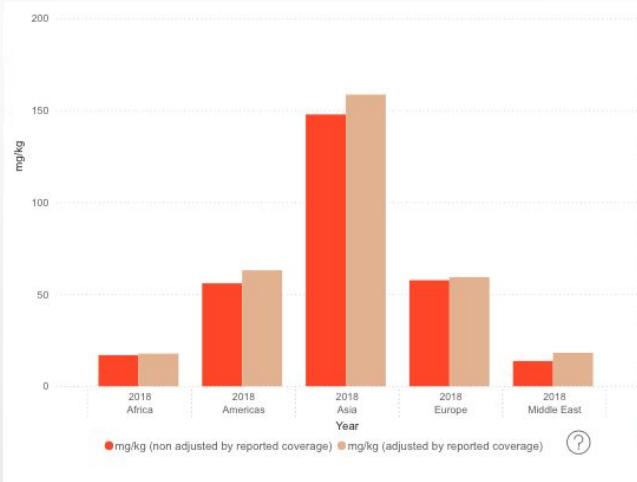


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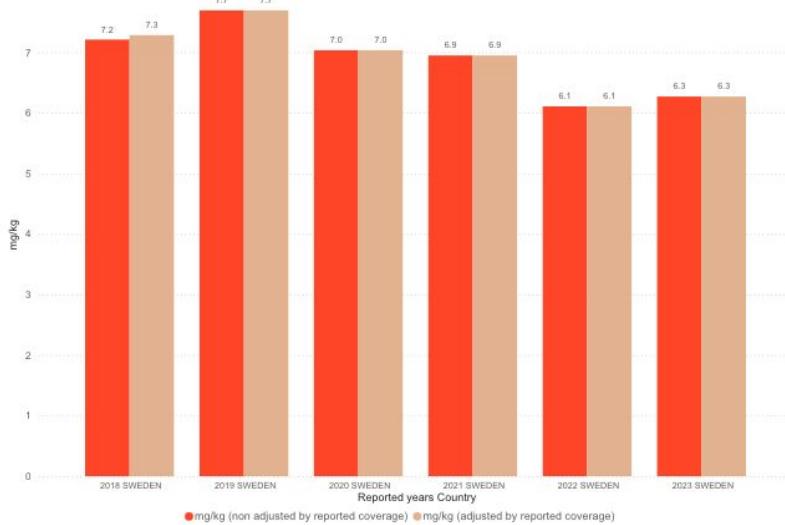
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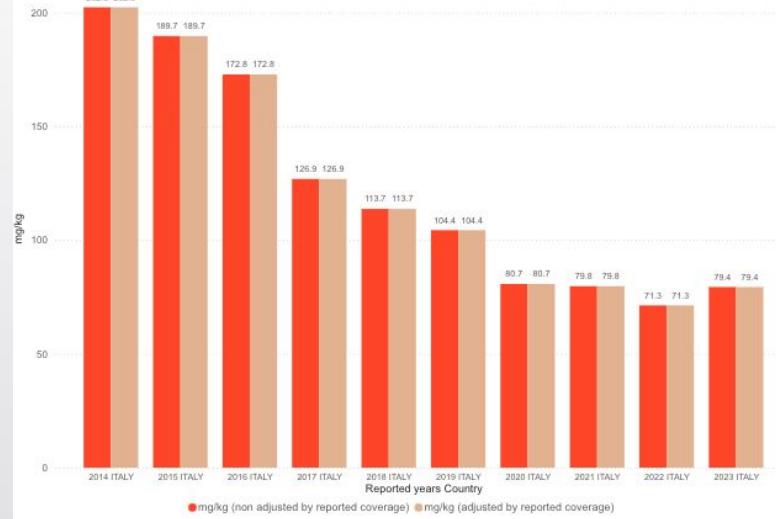




Country Data - mg/kg



Country Data - mg/kg



AMR Success Stories

The Story of Sweden

The Gains

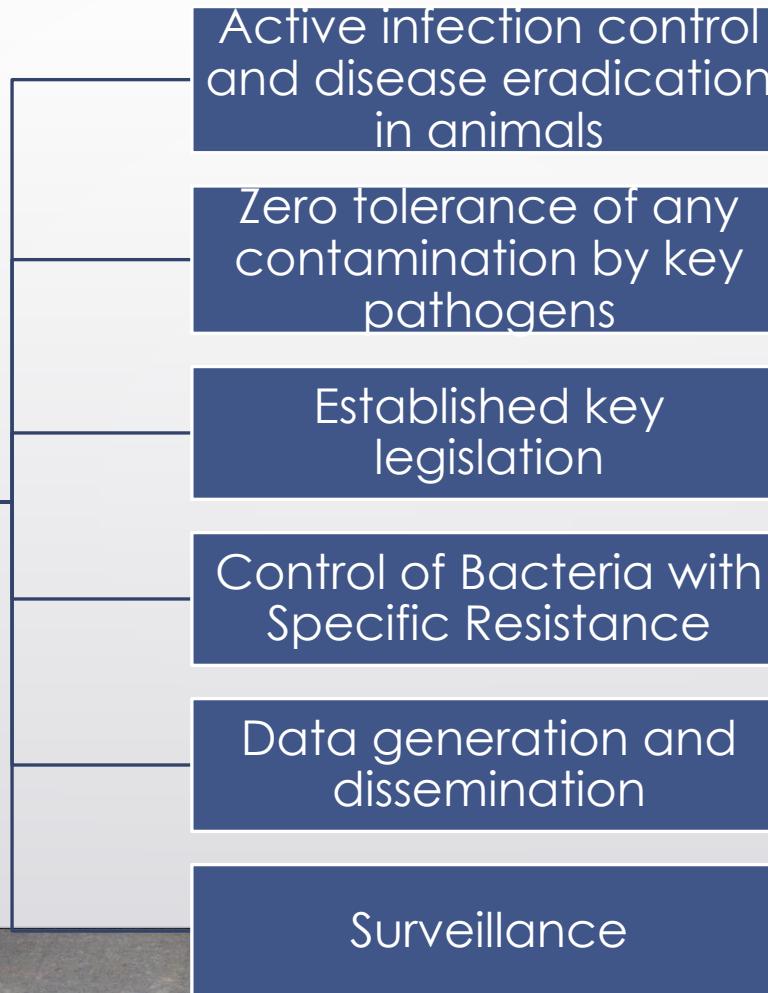


Antibiotic Growth Promoters banned

Restriction on use of key human antibiotics

Reduction in occurrence of PRSA (10% to 1%)

The Process



Reduction of Veterinary Antimicrobial Use in Germany

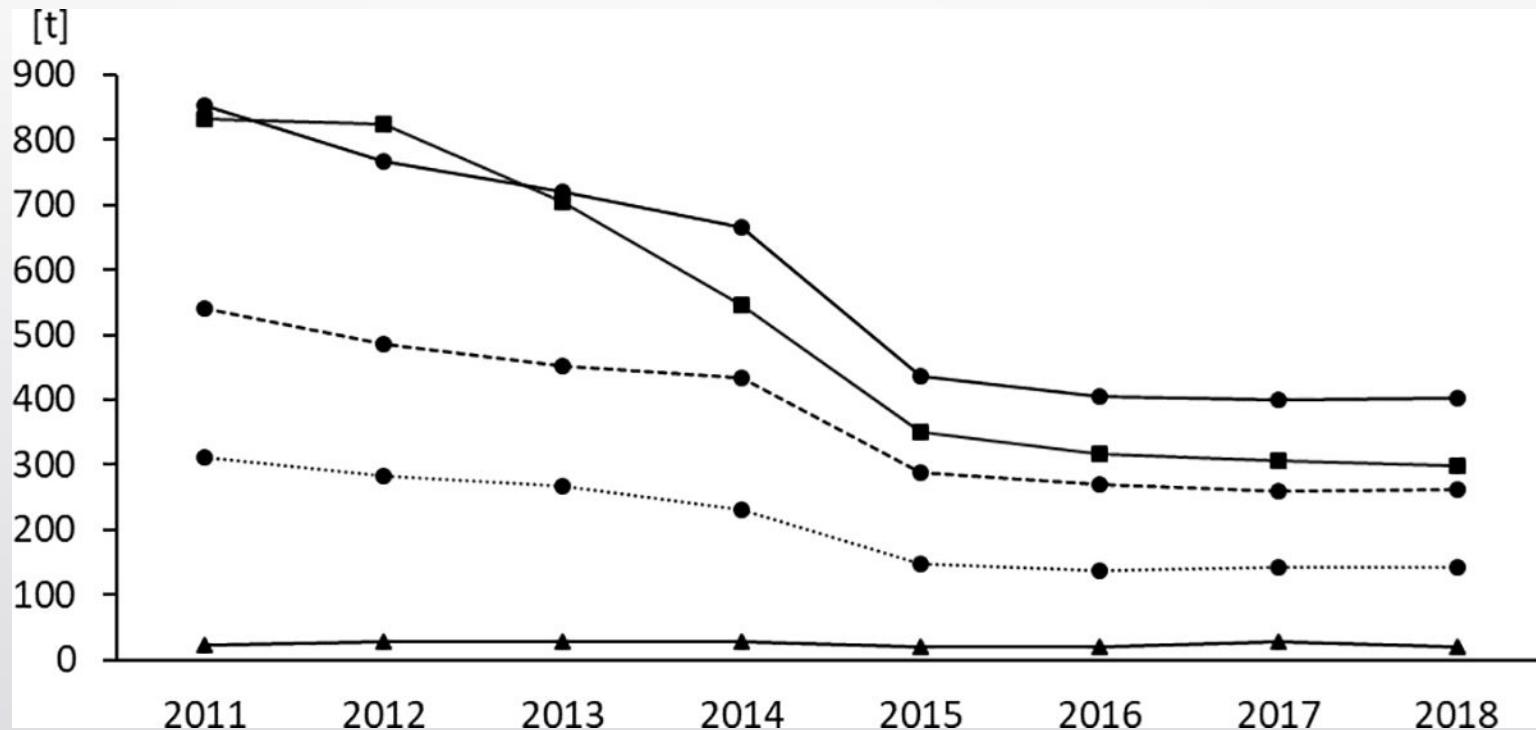


year	volume [t]	change [%]
2011	1705.659	
2012	1619.039	-5.08
2013	1451.619	-10.34
2014	1238.340	-14.69
2015	805.281	-34.97
2016	742.258	-7.83
2017	733.108	-1.23
2018	722.430	-1.46
total	-983.229	-57.65

Volumes represent the total quantities of active ingredient sold in tons [t] within the given year. Changes expressed in percent relate to the sales volumes of the previous year.

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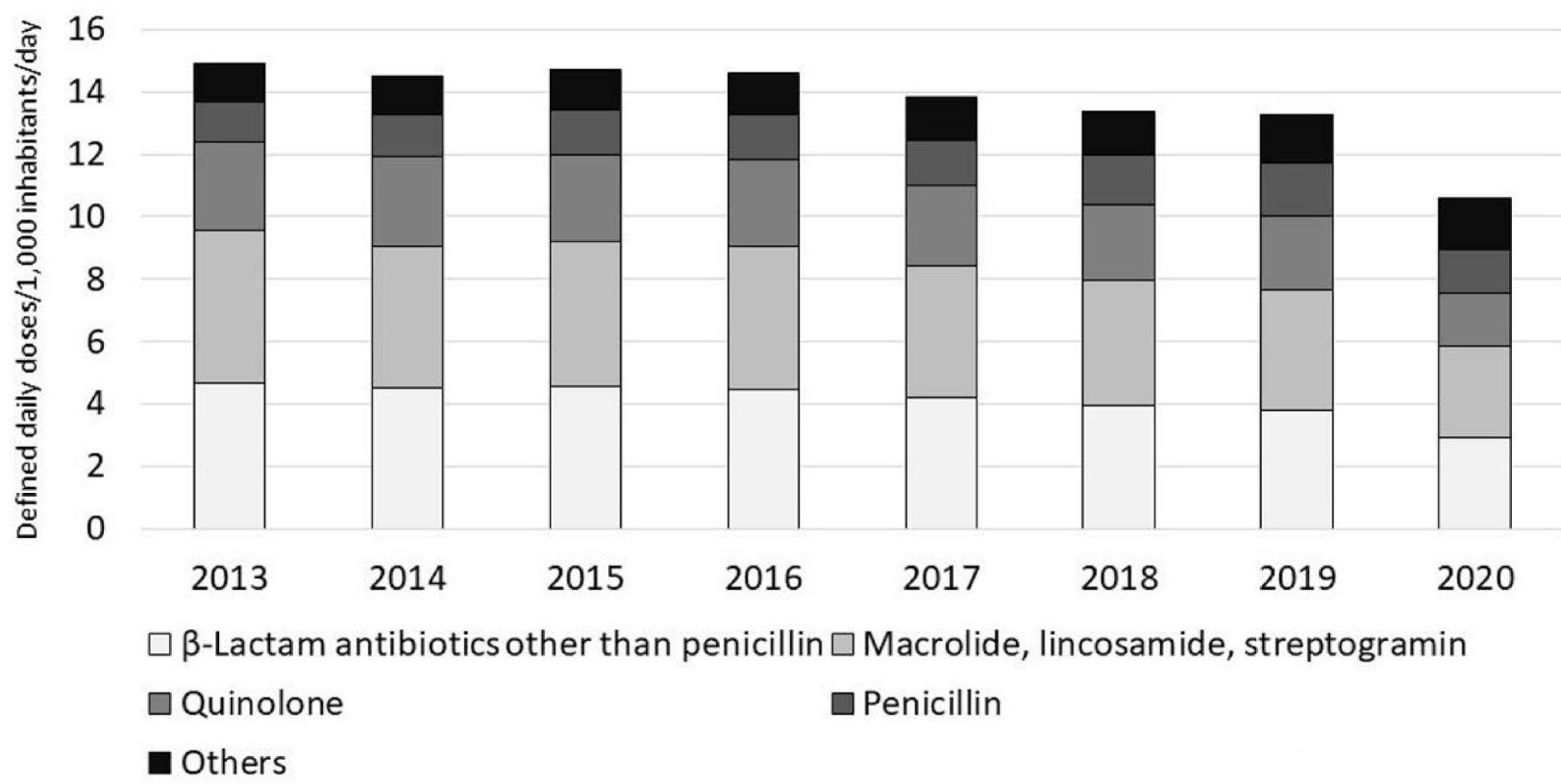


The Story of Japan - Process

- Compilation of a Manual of Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Surveillance and monitoring
- Public awareness and campaigns
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Research and Development



The Story of Japan - Outcome



Resistance Rate to Antimicrobials in Bacterial Isolates			
Indices	2013	2020	Targets
Insensitive rate to penicillin in <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> isolates	47.4%	33.3%	≤15%
Resistance rate to fluoroquinolones in <i>Escherichia coli</i> isolates	35.5%	41.5%	≤25%
Resistance rates to methicillin in <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> isolates	51.1%	47.5%	≤20%
Resistance rates to carbapenem in <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> isolates	10.7–17.1%	10.5–15.9%	≤10%
Resistance rates to carbapenems in <i>E. coli</i> and <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> isolates	0.1–0.6%	0.1–0.4%	≤0.2% (similar level)

Use of Antimicrobials (Defined Daily Doses per 1000 Inhabitants per Day)			
Indices	2013	2020 (vs. 2013 Level)	Targets
Total	14.91	Reduction by 28.9%	≤2/3 (vs. 2013 level)
Oral cephalosporins, fluoroquinolones, and macrolides	3.91, 2.83, and 4.83, respectively	Oral cephalosporins Reduction by 42.8% Oral fluoroquinolones Reduction by 41.5% Oral macrolides Reduction by 39.5%	Reduction by 50% (vs. 2013 level)
Intravenous antimicrobials	0.96	Reduction by 2.7%	Reduction by 20% (vs. 2013 level)

Prepared based on Refs. [6,24,26,27].

India Success Stories

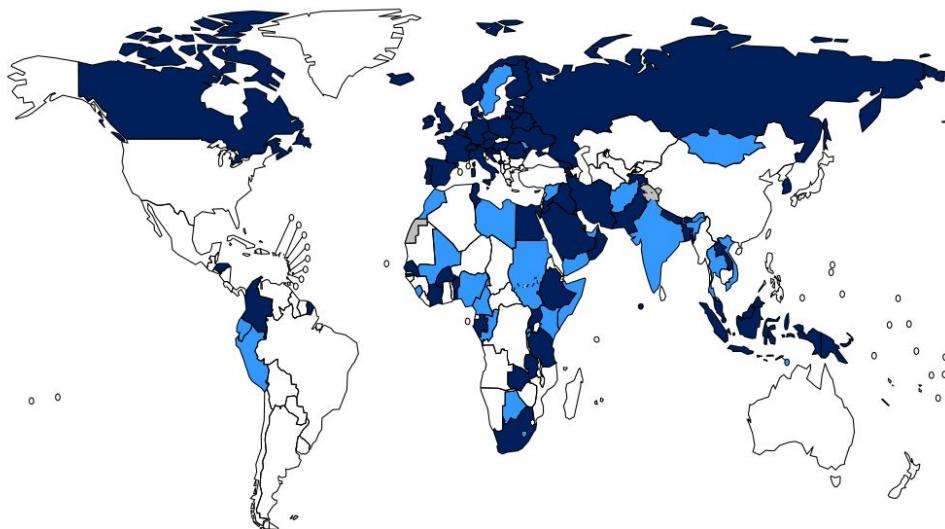


- Pre-policy (2011–2014): 872 • Post-policy (2015–2017): 698 • Number of reserved drug prescriptions reduced by 174 prescriptions
- Decreased by 32%, from 574 to 390 per 1000 patient-days ($P <0.01$)
- Antibiotic exposure: Significant reduction from 75% to 41%
- **Antibiotic use:** Reduced significantly from 3.9 vials per admission in 2011-2012 to 2.36 vials per admission in 2014-2015, indicating a 40% reduction
Antibiotic use over 4 years: Antibiotic use significantly reduced, from 10,545 vials in 2011-2012 to 7446 vials in 2014-2015
- **Proportion of prescriptions with inappropriate antibiotic use:** Declined steadily they were 77.6%, 70.3%, and 58.6% in the baseline, intervention, and follow-up phases, respectively

GLASS: Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System

- A child of the WHO Global Action Plan to tackle AMR (GAP-AMR initiative)
- Focused on addressing the issue of “Surveillance”
- Launched on the 22nd of October 2015
- Provides a standardized approach to the collection, analysis, interpretation and sharing of data by countries
- Seeks to actively support capacity building and monitor the status of existing and new national surveillance systems
- Designed to evolve to incorporate data from surveillance of AMR in humans and the use of antimicrobial medicines in the food chain and in the environment

Global AMU Map



■ Enrolled and data provided

■ Enrolled but no data provided

□ Not enrolled

■ Not applicable

Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System (GLASS): Last updated on 25 September 2025, with 2016-2023 data (submitted by end of 2024)

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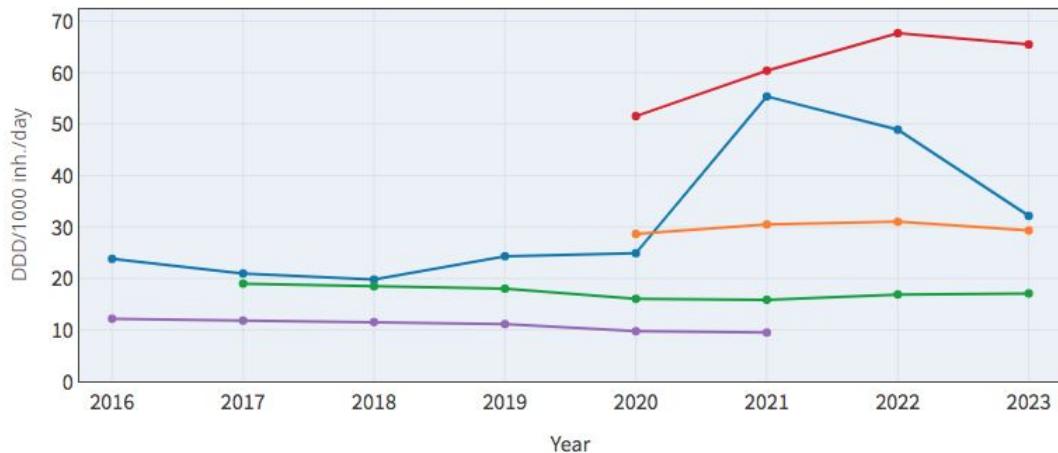
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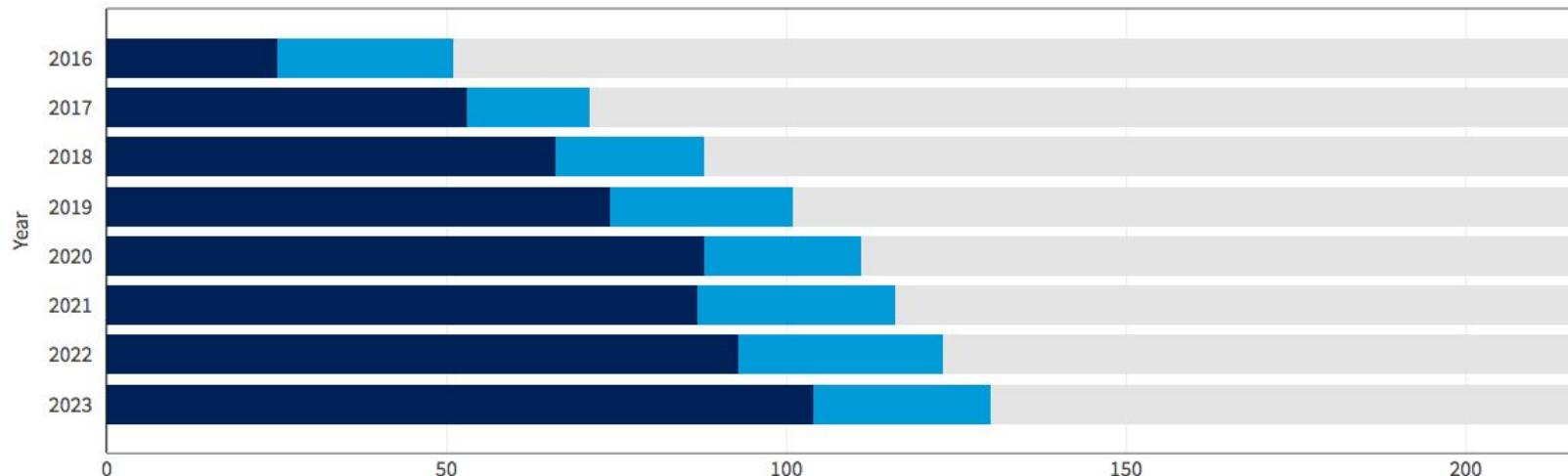


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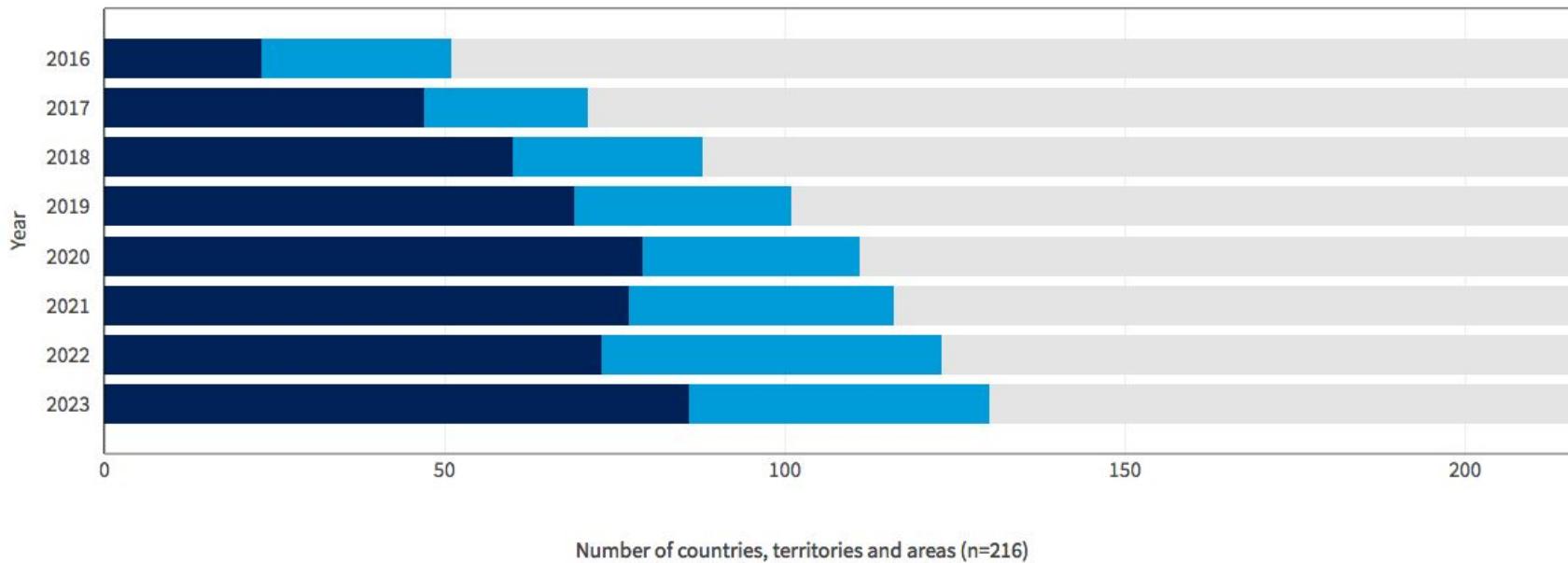
Reported bacteriologically confirmed infections (BCIs)



Number of countries, territories and areas (n=216)

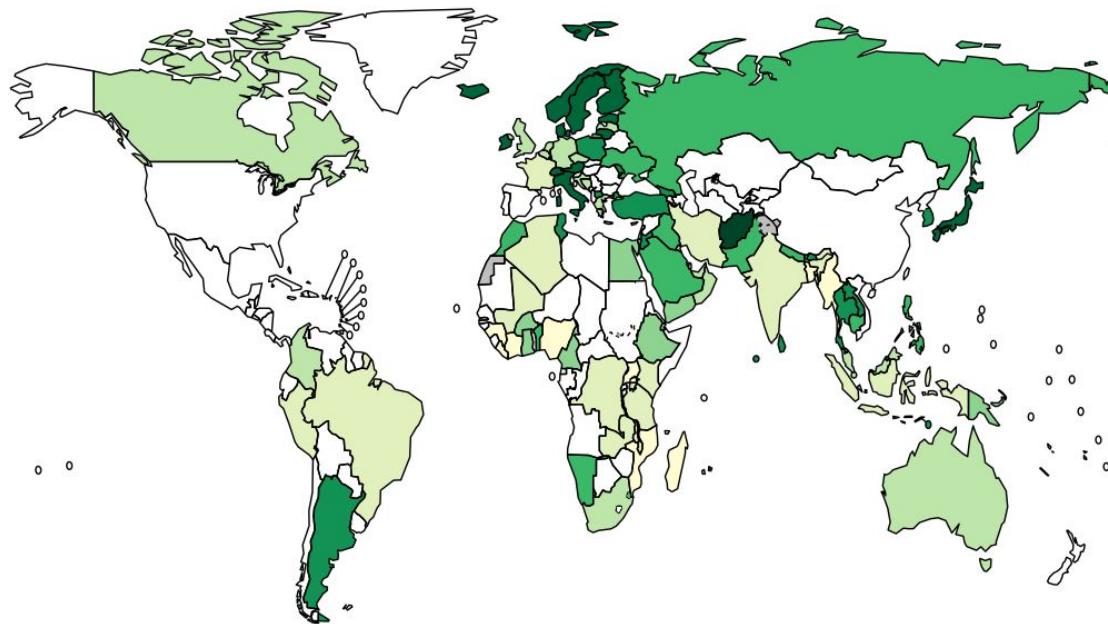


Reported AST for $\geq 80\%$ of bacteriologically confirmed infections (BCIs)

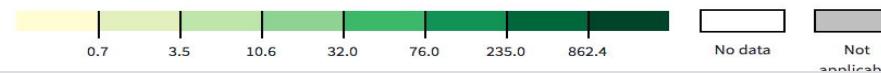


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Bloodstream



BCIs with AST per million population



All

Country	Total BCIs per million population	Absolute number of BCIs	Total BCIs with AST per million population	Absolute number of BCIs with AST	% of BCIs with AST
Mozambique	2.3	72	2.3	71	98.6
Myanmar	15.9	845	15.1	799	94.6
Nepal	52.3	1515	35.0	1015	67.0
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	712.5	12 566	712.5	12 566	100.0
Nigeria	0.7	160	0.7	145	90.6
North Macedonia	156.5	293	156.0	292	99.7
Norway	1073.4	5774	1073.4	5774	100.0
Oman	193.7	876	124.9	565	64.5
Pakistan	23.9	5623	11.5	2697	48.0
Peru	24.1	793	24.1	791	99.7

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Country	Total BCIs per million population	Absolute number of BCIs	Total BCIs with AST per million population	Absolute number of BCIs with AST	% of BCIs with AST
Malta	1336.6	706	1334.7	705	99.9
Mauritius	1022.6	1305	1021.1	1303	99.8
Morocco	27.2	1016	21.5	803	79.0
Mozambique	2.4	80	2.4	80	100.0
Myanmar	1.1	60	1.1	57	95.0
Namibia	72.0	208	69.9	202	97.1
Nepal	95.2	2829	49.2	1462	51.7
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	723.5	12 954	723.5	12 954	100.0
Nigeria	0.8	187	0.6	132	70.6
North Macedonia	151.6	279	148.9	274	98.2

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Mauritius	1217.8	1551	1217.0	1550	99.9
Morocco	41.6	1569	39.6	1494	95.2
Mozambique	1.5	51	1.5	50	98.0
Myanmar	2.4	130	2.3	122	93.8
Namibia	42.5	126	34.1	101	80.2
Nepal	92.3	2740	65.7	1950	71.2
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	649.3	11 748	649.3	11 748	100.0
Nigeria	1.3	302	1.0	228	75.5
North Macedonia	154.5	283	154.5	283	100.0
Norway	1089.8	6015	1089.8	6015	100.0

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Country Comparison for MRSA (isolated from BSI)

Country	Year	Total Isolates	Interpretable AST	Resistant	% Resistant
Sweden	2018	10849	3639	70	1.92360539
Sweden	2019	18598	5948	107	1.79892401
Sweden	2020	38574	13742	320	2.32862757
Sweden	2021	21163	7733	152	1.96560197
Sweden	2022	21788	7936	147	1.85231855
Sweden	2023	21978	7915	168	2.12255212
Argentina	2018	7385	1877	850	45.2850293
Argentina	2019	5783	1494	628	42.0348059
Argentina	2020	7376	1604	616	38.40399
Argentina	2021	9243	1841	632	34.3291689
Argentina	2022	8366	1833	601	32.7877796
Argentina	2023	9290	2257	806	35.711121

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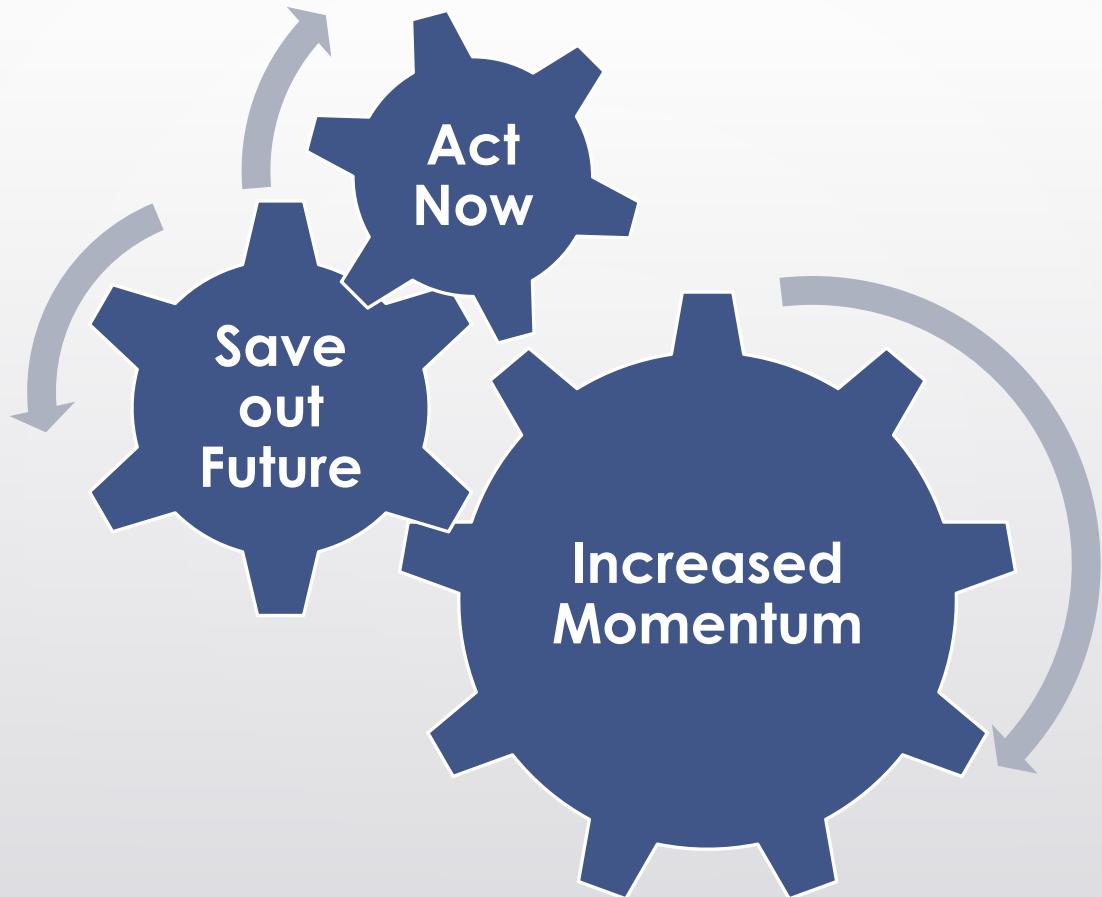
- Antimicrobial leadership
- Training and education for health service providers and patients
- Development of antimicrobial guidelines and protocols
- Feedback on antibiotics use
- Reporting
- Accountability and responsibility

Nigeria: Current Situation

- Nigeria NAP established
 - Currently on NAP 2.0
- Two national reference laboratories selected
- Ten laboratories engaged to participate in the National Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System
- Standardised operating procedures (SOPs) for laboratories participating in the AMR surveillance developed
- Engagement with GLASS

Nigeria: Take Home Lesson

- Political Will
- Improved funding
- Multisectoral/Multifaceted Collaboration
- Expansion of current programmes
- Massive awareness campaigns in all sectors





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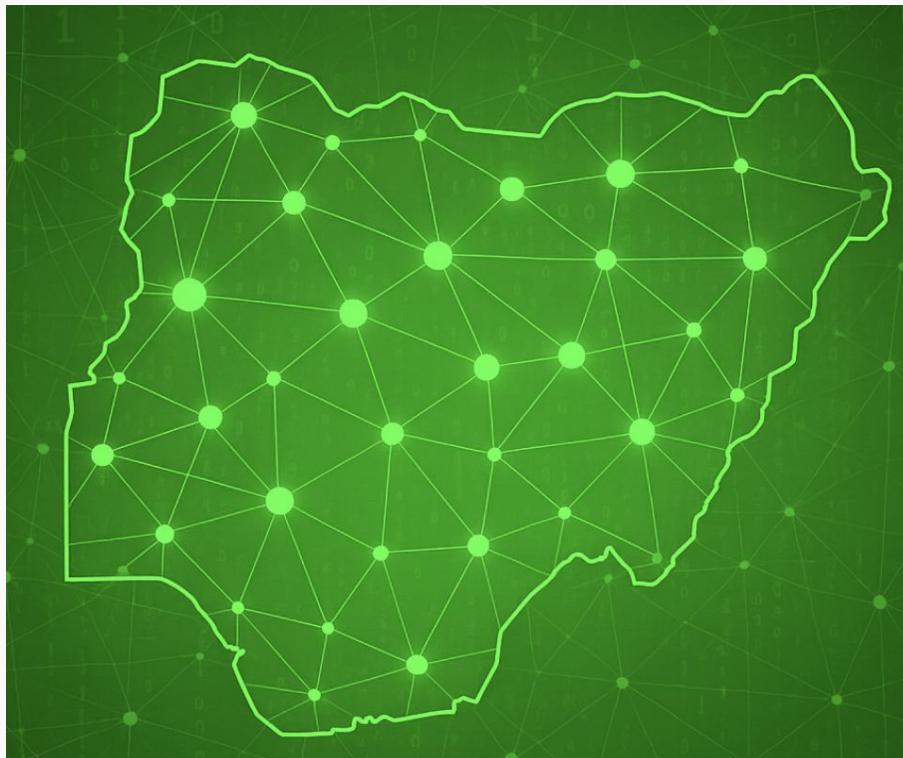
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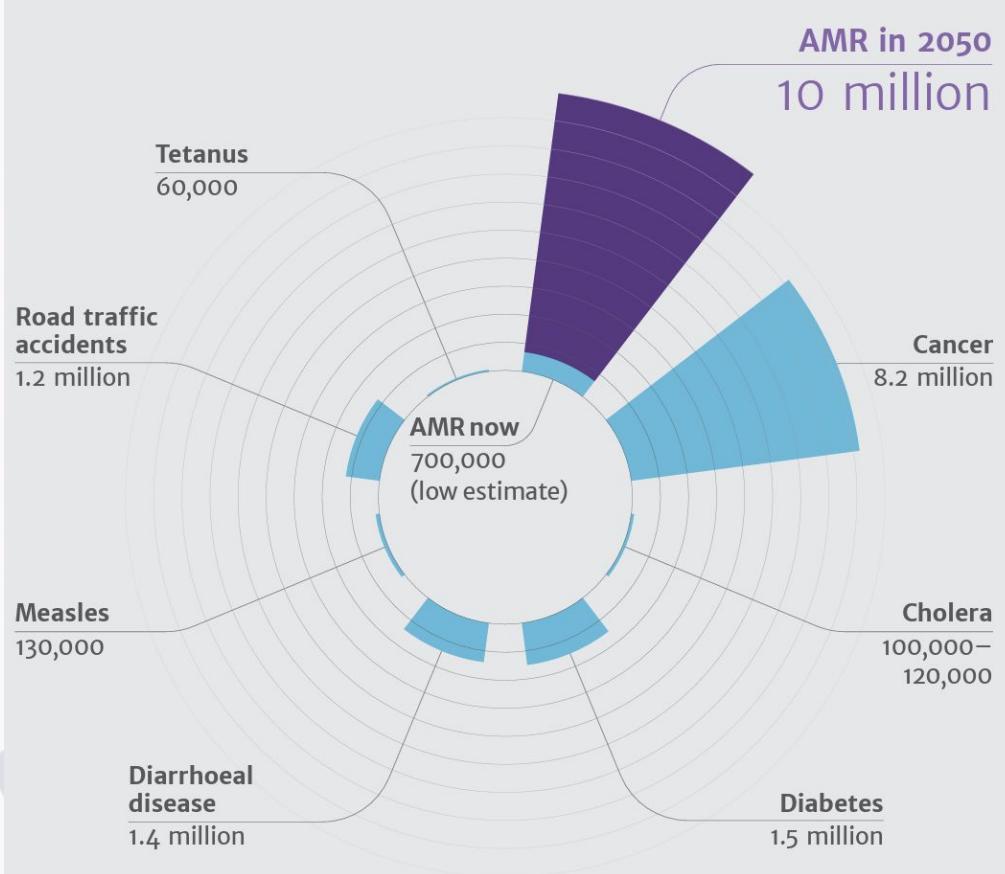
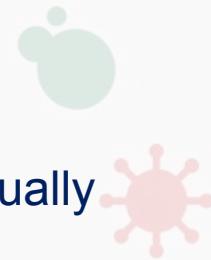
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How can AI and data science strengthen Nigeria's AMR surveillance



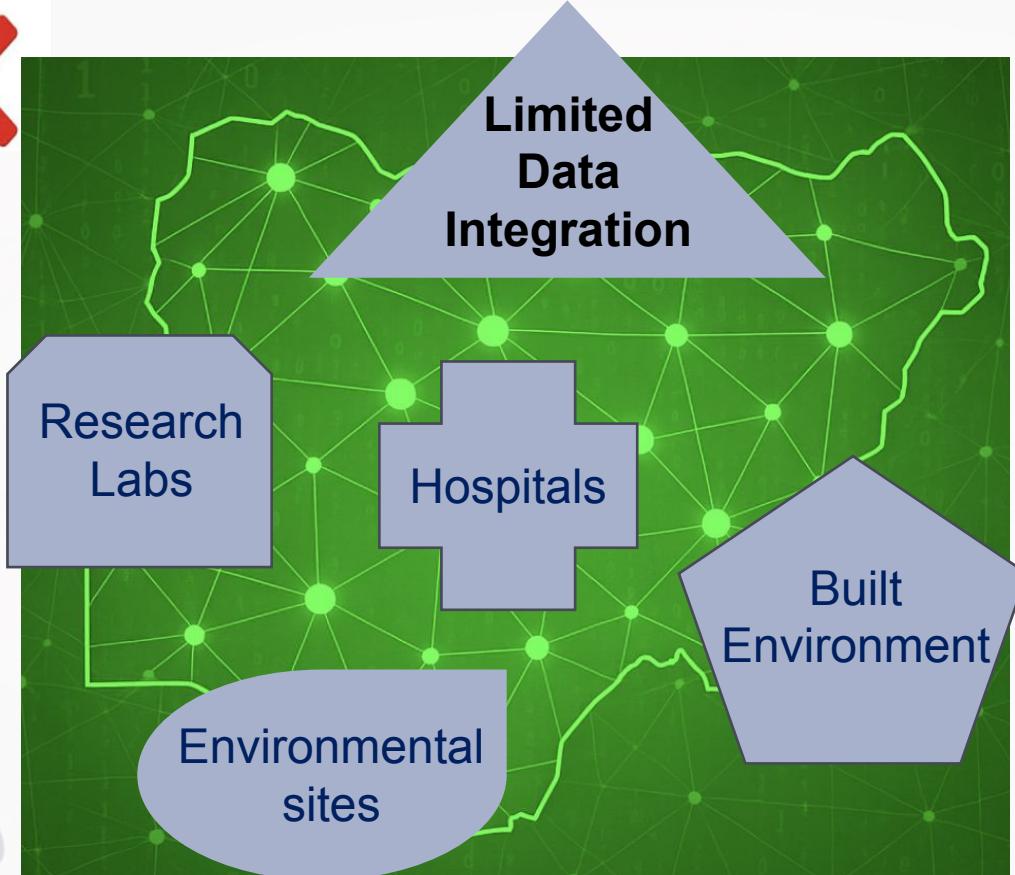
...and inform actionable public health strategies?

AMR: The Global and Nigerian Picture



- 1.27 million deaths annually (global)
- Highest burden in Sub-Saharan Africa
- High antimicrobial consumption in Nigeria
- Weak genomic data integration

Gaps in Nigeria's AMR Surveillance Landscape

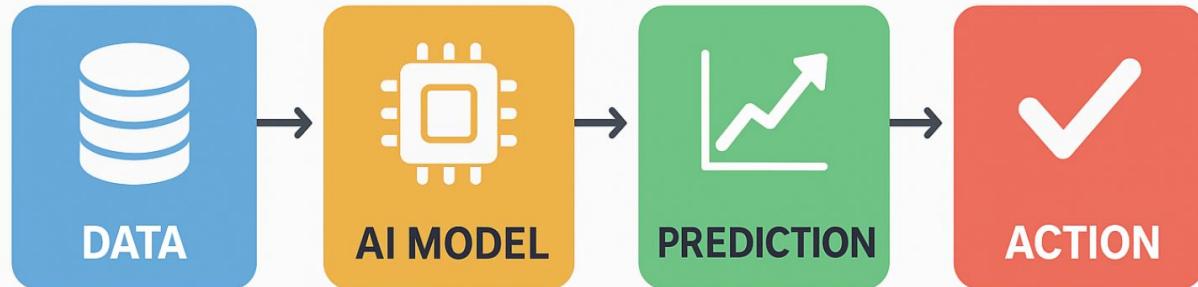


- Environmental surveillance e.g., wastewater, community settings is sparse
- Fragmented systems
- Missing early warning signals
- Environmental reservoirs are under characterized
- AI offers predictive capability beyond traditional surveillance



Why AI Matters

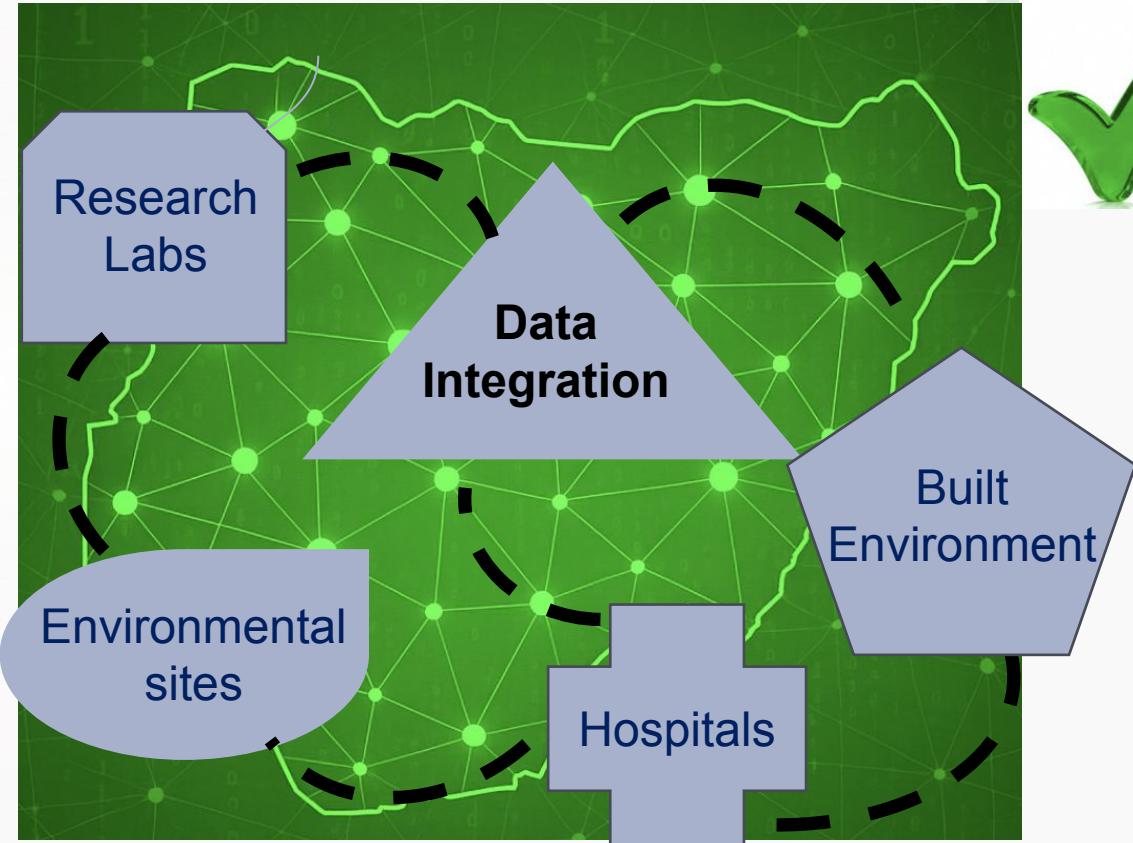
AI learns from data to detect, predict, and guide action



- **Machine Learning:** predicts resistance trends
- **NLP:** extracts insights from unstructured clinical reports
- **Computer Vision:** automates lab plate and microscopy analysis
- Example: ML prediction of carbapenem resistance

Data Integrated Systems

- Unify clinical, environmental, and genomic data into AI-ready datasets
- Early warning systems
- Strengthen public health decisions
- Integration with national GLASS reporting infrastructure



Nigeria: AMR Surveillance Completeness, GLASS 2025

Annex 4. Table A4.1. Scores for availability and completeness of national AMR surveillance data, 2023

National AMR surveillance system	National coverage of GLASS						Data reported to GLASS						Score		
	National health infrastructure and use			Health infrastructure and use of facilities that report to GLASS			AST by infection type			Epidemiologic, demographic and clinical information					
	Core components	Total health facilities	Inpatient admissions and days of care per calendar year	Outpatient consultations per calendar year	Total health facilities	Inpatient admissions and days of care per calendar year	Outpatient consultations per calendar year	Bloodstream	Gastrointestinal	Urinary tract	Urogenital gonorrhoea	Number of sampled patients	Patient's age	Patient's gender	Infection origin (community or hospital)
Algeria	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Angola	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Benin	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Botswana	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Burkina Faso	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
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Cabo Verde	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Cameroon	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Central African Republic	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
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Data availability: ■ All data available ■ Incomplete data ■ No data

Completeness score: ■ Low (<20%) ■ Medium-low (>20-50%) ■ Medium-high (>50-80%) ■ High (>80%)

African Region



Annex 4. Table A4.1. Scores for availability and completeness of national AMR surveillance data, 2023

National AMR surveillance system	National coverage of GLASS						Data reported to GLASS						Score	
	National health infrastructure and use			Health infrastructure and use of facilities that report to GLASS			AST by infection type			Epidemiologic, demographic and clinical information				
	Total health facilities	Inpatient admissions and days of care per calendar year	Outpatient consultations per calendar year	Total health facilities	Inpatient admissions and days of care per calendar year	Outpatient consultations per calendar year	Bloodstream	Gastrointestinal	Urinary tract	Urogenital gonorrhoea	Number of sampled patients	Patient's age	Patient's gender	Infection origin (community or hospital)
Core components														Total score

Nigeria



Data availability: ■ All data available ■ Incomplete data ■ No data

Completeness score: ■ Low ($\leq 20\%$) ■ Medium-low ($> 20-50\%$) ■ Medium-high ($> 50-80\%$) ■ High ($> 80\%$)

Surveillance data is critical.

Environmental AMR Surveillance: My Scientific Foundation



Environmental sampling across wastewater, household surfaces, and built environment



Pathogen and ARG detection using shotgun metagenomics (Illumina, Oxford Nanopore), ddPCR



End-to-end bioinformatics workflows:
QC → assembly → ARG annotation



Linking environmental AMR signals to
Community antibiotic use and risk patterns

Post-data Processing:
AI co-pilot tools can help Nigerian labs rapidly build, adapt, and debug R-based workflows, reducing technical bottlenecks in AMR data processing

Post-Data Processing: AI Co-Pilot Tools for Nigerian Labs



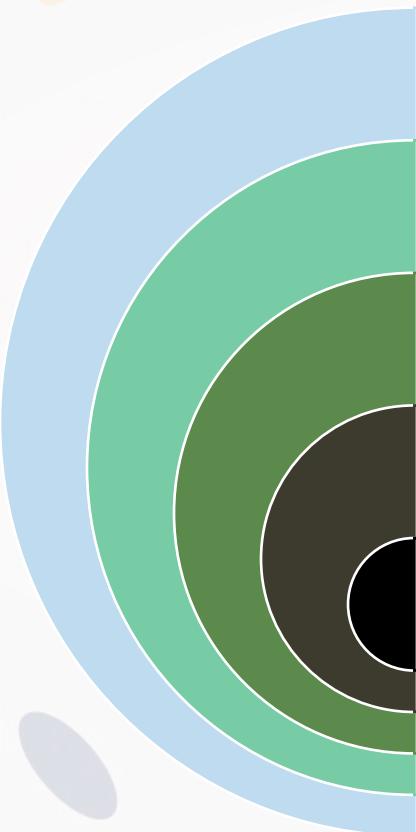
A major bottleneck in Nigeria is **bioinformatics capacity**

Many labs collect data but struggle with **processing, analysis, and interpretation**

AI co-pilot tools can help labs: build R-based workflows, Debug pipelines, automate QC and analyze, standardize outputs

This reduces delays and empowers labs to contribute to national AMR surveillance

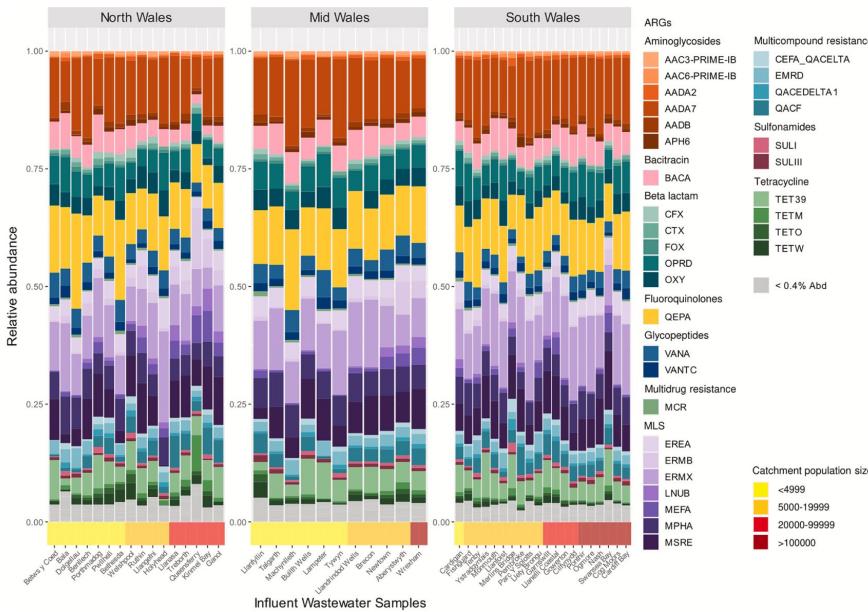
Open-source tools: ResFinder, Galaxy workflows, AMR++, AMRFinderPlus



Wastewater AMR Signals Reveal Hidden Community Trends

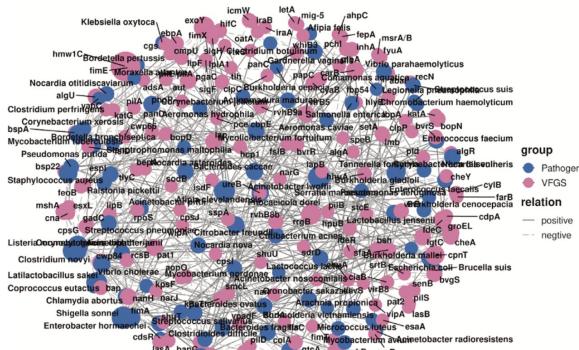
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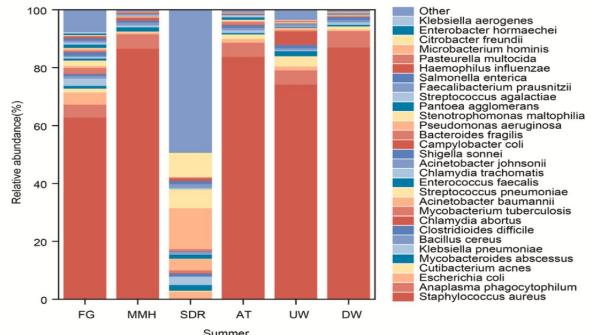


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(a)



(b)



Nigeria likely reflects these trends, but national data are incomplete, hence these trends are missed, which is why AI-enabled integrated surveillance is needed

Supports AI-Driven Surveillance

Generates genomic and metagenomic datasets needed for ML

Enables feature extraction for predictive AMR modeling

Integrates environmental data with clinical and laboratory streams

Provides domain expertise for training and validating AI tools

Vision: AI-Enabled AMR Surveillance System for Nigeria



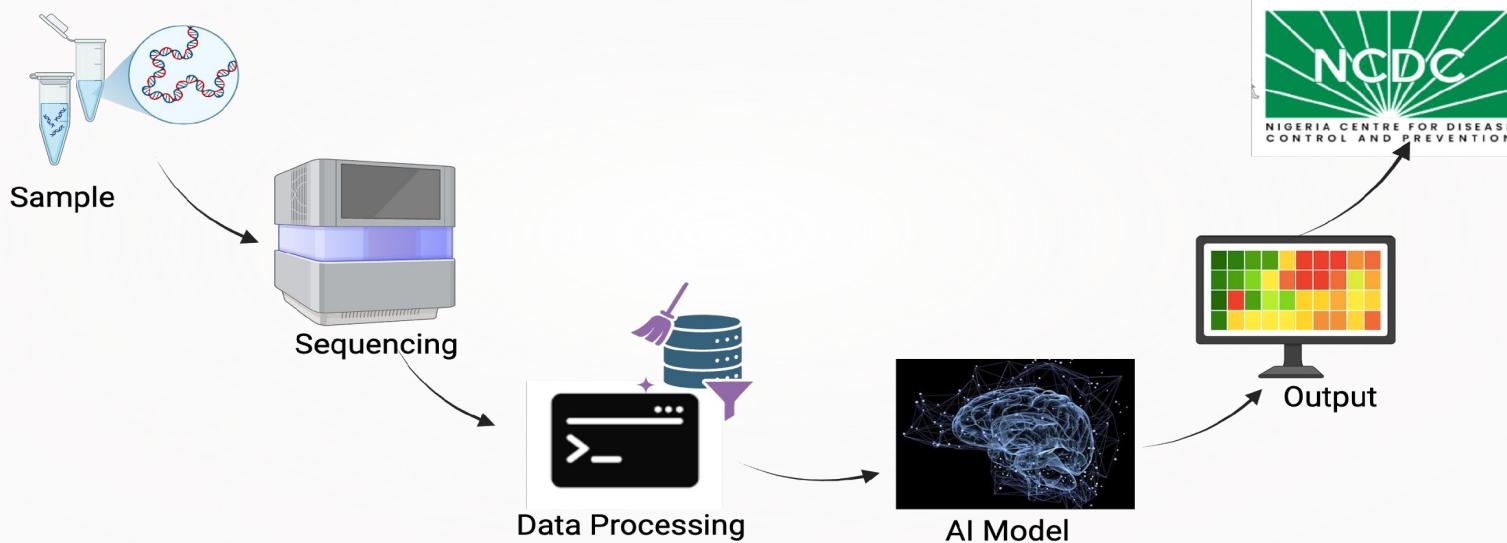
Data Inputs	Integration Layer	AI / Analytics Engine	Outputs for Action
Hospitals Clinical labs Environmental sites Wastewater Built environments Genomic labs	Data harmonization Cloud or shared dataset Standardized formats	ML for resistance prediction NLP for clinical notes Hotspot detection Trend forecasting	Dashboards for NCDC Alerts for early warning Policy guidance Resource allocation

Use Case: Early Warning of Rising Community AMR Signals



- Wastewater and household surface metagenomics detect rising levels of key ARGs
- ML model analyzes temporal patterns to *predict emerging hotspots* in the community
- Signals are cross-checked with available clinical antibiograms to confirm trends
- Alerts are shared with State AMR Technical Working Groups like NCDC AMR Coordination
- NCDC may integrate validated signals into national AMR reports and strengthen GLASS submissions
- Output informs stewardship teams to adjust *community-level* antibiotic guidance early

AI-Enabled Genomic Pipeline for AMR Surveillance in Nigeria



Pilot Roadmap

Act Now: Protect
Our Present,
Secure Our
Future

**Pilot data integration
selected hospitals and
wastewater sites**

**Adapt ML pipeline
using Nigeria's
AMR data**

**Deploy dashboard
and training using
AI co-pilot tool**

Nigeria can leapfrog by combining environmental, clinical, and genomic surveillance with AI-driven insights.
The tools exist, the opportunity is now.”

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Presentation objectives

- To discuss the current situation of AMR in Nigeria
- To discuss the challenges associated with AMR in Nigeria
- To discuss the way forward in addressing AMR in Nigeria

AMR.....(2)

- Alexander Fleming, inventor of Penicillin (1881–1955)



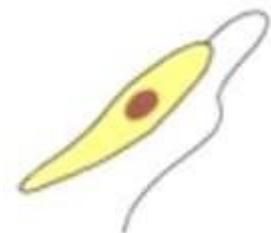
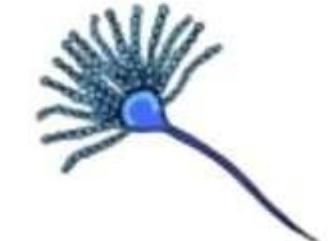
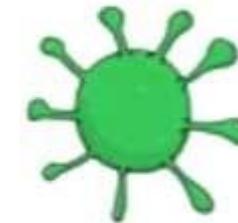
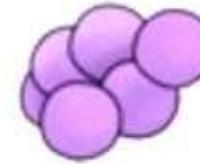
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“ The time may come when penicillin can be bought by anyone in the shops. Then there is a danger that the ignorant man may easily underdose himself and by exposing his microbes to non-lethal quantities of the drug make them resistant. ”

*(Alexander Fleming, Nobel Lecture, Dec 11, 1945)**

What is AMR?

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites change over time and no longer respond to medicines making infections harder to treat and increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness and death.



Drug-resistant infections threaten us all—but not equally

Deaths associated with bacterial antimicrobial resistance (AMR), globally and by GBD super-region in 2019.



Source: The Lancet, Global burden of bacterial antimicrobial resistance in 2019



According to a 2022
Lancet study, antimicrobial
resistance itself caused

1.27 million
deaths in 2019

and

4.95 million
deaths where antimicrobial
resistance played a role.

Consequences of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Today

700,000
deaths
each year
from AMR



occur
in low- and
middle-income
countries

2030

+67%

AM use
increases
mainly in
LMICs



Livestock production
falls in LMICs



Costs world **USD 3.4 trillion** a year
(equivalent of **40%** of global expenditure
on health today)



24 million more people forced
into extreme poverty

2050

10 million
deaths
each year
from AMR



worldwide

AMR impact

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is a rising global health threat, putting millions of lives and Nigeria's health system at risk

Global



It is projected that there will be **10M** annual deaths globally due to AMR by 2050

Nigeria



Nigeria ranks **19th** out of 204 countries in AMR related deaths

** Figures are based on a 2019 survey from the Global Research on Antimicrobial Resistance Project

Source: WHO, NCDC



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Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Nigeria

263,400!

Annual AMR-associated deaths

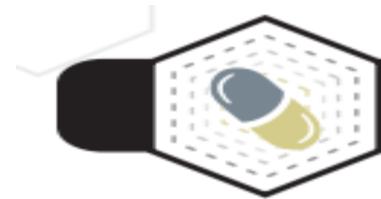
**AMR poses a significant
public health and economic
burden in Nigeria**

Source: Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)

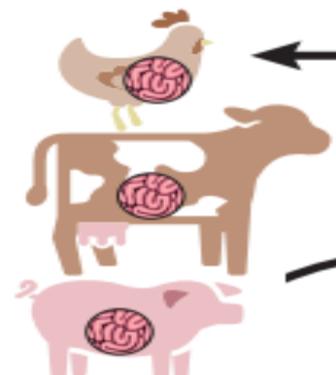


Antimicrobial resistance could cause 10 million deaths per year and an overall cost of \$100 trillion to the global economy by 2050.

Source: World Bank, WHO



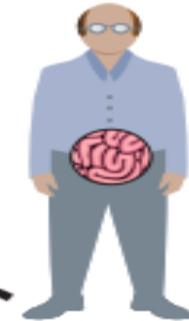
Examples of How Antibiotic Resistance Spreads



Animals get antibiotics and develop resistant bacteria in their guts.



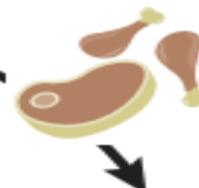
George gets antibiotics and develops resistant bacteria in his gut.



Fertilizer or water containing animal feces and drug-resistant bacteria is used on food crops.



Drug-resistant bacteria in the animal feces can remain on crops and be eaten. These bacteria can remain in the human gut.



Drug-resistant bacteria can remain on meat from animals. When not handled or cooked properly, the bacteria can spread to humans.



George stays at home and in the general community. Spreads resistant bacteria.

George gets care at a hospital, nursing home or other inpatient care facility.

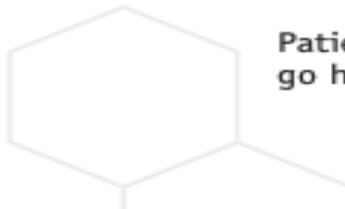


Resistant germs spread directly to other patients or indirectly on unclean hands of healthcare providers.

Healthcare Facility



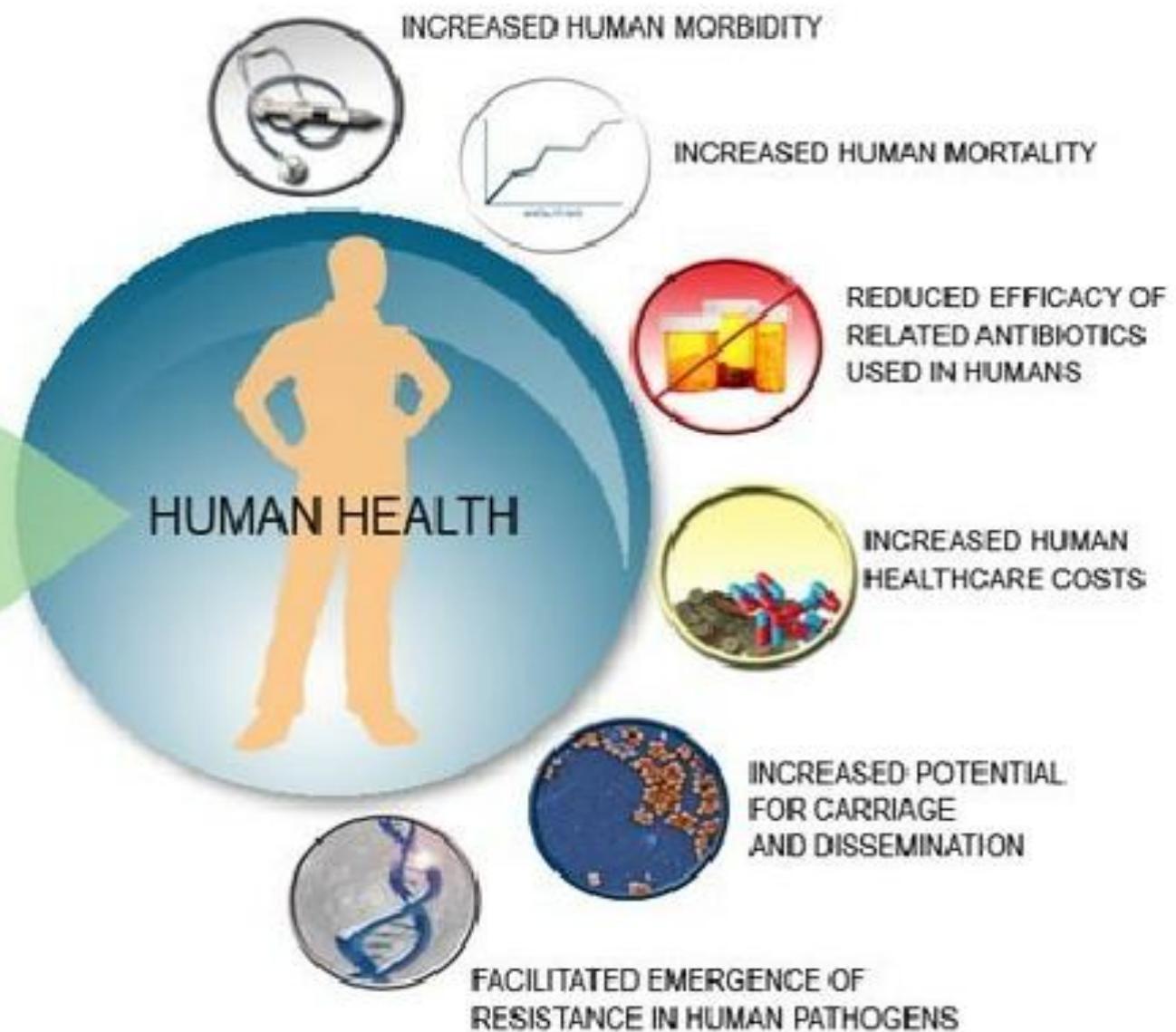
Patients go home.



Resistant bacteria spread to other patients from surfaces within the healthcare facility.



SELECTIVE PRESSURE DUE
TO IMPRUDENT ANTIBIOTIC
USAGE IN ANIMALS



**OVER
PRESCRIPTION**
of antibiotics by
doctors



**POOR
HYGIENE** and
deficiencies in
prevention
practices



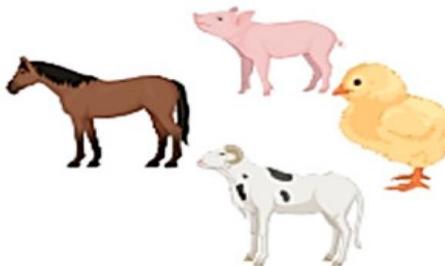
INAPPROPRIATE USE of
antibiotics by patients



**Causes of
antibiotic
resistance**



**SPREAD OF
INFECTIONS** in
hospitals and clinical
facilities



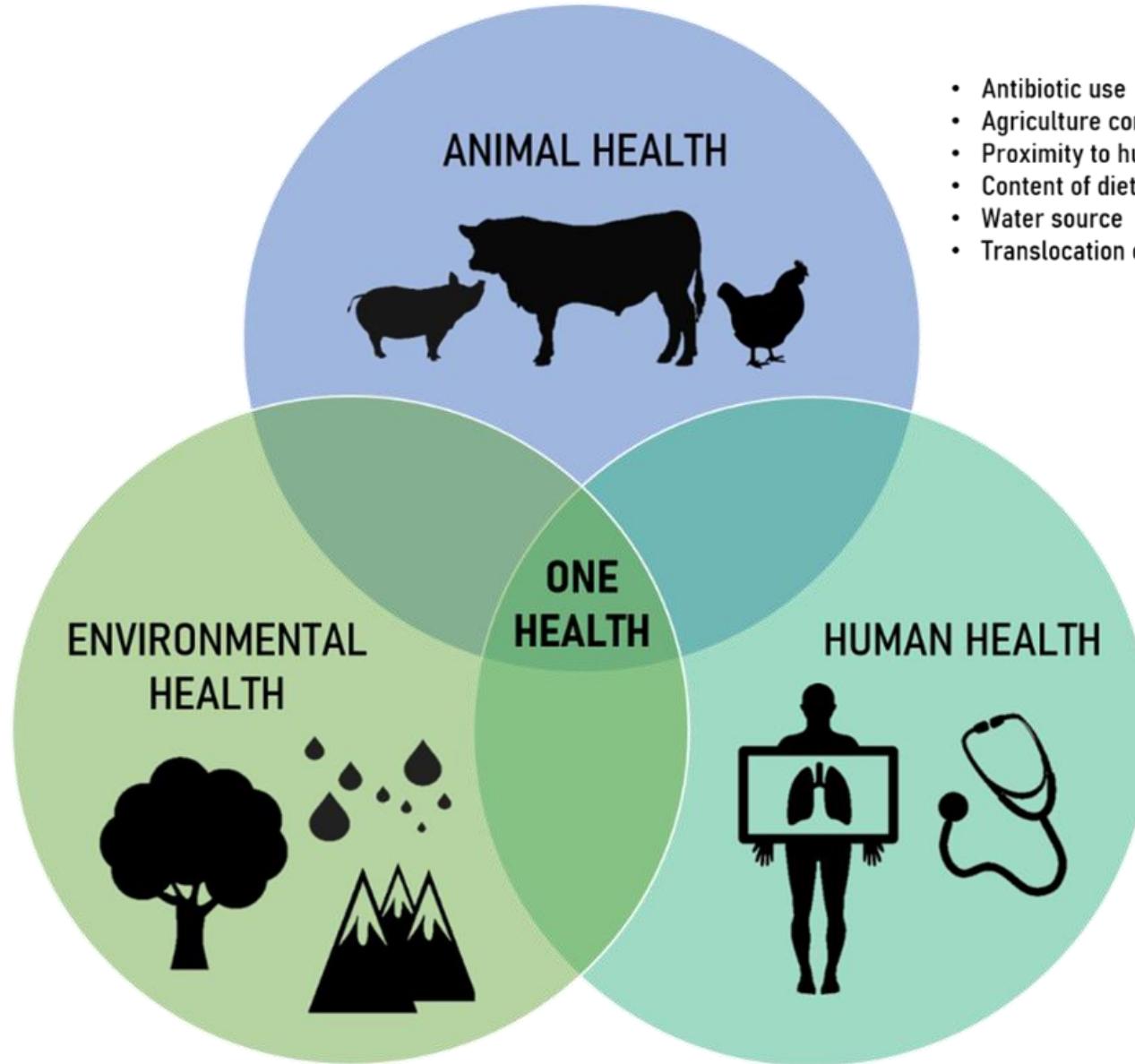
**FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT
DIAGNOSTIC TESTS** that can
inform and guide prescribing



**UNNECESSARY
AND/OR
INAPPROPRIATE
USE** of antibiotics
in agriculture and
livestock farming

Factors behind the acceleration of AMR in Nigeria

- Huge burden of infectious diseases
- Poor sanitation, poor implementation of infection control practices
- Close animal-human interface
- Lack of diagnostics
- Absence/non-adherence to standard treatment guidelines
- Irrational self-administration or prescription
- Drugs available without a prescription
- Poor quality of drugs



- Climate change
- Human impact
- Air pollution
- Water pollution
- Soil contamination via runoff
- Vector and resistance gene movement
- Decontamination of surfaces

- Antibiotic use
- Agriculture conditions
- Proximity to humans & farming
- Content of diet
- Water source
- Translocation of species

- Antimicrobial use and access
- Sanitation & hygiene
- Infection prevention
- Food security
- Social determinants
- Access to healthcare
- Diet & food availability
- Health security

Detection of AMR

Phenotypic methods

Relates only to the concentration of an antimicrobial that inhibits bacterial growth in vitro.

They provide no indication of the mechanisms of resistance which may disseminate to other bacterial species.

Time taken – 36-72 hours

For eg. broth microdilution, disk diffusion, gradient tests, agar dilution and breakpoint tests etc.

Genotypic methods

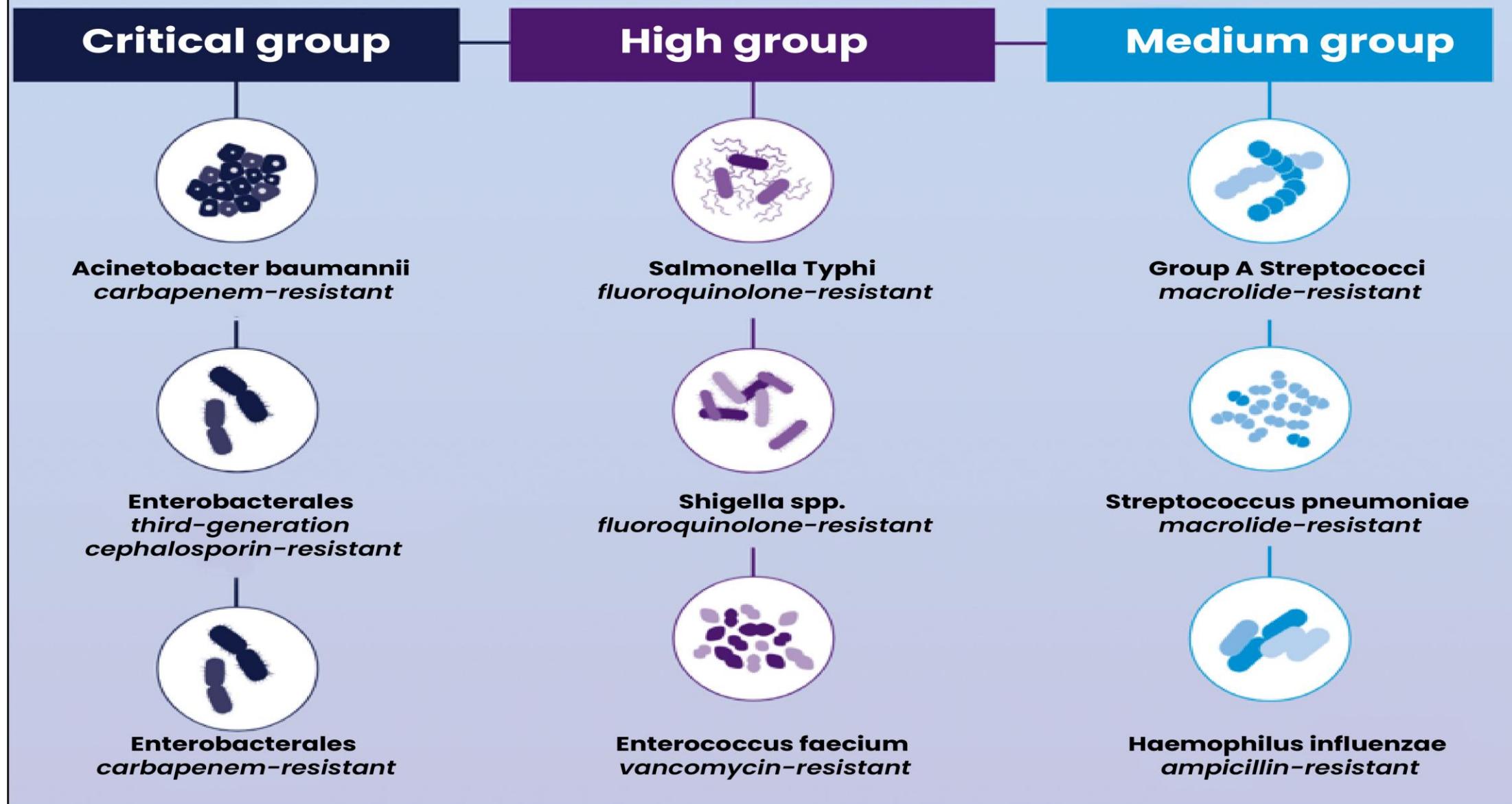
Provides the opportunity for accelerated cultures, and may even be performed directly on the clinical specimens.

These methods help assess the genetic makeup, identify antimicrobial resistance genes and understand the mechanism of resistance.

Time taken – 30 minutes - 8 hours

For eg. Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS), Nucleic acid amplification test, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Fluorescent in-situ hybridisation (FISH) etc.

Fig. 1. WHO Bacterial Priority Pathogens List, 2024 update



Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance

In May 2015, the World Health Assembly adopted a global action plan on antimicrobial resistance, which outlines five objectives:



- To improve awareness and understanding of antimicrobial resistance through effective communication, education and training
- To strengthen the knowledge and evidence base through surveillance and research
- To reduce the incidence of infection through effective sanitation, hygiene and infection prevention measures
- To optimize the use of antimicrobial medicines in human and animal health
- To develop the economic case for sustainable investment that takes account of the needs of all countries and to increase investment in new medicines, diagnostic tools, vaccines and other interventions.



Nigeria launched and implemented its first 2017–2022 National Action Plan for Antimicrobial Resistance (NAP).

This Strategic Plan aimed to



Increase awareness and knowledge of AMR and related topics



Building a One Health AMR Surveillance System



Intensifying Infection and Prevention Control in tripartite sectors



Promoting rational access to antibiotics and antimicrobial stewardship



Investing in AMR Research and Development





PRIORITY GAPS AS IDENTIFIED IN NIGERIA'S AMR NATIONAL ACTION PLAN 2017–2022.

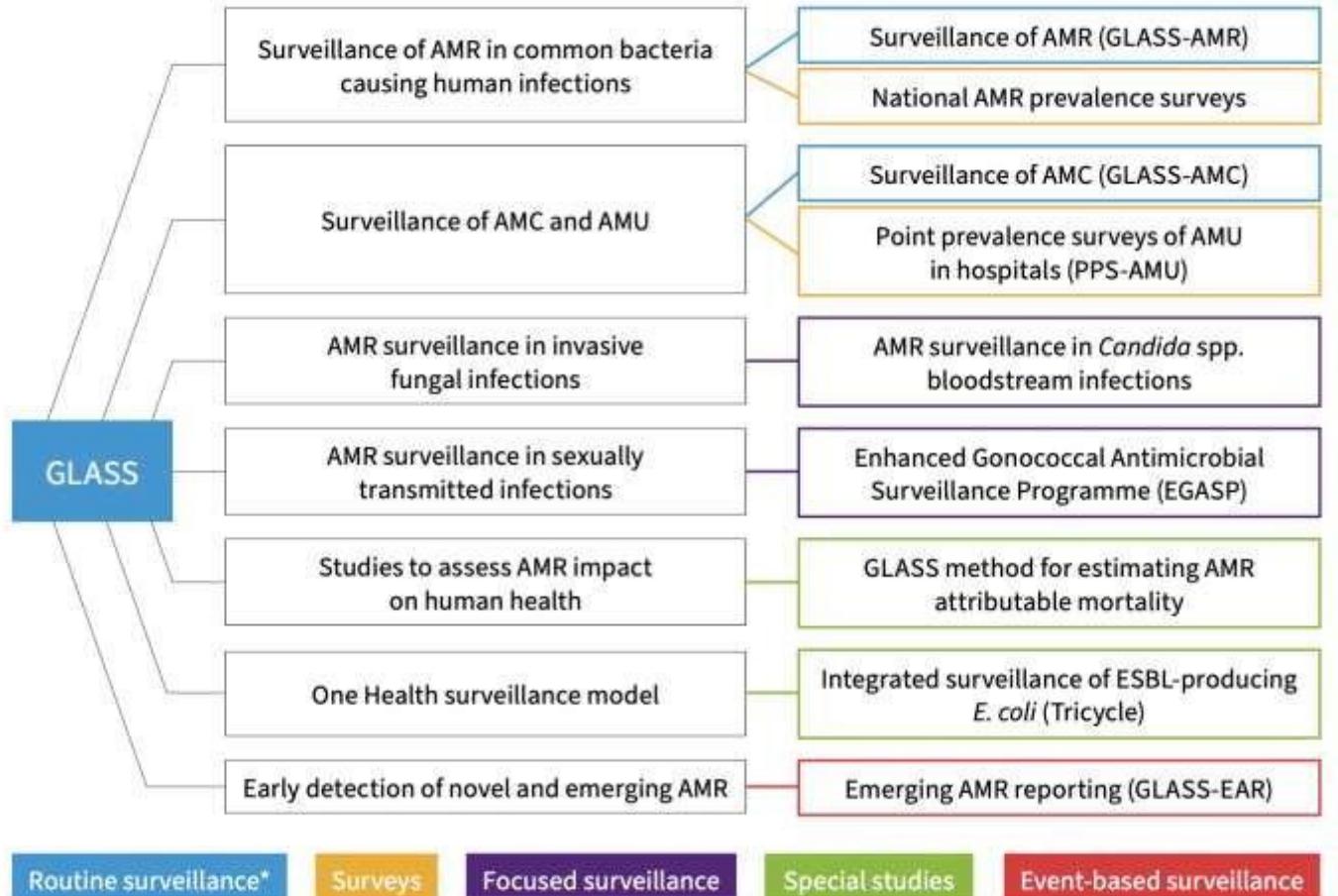
- 1. Poor public awareness and weak coordination of AMR awareness activities by government and partners such as vertical disease control programmes.**
- 2. Poor 'One Health' coordination of animal and human national disease surveillance systems, non-existence of a national AMR laboratory surveillance system and no dedicated funding for AMR control activities**
- 3. Non-existence of a national Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) coordinating body or guidelines, and poor budgetary support for IPC activities in health facilities**
- 4. Lack of antimicrobial stewardship in both private and public sectors**
- 5. Studies on the health and economic impact of AMR in Nigeria and poor coordination of research on antibiotic use**



Role of Surveillance in AMR

- Cornerstone for assessing the spread of AMR.
- Inform local, national and global strategies.
- Inform infection prevention and control responses.
- Monitor the impact of local, national and global strategies.

Fig. 2.2. GLASS technical modules



* CTAs report national data to WHO annually.

Note: AMR prevalence surveys were not implemented during the first phase of GLASS-AMR. The next phase will involve adopting this complementary approach to address knowledge gaps on the magnitude, distribution and diversity of AMR in LMICs.

Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System (GLASS)

Global Antimicrobial
Resistance and Use
Surveillance System
(GLASS) Report 2022



- Launched by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2015 to support the strengthening of the antimicrobial resistance (AMR) evidence base, the Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System (GLASS) is the first system that enables harmonized global reporting of official national AMR and antimicrobial consumption (AMC) data.

Enrolment status by end of 2021



Enrolled in GLASS-AMR and GLASS-AMC

Enrolled in GLASS-AMR

Enrolled in GLASS-AMC

Not enrolled

■ Not applicable

Challenges in AMR Surveillance Network in Nigeria

Not representative of entire country; Reflection of tertiary care settings and not the general community

High antibiotic use in the community and inadequate implementation of measures to curb sale of over-the-counter antimicrobials; Prior antibiotic exposure data difficult to capture

Continued training support for the staff in order to undertake quality antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) and surveillance

Funding to sustain the quality data over a long period

Limited funding of the AMR R&D Landscape

Physician immunity to changes regarding stewardship policies

Data sharing and private sector involvement

WHO Strategic Priorities on Antimicrobial Resistance

Preserving antimicrobials
for today and tomorrow

Way forward





One Health
**ANTIMICROBIAL
RESISTANCE**
National Action Plan 2.0
2024-2028





The reviewed action plan outlines six (6) strategic objectives

4

Improve implementation of infection prevention and control (IPC) programmes, biosecurity, and vaccination uptake including access to WASH across the One Health sectors

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Strengthen leadership, collaboration, coordination, and AMR governance structures at national and subnational levels.

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Improve access to quality antimicrobials and optimise their use across One Health sectors.

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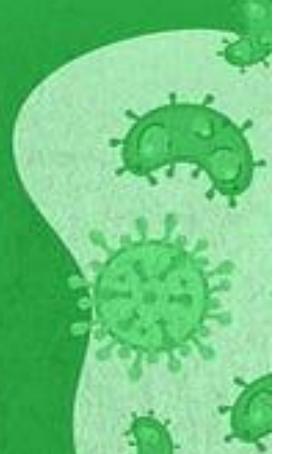
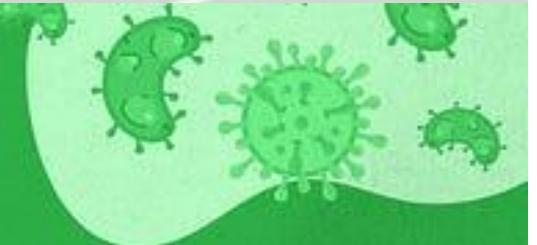
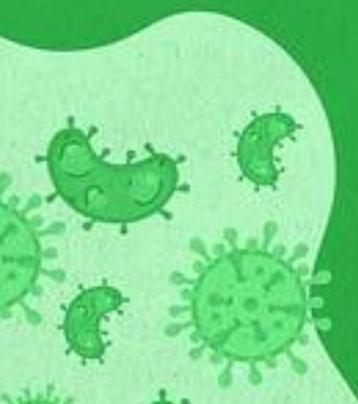
Improve antimicrobial resistance (AMR) awareness, education, understanding, and behaviour change among all relevant stakeholders.

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Build knowledge and capacity of relevant stakeholders to improve local innovations, research and development in antimicrobials, diagnostics, and vaccines.

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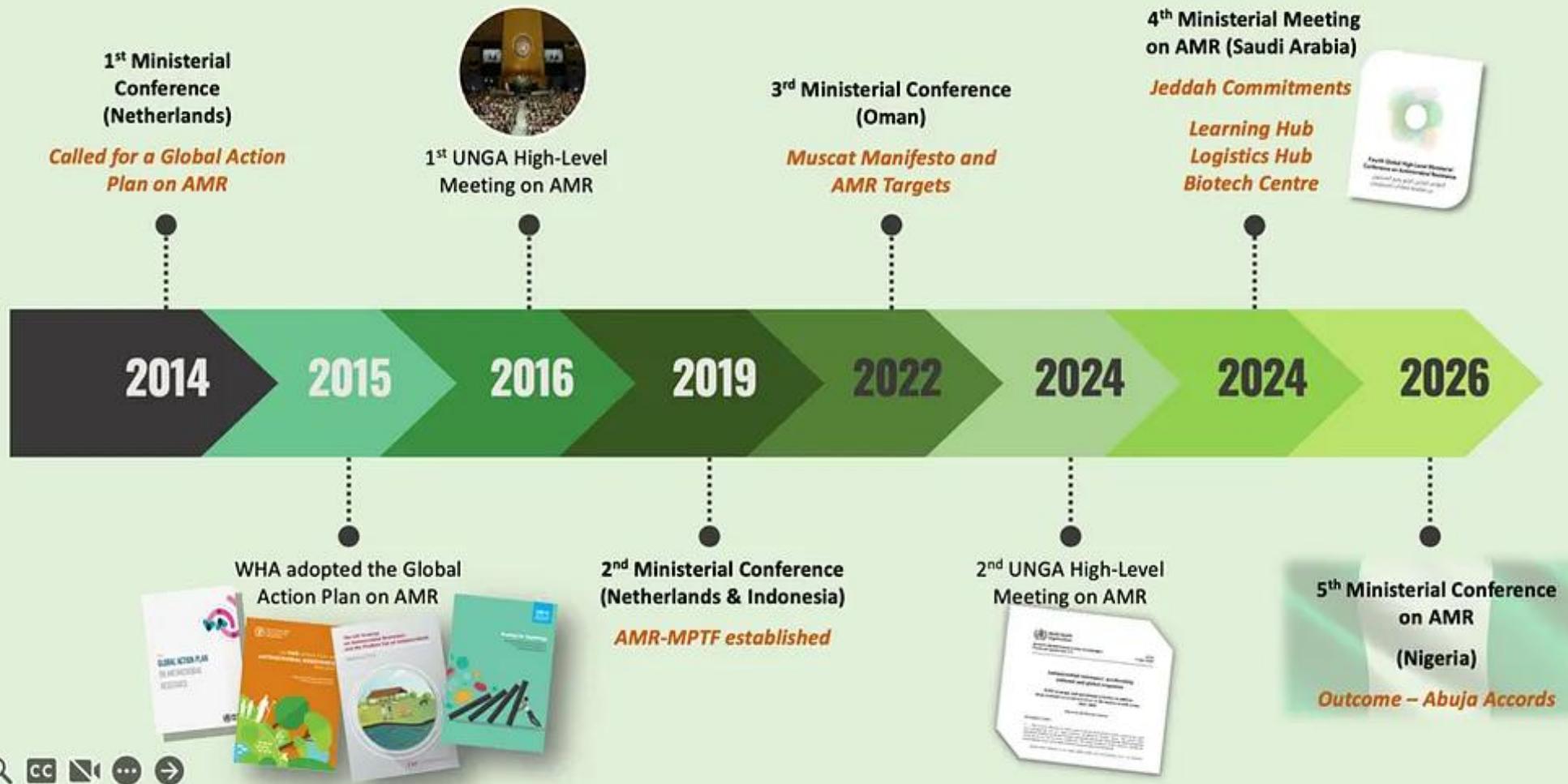
Improve evidence base through strengthening One Health AMR surveillance systems and operational research for decision making.





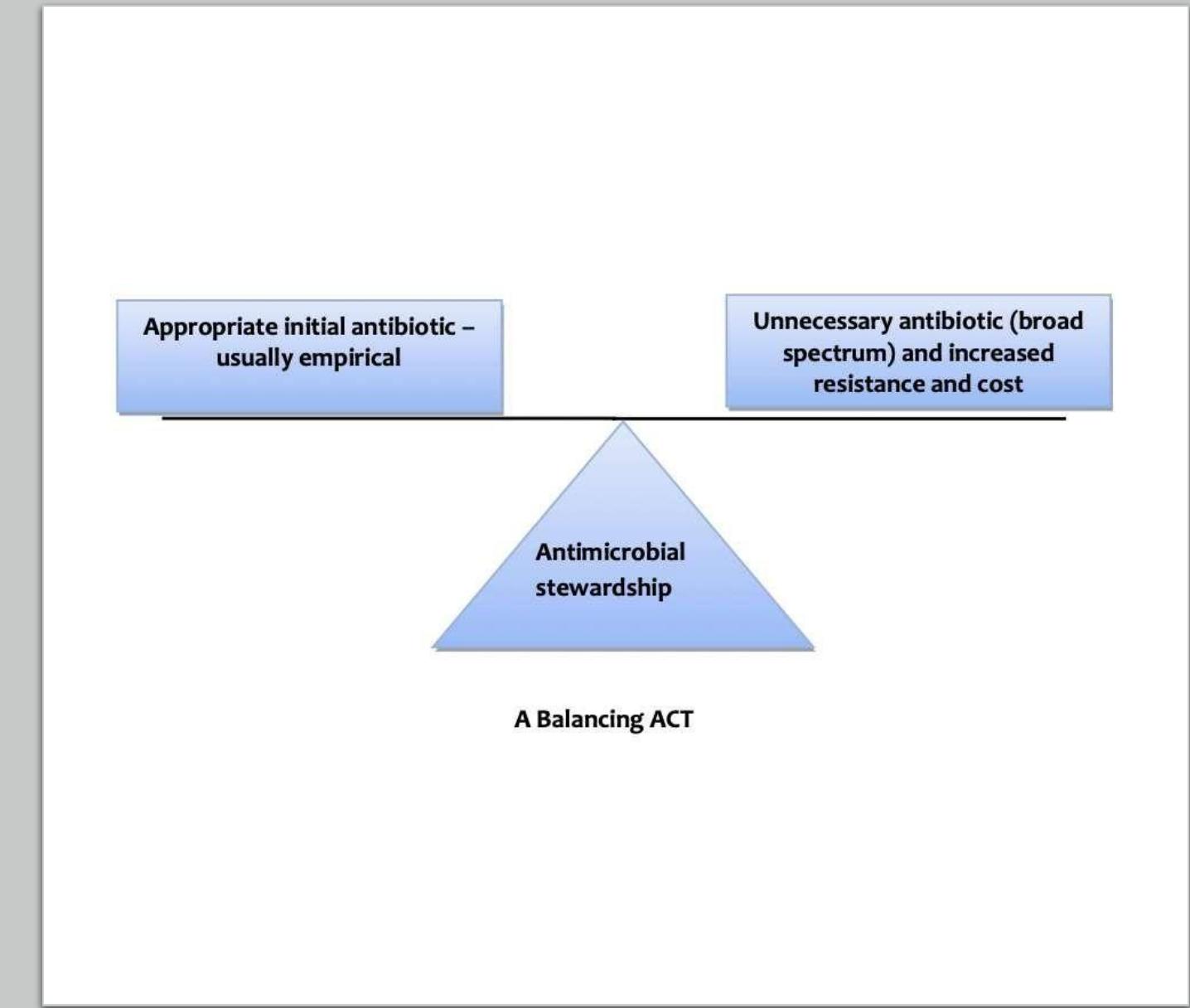
A Global Journey to Nigeria 2026

Nigeria will host the 5th AMR Ministerial Conference in Abuja (29 – 30 June 2026)



Antimicrobial Stewardship

- Coordinated interventions designed to improve and measure the appropriate use of antimicrobial agents by promoting the selection of the optimal antimicrobial drug regimen, including dosing, duration of therapy, and route of administration.



Components of Antimicrobial Stewardship Program

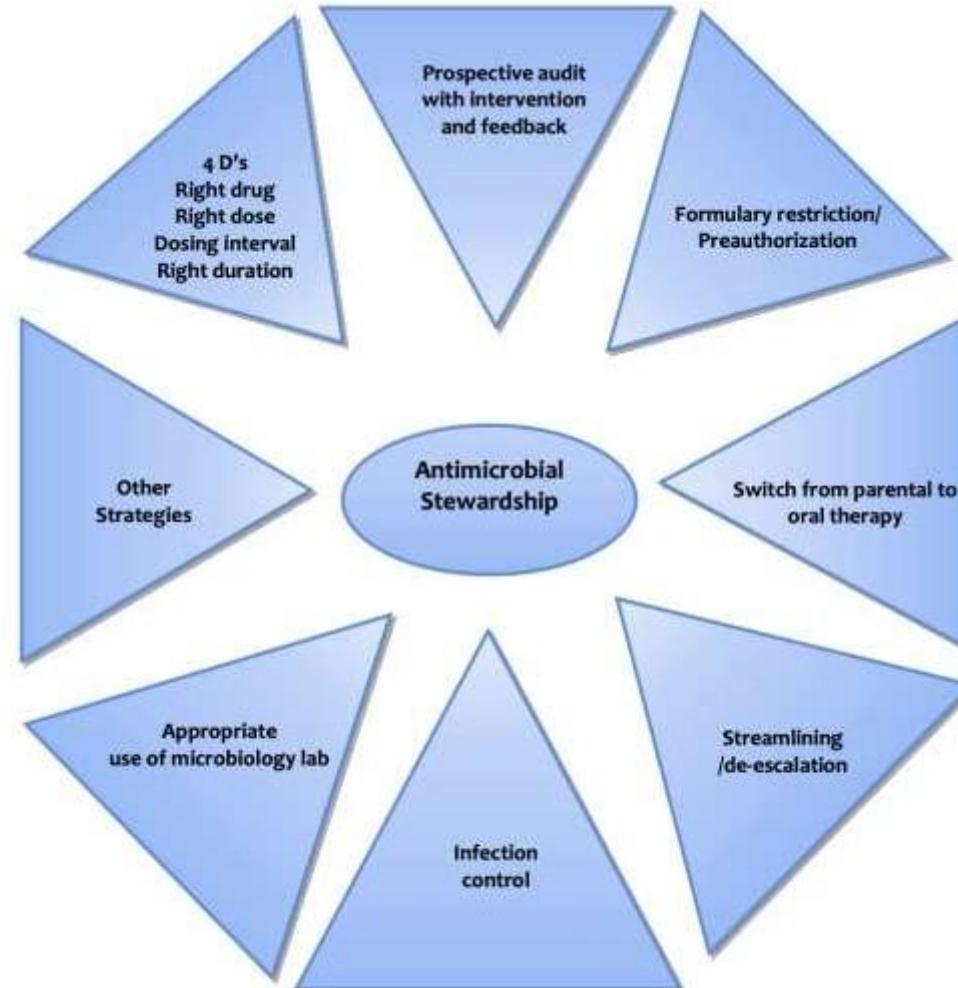


Figure 3. Components of antimicrobial stewardship. However the highest quality of evidence in prospective audit with intervention and feedback and formulary restriction/pre-authorization.

Strategies to improve antimicrobial use

Front-end strategies:

- Antimicrobials are made available through an approval process (formulary restriction and preauthorization)
- Shows immediate reduction in use and expenditure of restricted antibiotics

Back-end strategies:

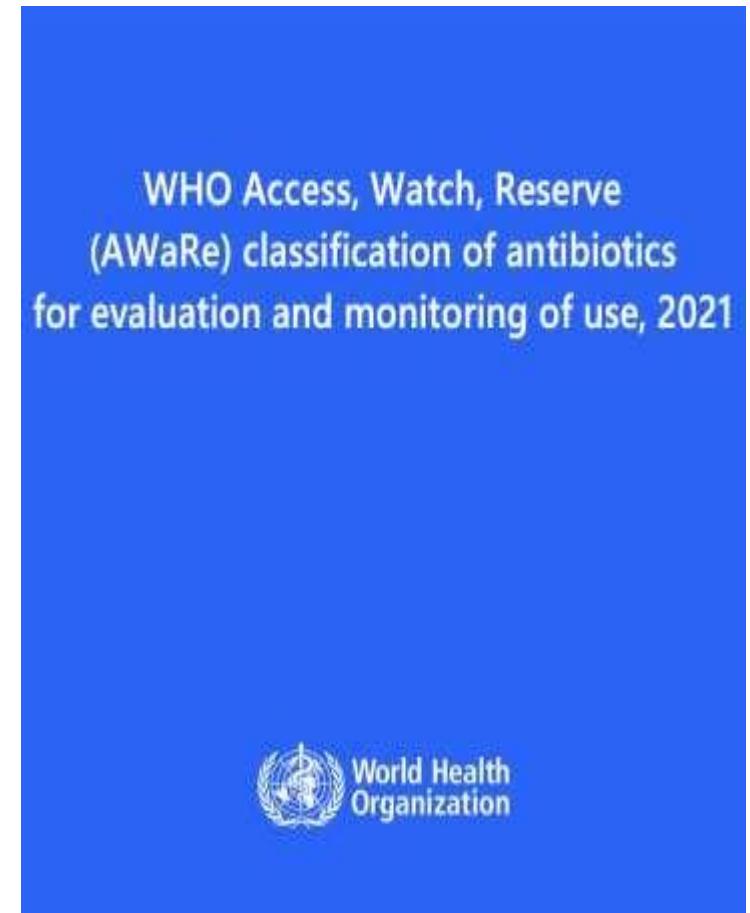
- Antimicrobials are reviewed after antimicrobial therapy has been initiated (prospective audit and feedback)
- Timely de-escalation of antibiotics
- Reduction in inappropriate use

Strategies to improve Antimicrobial Use

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Pre-authorization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduces empiric initiation of inappropriate Antimicrobials• Encourages early and frequent review of culture data• Reduces costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May delay therapy• Loss of prescriber autonomy• Impacts only restricted agents
Prospective Audit & Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visibility of the stewardship is increased• More data is available, and hence uptake is better.• Educative and collaborative effort, which could address de-escalation and duration of therapy• Prescriber autonomy is maintained	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour-intensive• Compliance is voluntary, and prescribers' reluctance to change if the patient is better

WHO AWaRe Tool

- The AWaRe Classification of antibiotics was developed in 2017 by the WHO Expert Committee on Selection and Use of Essential Medicines as a tool to support antibiotic stewardship efforts at local, national, and global levels.
- Antibiotics are classified into three groups, **Access, Watch, and Reserve**, taking into account the impact of different antibiotics and antibiotic classes on antimicrobial resistance, to emphasize the importance of their appropriate use.
- It is a useful tool for monitoring antibiotic consumption, defining targets, and monitoring the effects of stewardship policies that aim to optimize antibiotic use and curb antimicrobial resistance.



Antimicrobial resistance is a global crisis

WHO's AWaRe tool can help countries tackle it by prioritizing how antibiotics should be used.



ACCESS

should be
always available



WATCH

must be
used sparingly



RESERVE

only as
a last resort

Access category antibiotics should
be the preferred choice for
common and serious infections.

Watch and **Reserve** category antibiotics are either at higher risk of
resistance or too precious to use all the time.

Antibiotic	Class	ATC code	Category	Listed on EML/EMLc 2021
Amikacin	Aminoglycosides	J01G806	Access	Yes
Amoxicillin	Penicillins	J01CA04	Access	Yes
Amoxicillin/davulanic-acid	Beta-lactam/beta-lactamase-inhibitor	J01CR02	Access	Yes
Ampicillin	Penicillins	J01CA01	Access	Yes
Ampicillin/sulbactam	Beta-lactam/beta-lactamase-inhibitor	J01CR01	Access	No
Arbekacin	Aminoglycosides	J01GB12	Watch	No
Aspoxicillin	Penicillins	J01CA19	Watch	No
Azidocillin	Penicillins	J01CE04	Access	No
Azithromycin	Macrolides	J01FA10	Watch	Yes
Azlocillin	Penicillins	J01CA09	Watch	No
Aztreonam	Monobactams	J01DF01	Reserve	No
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Cefamandole	Second-generation-cephalosporins	J01DC03	Watch	No

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 **ADULTS**

Bronchitis

 **Definition**

A self-limiting inflammation of the trachea and bronchi characterized by persistent cough +/- fever ($\geq 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$) usually caused by a viral infection

 **Diagnosis**
 **Clinical Presentation**

- Acute onset (<2 weeks) of cough lasting > 5 days +/- sputum production and shortness of breath (colour of the sputum does not indicate bacterial infection) +/- fever ($\geq 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Generally a mild condition; cough usually lasts 10-20 days (can last longer)

Important: Symptoms can overlap with pneumonia and this can lead to inappropriate treatment with antibiotics. This should be avoided with a careful patient assessment

• **Bronchitis:** Less severe presentation, usually self-limiting (but cough may take weeks to resolve)

• **Pneumonia (see "Community-acquired pneumonia" infographic):** More severe presentation with shortness of breath and systemic signs of infection (e.g. increased heart and respiratory rate)

 **Microbiology Tests**

Usually not needed; consider testing for Influenza virus or SARS-CoV-2 (e.g. during influenza season or outbreaks based on local epidemiological risk/situation/protocols)

 **Other Laboratory Tests**

Usually not needed

 **Imaging**

Usually not needed



Most Likely Pathogens

Respiratory viruses:

- Rhinovirus
- Influenza virus (A and B)
- Parainfluenza virus
- Coronavirus (including SARS-CoV-2)
- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- Metapneumovirus
- Adenovirus
- Other respiratory viruses

 **Treatment**
 **No Antibiotic Care**

- Symptomatic treatment
- Bronchodilators (in case of wheezing), mucolytic or antitussive agents, can be considered based on local practices and patient preferences

Patients should be informed that:

- Great majority of cases are self-limiting and of viral origin
- Cough can persist for several weeks

 **Symptomatic Treatment**

Medicines are listed in alphabetical order and should be considered equal treatment options

 Ibuprofen 200-400 mg q6-8h (Max 2.4 g/day)

OR

 Paracetamol (acetaminophen) 500 mg-1 g q4-6h (max 4 g/day)

• Hepatic impairment/cirrhosis: Max 2 g/day

 **Antibiotic Treatment**

Antibiotic treatment is **not recommended and should be avoided** as there is no evidence of a significant clinical benefit and there is a risk of side effects of antibiotics

Steps of rational antimicrobial use

- Making a clinical diagnosis
- Limiting empiric antimicrobial therapy
- Know your bugs
- Choose an appropriate antimicrobial medication
- De-escalation/modification
- Identify clinical situations where antimicrobial use needs to be stopped
- Reduce duration of therapy
- Optimize pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics

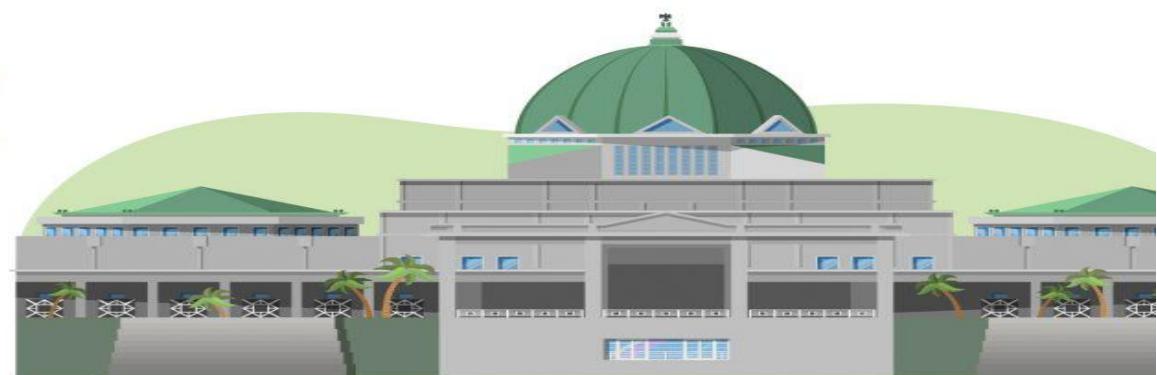


To the Government

To curb AMR effectively, government must continue implementing the proposed actions under the five focus areas identified in the national AMR action plan:

- 1. Increase awareness and knowledge of AMR and related topics.**
- 2. Build a 'One Health' AMR surveillance system.**
- 3. Intensify infection prevention and control efforts in human health, animal health and the environment at community and all governmental levels, promoting food safety and the use of vaccines in humans and animals.**

- 4. Improve access to quality antimicrobial agents for infections, promote antimicrobial stewardship and strengthen regulatory agencies across all sectors.**
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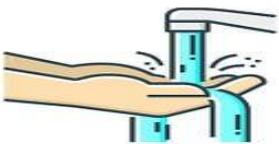




How can we prevent antimicrobial resistance together?

Antimicrobial resistance will affect everybody regardless of where they live, their economic status or lifestyle. It is therefore critical to engage all of society as well as adopt a one health approach to help save millions of lives, preserve antimicrobials for generations and secure the future from drug-resistant pathogens.

To the Public

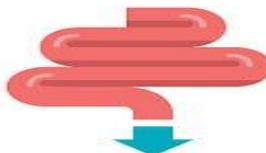


When preparing food, washing hands before cooking and keeping food preparation areas clean can help prevent the spread of drug resistant microbes.



Human-induced pollution exacerbates AMR in the environment. The treatment of municipal, agricultural, and industrial waste are important preventive measures.

Access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in homes and health facilities can reduce the need for antibiotics to treat diarrhoea by up to 60 percent. WASH helps prevent drug resistant infections, saves lives and reduces health care costs.



Follow directions on treatment dosage and duration, even if you feel better.

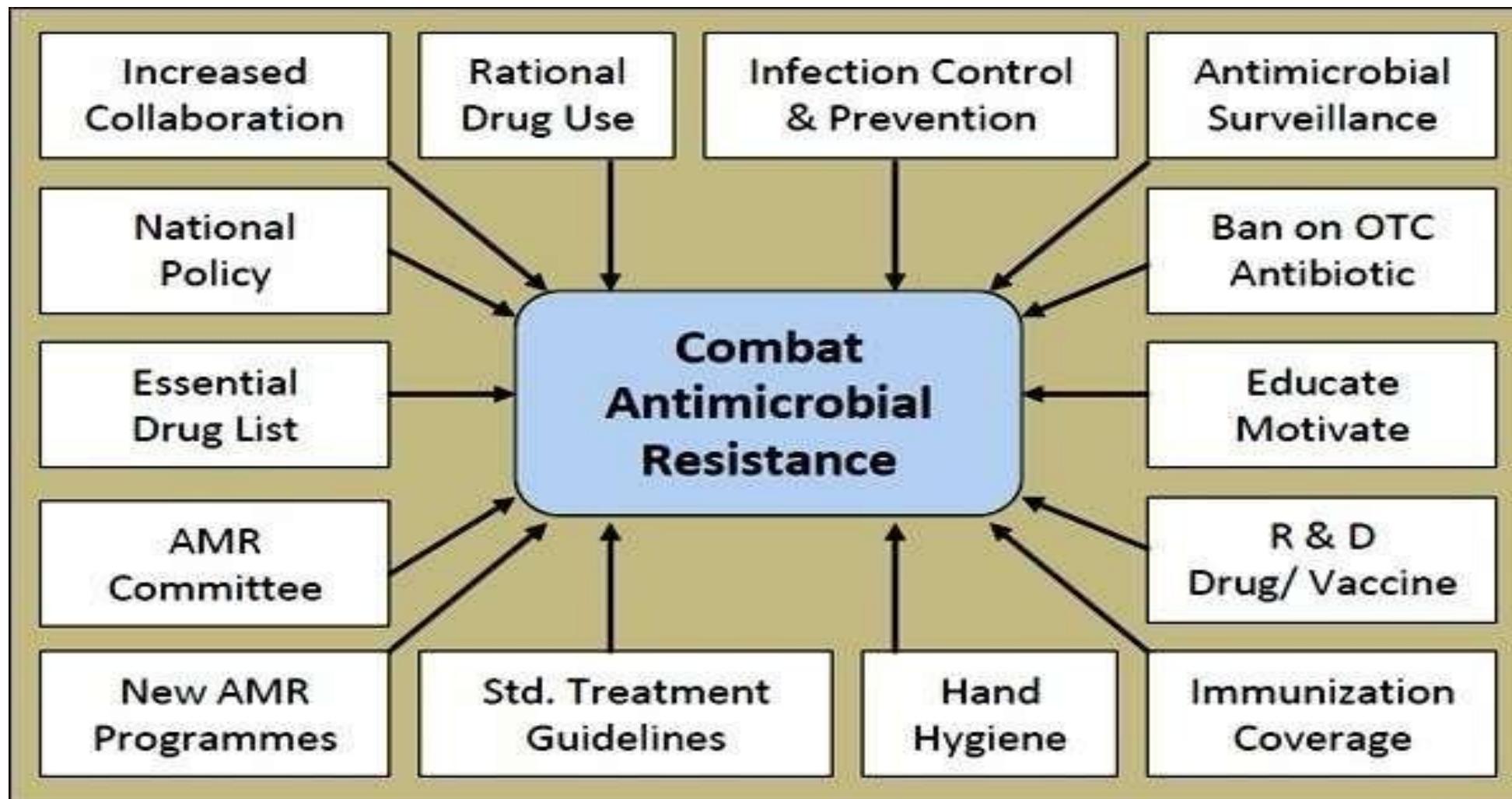


Keep antimicrobial medicines working through correct use. Take them only as directed by a health worker.



Don't share or use leftover antimicrobials.

Mitigation Strategies

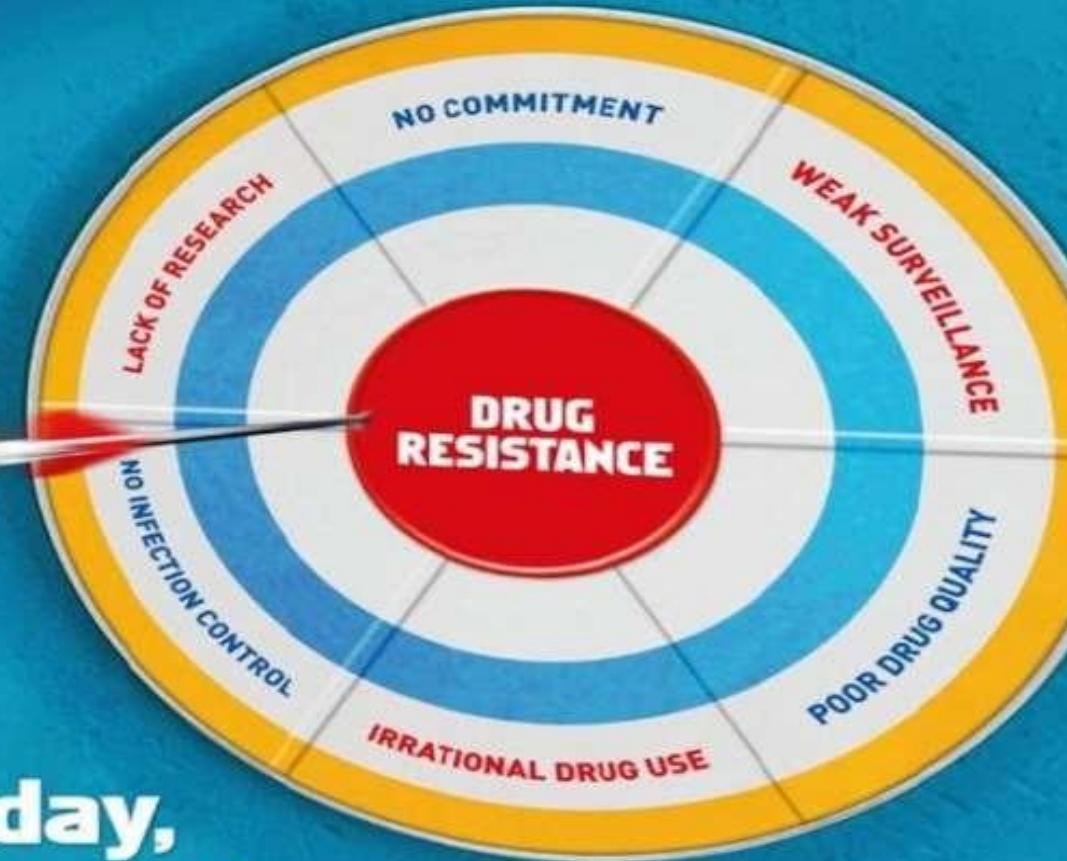




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