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Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR) Civil Society Information Session

24 January 2023

Agenda

1. **Welcome** - Mr. Michael Anglade, Save the Children
2. **Opening Remarks** - Dr. Mike Ryan, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Programme
3. **Update from WHO on 2022 UHPR Progress** - Dr Stella Chungong, Director, Health Security Preparedness, WHO
4. **Update on civil society engagement in UHPR** - Dr Justin Koonin UHC2030 Co-Chair and UHPR TAG member
5. **Discussion** – Moderated by Dr Justin Koonin UHC2030 Co-Chair and UHPR TAG member
6. **Closing** – Dr Stella Chungong, Director, Health Security Preparedness, WHO



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Update from WHO on 2022 UHPR Progress

Dr Stella Chungong, Director Health Security Preparedness, WHO Health Emergencies Programme

Overview of key milestones

- Detailed Concept Note on the UHPR presented and noted by MS following consultations in March 2022, [A75/21](#)
- Technical Advisory Group established in September 2021, continues to provide recommendations to WHO on the technical documentation and review process.
- UHPR included in the global architecture for HEPR
- WHO regional committees acknowledged the UHPR

- Based on feedback from the pilot countries and the TAG, WHO Secretariat has revised and updated the UHPR technical documents to:
 - Simplify and streamline processes and tools
 - Further refine the metrics, aligning with the scope of the UHPR.
 - Simplify the UHPR National Report Template

Pilots in Central African Republic, Iraq, Thailand and Portugal

- Active consultations and technical meetings with representatives of sectors of society, government and other stakeholders took place.
- Site visits, high-level meetings, interviews and Simulation Exercises were carried out.
- High-level representatives, private, civil society, national and international stakeholders were engaged.

Key learnings for WHO from pilots

- Elevates the importance of emergency preparedness to the highest levels of government and policy makers
- Promotes multisectoral engagement, whole-of-society approach
- Leverages regional and international support and solidarity towards addressing country priorities

The UHPR Technical Advisory Group

- To advise on the development of technical tools, metrics and to provide recommendations on the process.
- To ensure that the UHPR is evidence-based, logical and appropriate to measure the status of countries' health emergency preparedness.
- 21 TAG members representing all 6 WHO Regions with 2 Co-Chairs from Tanzania and France and a rapporteur from the USA.
- Three working groups focusing on governance, metrics, and reviewing existing preparedness monitoring and reviews.
- Multidisciplinary representation on the advisory group with gender & geographical balance among the members.

UHPR Metrics

Governance

- Qualitative measures covers the following areas: Policy, Stakeholder Voice including whole-of-society, Evidence-based Decision Making, and Laws & Regulations.

Systems

- Quantitative measures from the GPW13 Triple Billion metrics (UHC, financial hardship, Prevent, Prepare and detect and response) and measure of mental health.
- Additional measures from existing national and sub-national data sources considered.

Financing

- Quantitative measures related to spending gaps and net official aid.
 - General government health expenditure (as % of GDP), estimated cost of health security plan and aid assistance/received

Risk

- The review employs two WHO tools to assess risk and vulnerability: the Strategic Tool for Risk Assessment (qualitative tool) and the Dynamic Preparedness Metric (quantitative tool).

Way forward on the UHPR

- **Country pilots to continue in 2023** – expressions of interest received from:
 - The Dominican Republic
 - The Republic of Congo
 - The Republic of Sierra Leone
- **Results of pilots will be used to continually update UHPR tools and processes**
- **UHPR webpage** available for latest updates:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/operations/universal-health-preparedness-review>



Way Forward: Social Participation Guide for Member States undertaking the UHPR National Reporting Process

- The '*Social Participation Guide for Member States undertaking the UHPR National Reporting process*' will provide Member States guidance on undertaking regular, broad, and meaningfully consultation and engagement with communities, civil society, NGOs, academia and other social participation actors.
 - Guide aims to assist Member States in understanding the practicalities and address potential challenges, of putting in place participatory processes.
- Guide can be accessed from the GH2H website.
- WHO is welcoming written feedback on this draft paper from Civil Society Organizations until **31st January 2023**.
- Written submissions can be sent to WHO's UHPR inbox: UHPR@who.int



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Update on civil society engagement in UHPR

Dr Justin Koonin, UHC2030 Co-Chair and UHPR TAG member

UHPR Technical Advisory Group (Sub Group 3)

TAG Subgroup 3 Process

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meets periodically as a whole, as well as in three subgroups, focusing on:

1. Governance and process
2. Indicators
3. Interaction and relation with other mechanisms

Subgroup 3 focused most time on civil society and community engagement, and also engaged external experts on a range of social participation issues.

Experts consulted included:

- Gianni Magazzeni, Chief, UPR Branch & TAG Member
- Mona M'Bikay, UPR Info & TAG Member
- Nirmal Kandel, Unit Head EHS/HSP Unit and UHPR Secretariat, WHO
- Kira Koch, Technical Officer, Health System Governance and Financing, WHO
- Marjolaine Nicod, Development Cooperation Specialist, WHO/UHC2030
- David Clarke, Unit Head, Health System's Governance and Policy, WHO

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TAG Subgroup 3 Process:

- Discussions with experts sought to provide the subgroup with further information on the following questions:
 - *Inclusion of an indicator/metric which measures the extent to which national, subnational and local strategies exist for community engagement and social participation.*
 - *What other pre-existing reporting exists that countries could use for these metrics (UHPR aims to pull from pre-existing reporting where possible).*
 - *Other stakeholder reports and their use in other mechanisms - How is external civil society/community input facilitated in other similar processes (e.g. UPR)?*
 - *Selection of CSO to be engaged as part of any expert group.*
 - *Specific vulnerabilities of CSOs engaged in multilateral mechanisms.*
 - *CSO engagement work in other peer review multilateral mechanisms.*
 - *Scope of stakeholders, non-state actors, communities, private sector etc. How to make sure a social participation includes a wide enough engagement parameter.*

TAG Subgroup 3 Recommendations for WHO on Social Participation and Civil Society/Community Engagement

Recommendation 1

Consider the inclusion of an indicator/metric which measures the extent to which national, subnational and local strategies exist for community engagement and social participation.

Recommendation 2

Ensure that the qualitative section of the review asks questions which gauge the extent to which national, subnational and local strategies exist for community engagement and social participation. Taking guidance from the Handbook on Social Participation for Universal Health Coverage, such questions should cover.

- The existence of a formalised mechanism for social participation
- The extent to which such a mechanism has been utilised during the COVID-19 pandemic
- The extent to which outcomes of social participation processes are taken into account in the formation of health policy

Recommendation 3

Ensure multiple seats for civil society/communities on the Expert Advisory Commission. Suitable models may include the Global Fund and UHC2030, which have separate seats for Global North CSOs, Global South CSOs, and Communities (or CBOs).

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Recommendation 4

Ensure that there is some other process for civil society and community engagement beyond formal engagement by government invitation in the national review. This includes ensuring that input is received from communities, and not just CSOs. Options include:

- Other stakeholder reporting feeding into the EAC
- Panel of regional experts/organisations to provide feedback to the EAC

Recommendation 5

Ensure explicit representation of CSOs/communities on the Global Peer Review Commission.

Recommendation 6

Ensure there is a clear definition of the scope of engagement for non-state actors (e.g. civil society organisations and communities, or broader multisectoral engagement involving the private sector, academia etc).

Recommendation 7

Ensure that the differing expectations of engagement for civil society and communities at each level of the UHPR process (national review, EAC, GPRC) are clearly articulated.

| Recommended Next Steps from TAG Subgroup 3

- Discuss other stakeholder reporting and provide recommendations to WHO on the coordination and process aspects of how such a procedure could practically work in the health preparedness space. This includes processes for ensuring protection for vulnerable CSOs engaging in a peer review multilateral mechanism such as the UHPR.
- Examine private sector engagement and make recommendations to WHO as where and how engagement with these stakeholders should fit into the UHPR process.



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Discussion

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*Its purpose is to build mutual trust and accountability for health, by bringing nations together as neighbors to support a whole-of-government approach to strengthening national capacities for pandemic preparedness, universal health coverage and healthier populations. **We are calling it a Universal Health and Preparedness Review.***

Dr Tedros,
Meeting of the Programme, Budget
and Administration Committee of the
Executive Board
21 October 2020



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Closing

Dr Stella Chungong, Director Health Security Preparedness, WHO Health Emergencies Programme



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Thank you for your attention

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