

Riyadh Global Digital Health Summit —— 11-12 August, 2020

# **Pandemic Threats**

Predictability	Threat
Known Knowns	COVID-19, AMR, vaccine hesitancy
Known Unknowns	Pandemic influenza
Unknown Knowns	Zoonoses, vector-borne disease (e.g. Zika)
Unknown Unknowns	
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### **Impact of Health Policy on Pandemics**

### Pre-Pandemic

- Pandemic planning
- Health systems infrastructure
- Public engagement
- Research & Innovation

### During Pandemic

- Evidence-based flexibility
- Health communication
- International coordination and collaboration

### Post-Pandemic

- After action reviews
- Revision of plans

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Respond Reflect

Prepare

### **Preparedness – The Cost of Not Doing it**

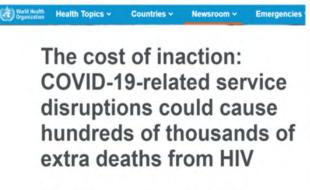


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# Fighting COVID-19 could cost 500 times as much as pandemic prevention measures

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Gains made in preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV could be reversed, with new HIV infections among children up by as much as 104%

# **Preparedness – The Cost of Not Doing it**



#### DRUG-RESISTANT INFECTIONS

A Threat to Our Economic Future

March 2017

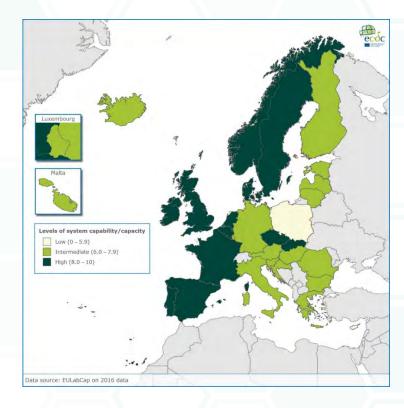
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The annual reduction in global GDP caused by AMR could be as large as the losses provoked by the 2008 global financial crisis. However, the cost impacts of AMR on GDP would be worse than those of the 2008 global financial crisis in two respects. First, they would be felt throughout the period to 2050, not just for a couple of very bad years. Second, with AMR, low-income countries would experience larger drops in economic growth than wealthy countries, so global poverty and economic inequality would increase.

### Health Service Infrastructure & Resources Laboratory Capacity





# **Public/Community Engagement**



"Affected communities are increasingly recognised as key resources that can be utilised during public health emergencies, and that the concerns and experiences of ordinary people should be harnessed as an important part of the response."

# **Evidence-based Flexibility**

Given the context of uncertainty inherent in the unpredictability of the influenza virus, there is a tendency, in an emergency situation and in the absence of information, to assume the worst-case scenario and resource the response accordingly. There is, however, an alternative approach, which is to take a view on the most likely outcome, while monitoring events closely and changing tack as necessary.

Ministers should determine early in a pandemic how they will ensure that the response is proportionate to the perceived level of risk and how this will guide decision-making.

Commission further work to support key decision-making early in a pandemic...consider the practicalities of developing methods to measure the severity of a pandemic in its early stages.

The WHO lacked a consistent, measurable, and understandable depiction of the severity of a pandemic. This situation was problematic because, regardless of the definition of a pandemic, the decisions about response logically depend on both spread and severity. Dame Deirdre Hine. An independent review of the UK response to the 2009 influenza pandemic. UK Cabinet Office 2010

Harvey V. Fineberg, Pandemic Preparedness and Response —Lessons from the H1N1 Influenza of 2009. N Engl J Med 2014; 370:1335-1342

### **International Coordination and Collaboration**

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The outbreak in 2009 of H1N1 pandemic influenza highlighted weaknesses in the access and p obtain pandemic vaccines and medications. In 2010, the European Council requested the Commi procurement of vaccines in the frame of a future pandemic.	Home > Press corner > COVID-19: Commission creates first ever rescEU stockpile  Available languages: English ~	
Provisions for the joint procurement of medical countermeasures are included in Article 5 of Decis		

# **After Action Reviews**

#### The 2009 Influenza Pandemic

An independent review of the UK response to the 2009 influenza pandemic

Dame Deirdre Hine, DBE FFPH FRCP

July 2010



World Health Organization

SIXTY-FOURTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY Provisional agenda Bem 13.2

A64/10 5 May 2011

Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

Report of the Review Committee on the Functioning of the International Health Regulations (2005) in relation to Pandemic (H1N1) 2009

Report by the Director-General

The Director-General law the longer to transmit to the Sixty-South World Health Assembly the report of the Environ Committee on the Functioning of the International Health Regulations (2001) in selector to Pandemic (HINI) 2009 (see Annet)

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Save Costs Reduce Disruption Secure Trust Save Lives Reduce Fear Reduce Inequalities Improve Prevention Reduce Impact

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