

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (IHR) TOOLS FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION

JOINT EXTERNAL EVALUATION

Recommended every 4-5 years

WHAT

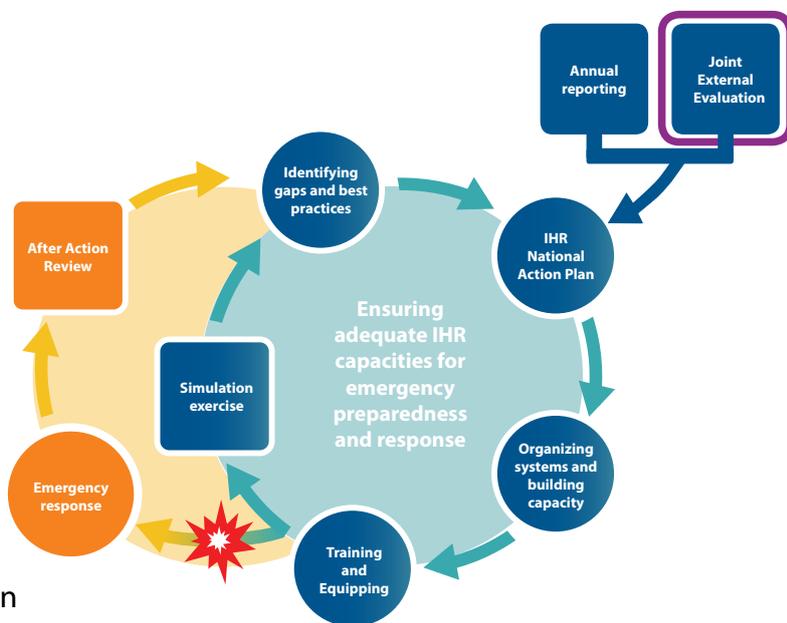
The Joint External Evaluation (JEE) is one of the four tools to monitor and evaluate countries' IHR capacity. **The JEE is a voluntary, collaborative, multisectoral process to comprehensively assess national capacity to prevent, detect, and rapidly respond to various public health risks.** This process is also an opportunity to engage with partners and donors to effectively address the identified gaps in a coordinated manner.

WHY

The JEE helps countries identify the most critical gaps within their human and animal health systems with the aim to prioritize actions to be taken for improving preparedness and response capacities.

It specifically helps to:

- ✓ determine the baseline for capacities required under the IHR(2005);
- ✓ identify strengths, best practices, areas for improvement and priority actions across 19 technical areas;
- ✓ inform the development of the national action plan for health security;
- ✓ engage donors and partners; and
- ✓ enhance in-country multisectoral coordination and networking, and stakeholders' awareness of health security issues and the IHR(2005).



HOW

The JEE process consists of two parts:



1 a country self-assessment, in which national counterparts across sectors evaluate their own national capacities according to the 19 technical areas outlined in the JEE tool; and

2 an external assessment, in which national counterparts, together with a team of external experts, review the self-assessment results, jointly decide on the score and recommended actions.

The JEE assesses 19 technical areas

that are classified according to three core elements:

- ✓ prevention and reduction of the likelihood of outbreaks and other public health hazards;
- ✓ detection of threats; and
- ✓ provision of rapid and effective response that includes multisectoral, national and international coordination and communication.

Technical areas include: national legislation, policy and financing; IHR coordination, communication and advocacy; zoonotic diseases; food safety; national laboratory systems; emergency response operations; chemical events; points of entry; and others.

WHO support

Countries request the responsible WHO regional office to conduct a JEE through their ministry of health. The WHO regional office then coordinates the evaluation process, including the selection of the team of external experts, the organization of the mission and the finalization of the report. JEE findings, including recommendations for priority actions, are summarized in a report that is made publicly available on the WHO website.

Contact us

The WHO Regional Office for Europe has a dedicated team to support and guide countries in performing IHR monitoring and evaluation.

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