

# WHO Health Emergencies Update

## Update on Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR)

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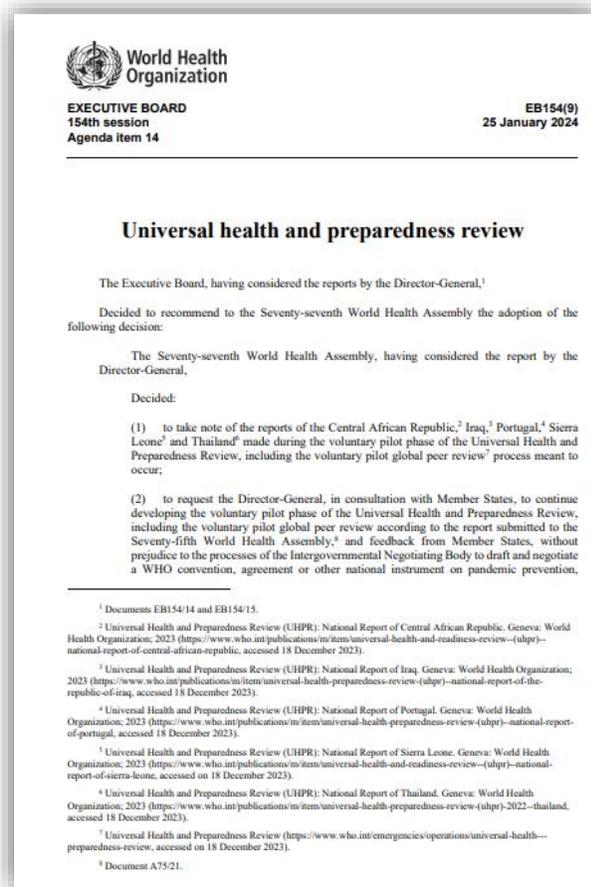


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# Universal Health and Preparedness Review – 3 years Journey

- Nov 2020: DG announces UHPR
- WHA75, 2022: UHPR concept note noted by Member States ([A75/21](#))
- National review process piloted in 5 countries between December 2020 and May 2023 (CAR, Iraq, Portugal, Thailand, Sierra Leone,)
- Upcoming country pilots in Cameroon, The Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Luxembourg, and Tanzania
- EB decision [EB154\(9\)](#) January 2024, requests the organization to continue the voluntary pilot phase and provide a report to WHA78
- The first Global Peer review was successfully held on 13-14 February 2024

# EB decision, document EB154(9)



*(1) continue developing the voluntary pilot phase of the Universal Health and Preparedness Review*

- in consultation with Member States*
- according to report A75/21 and feedback from Member States*
- without prejudice to the INB and the WGIHR processes*
- building on existing mechanisms*
- complementary to and non-duplicative of existing modalities and evaluation tools and processes used by Member States*

*(2) to report on lessons learned, implications, benefits, challenges, and options for the next steps through EB156 to the WHA78 in 2025*

# Global Peer Review: 13–14 February at WHO, Geneva

## Background

- The UHPR Concept Note ([A75/21](#)) foresees two phases:
  1. A national review
  2. A global peer review
- The global peer review phase is a central element of the UHPR process
- Demonstrates the functioning and benefits of the UHPR
- Consultation with all MS on the draft working methods of the global peer review, 3 July 2023
- MS and Civil Society Organizations provided written comments on the national report

## The First GPR

- 3 Member States - Central African Republic, Portugal, and Thailand - were reviewed
- Cameroon, Sierra Leone, and Luxembourg contributed as peer review panelists
- 180+ participants from MS, Health Ministers, Deputy Health Ministers, Ambassadors and senior representatives (online & onsite).
- High level of MS commitment, with fruitful and transparent dialogue among MS in the spirit of global solidarity
- Highlighted the add value of the UHPR, facilitated bilateral collaboration, experience sharing, and keeping health emergency preparedness high on political agenda.



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at the community level.

# Next steps

- Outcome report of the global peer review has been shared with all member states and it is available on the WHO website
- Continued consultation with Member States on further development of the UHPR
- Updating relevant guidance documents on the national and global review phases, in line with Member States feedback and lessons learnt from the country pilots and GPR
- WHO to provide a report on “*lessons learned, implications, benefits, challenges, and options for the next steps*” to WHA78, in line with [EB decision EB154\(9\)](#)

# Thank you!

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