



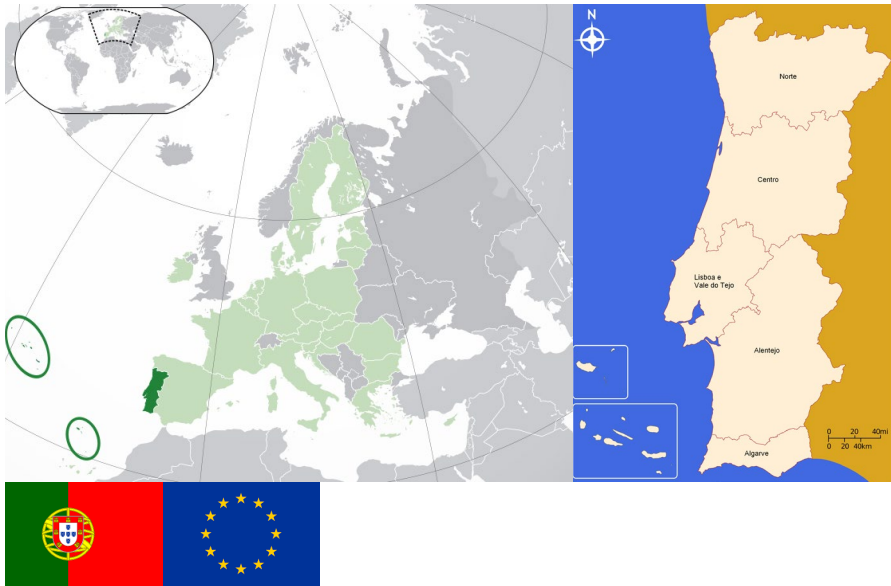
Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR) Pilot Portugal

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Country context - Portugal



- No changing borders since 1297
- Founding member of NATO in 1949
- Semi-presidential republic since 5 October 1910 and democratic country since 25 April 1974
- Universal National Health System (SNS) since Sept 1979
- EU Member-State since 1986
- Chief of State - President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa
- Head of Government - Prime Minister António Costa
- Assembly of the Republic with 230 seats

UHPR activities - Background info:

- Still facing pandemic
- No government 2021-2022 - MoH delegation to technical level

- 10.344.802 inhabitants (2021)
- Two archipelagos with Political and Administrative Statute of Autonomous Region (Azores and Madeira)

Piloting the UHPR in PORTUGAL: process

WHO HQ

UHPR team

WHO Euro

UHPR team

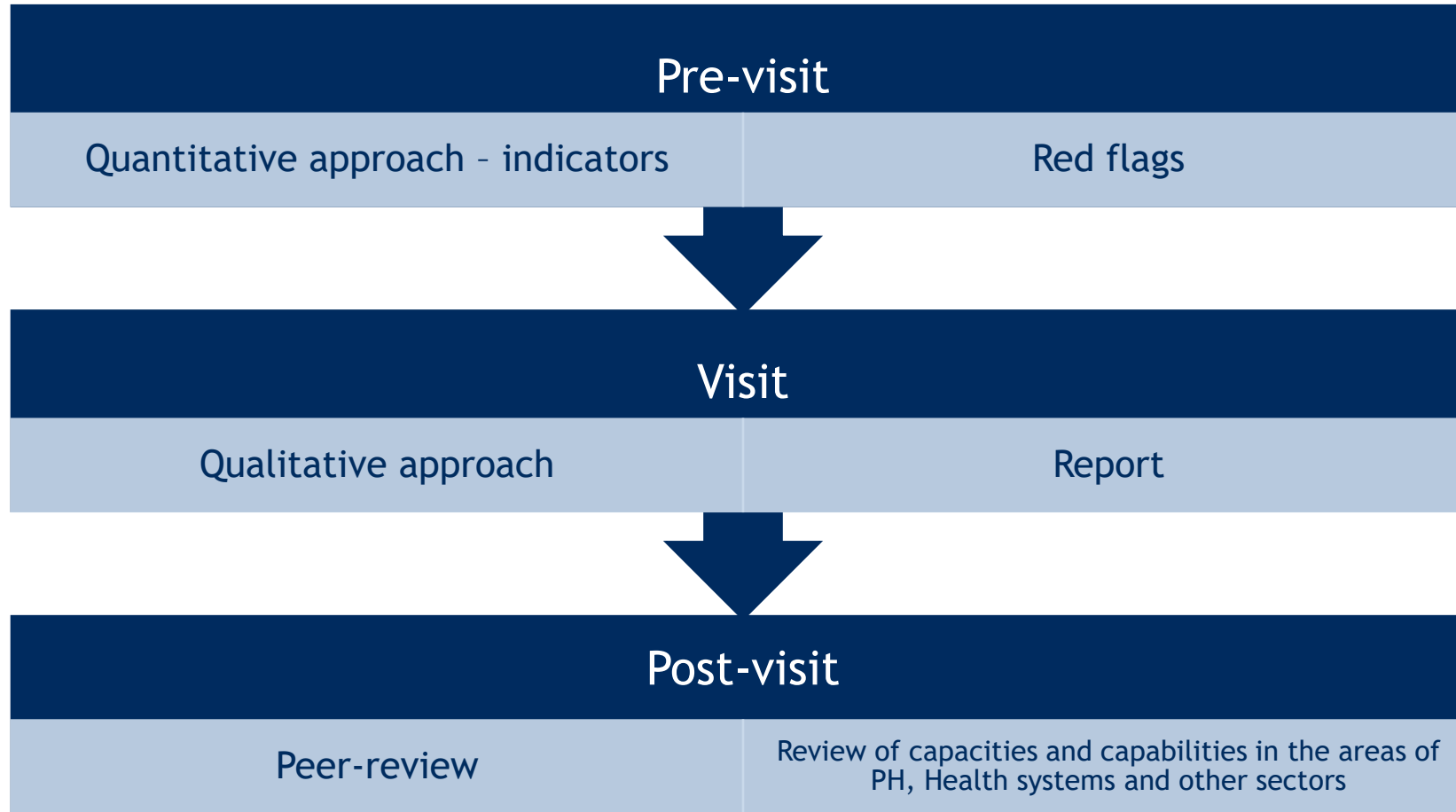
Portugal

National Committee
UHPR Secretariat

- A new multi-country mechanism of **capacity revision within universal health coverage, preparedness, and response to emergencies framework**
- Global dialogue on Preparedness
- Mapping capacities and capabilities

- Use former experience (GHSA)
- Identify best indicators and methods to collect information
- Mapping capacities and capabilities
- Opportunities to assess COVID-19 response

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20 + High-level advocacy meetings
(H.E. the Minister of Health, Parliamentarians,
Directors, etc.)

Multisectoral engagement:

- 13 ministries
- 36 public institutions
- 22 private and civil society institutions

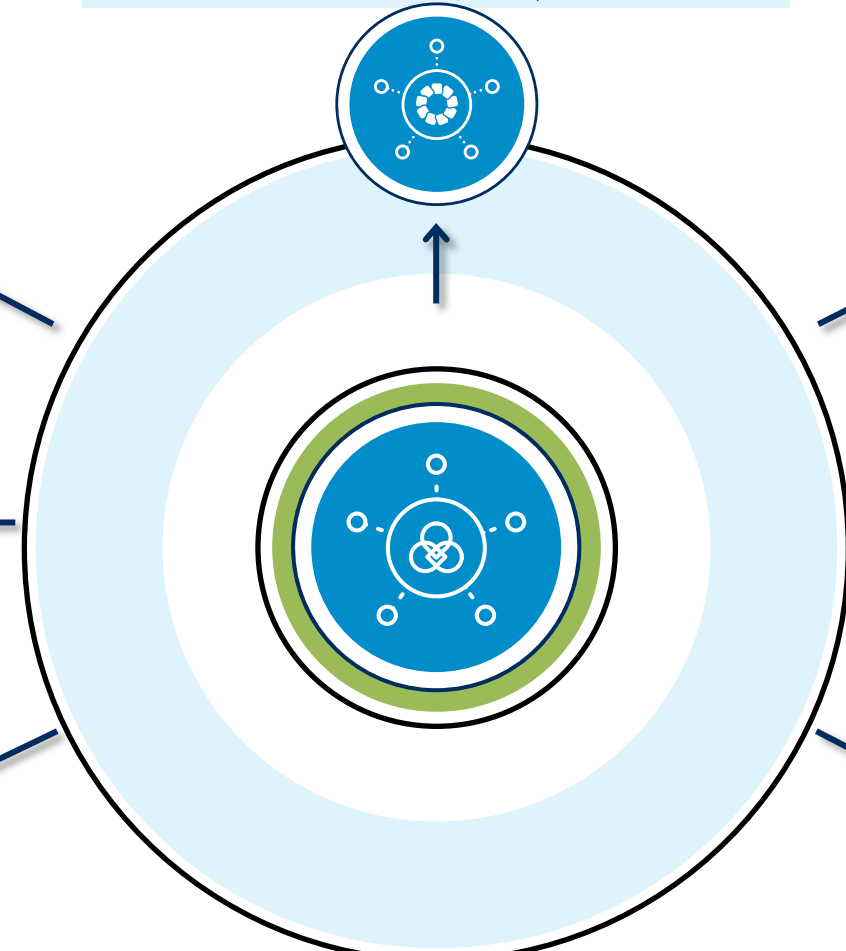
11 Sites visited
(Lisbon, Algarve, Porto)



4 Simulation Exercises
at national and local levels
(100+ participants)



Review of the reference documents shared by
Portuguese colleagues (**140+**)



20 + Key informant interviews



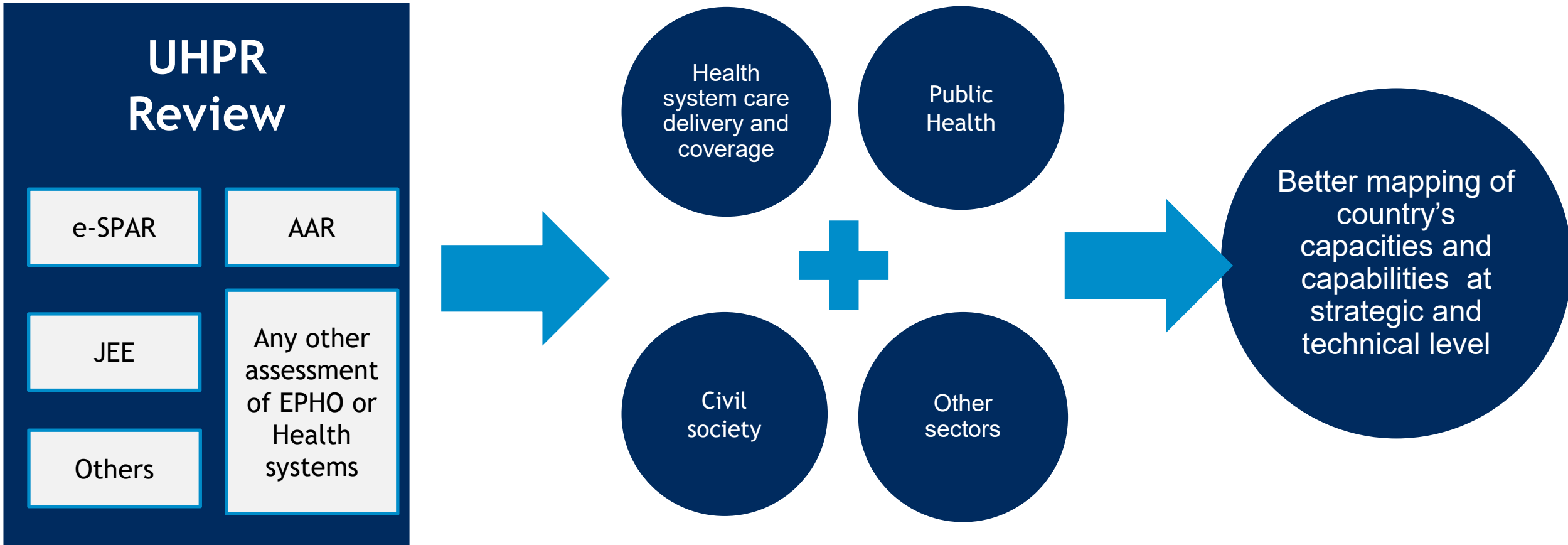
Focus group discussions
(**80+** participants)



Contributions to the Draft UHPR National Report



Key highlights from the UHPR pilot in PORTUGAL



Key highlights from the UHPR pilot in PORTUGAL

- Subnational and national contributions to global preparedness and response
- Recognize lessons from COVID-19
- Strategic vs technical complementarity
- Gaps identified in the health sector were also identified in all sectors, mainly when it comes to horizontal aspects: procedures, tools, human resources
- Engagement of the Parliament Health Group
- EU and European context

Recommendations from the UHPR pilot

- Preparation requires time and coordination
- Leading team dedicated
- Indicators to be revised from better proxy's on Health services, P&R and Governance/finance
- Editorial and compilation of information skills required
- Report will require more justice on the editorial text to translate better the add-value
- WHO pre-done report would help
- Follow up with WHO for phase II - Peer-review: transparency and country sharing

Recommendations from the UHPR

Governance and Leadership

- Legislation (PH measures, roles and responsibilities of decision-makers, technical experts and community in emergencies)

Multi sectoral coordination

- Sustain and institutionalize key partnerships developed during pandemic response

Research & Development

- Support of health emergency preparedness

Engagement of Communities, Risk Communications

- Enhance risk communication through reliable communication network within and between organizations and with the public

Data and Information Sharing

- Real time data sharing and better data integration in all sectors
- Improve tools to make them user friendly and needs driven
- Integrate data management for routine activities

Digital Technology and Telemedicine

- Maintain and increase investment in innovation and digital technology

Recommendations from the UHPR - Priorities /Recommendations

National Planning

- National Health Plan 2021-2030 for UHC, healthier populations and emergency preparedness
- National emergency preparedness and response plans
- Capture, document and disseminate the best practice and lessons learnt from pandemic (IAR & AAR)
- Training, recruitment and career paths
- Integrate in the system and process the gains made during the pandemic response
- Sustainable the budget lines for health emergency prevention and preparedness, based on lessons learned from COVID-19 pandemic
- More engagement of the parliament including through the health commission for PH emergencies preparedness and response



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