

Amman, 3 April 2017 -- Following the joint external evaluation mission to assess International Health Regulations (IHR) capacities that took place in Jordan in September 2016, a national consultation was organized on 28–30 March 2017 to develop a national action plan for health emergency preparedness and health security with relevant line ministries to convert the key joint external evaluation recommendations into detailed actions.

The national consultation was supported by WHO experts. Participants reviewed the recommendations, were fully briefed on the methodology, timelines and tools to be used to develop the action plan. Technical focal points from line ministries for each technical area were briefed for the development of priority activities, stakeholder mapping and identification of relevant plans available at national level.

Joint external evaluation is a voluntary, collaborative process, requested by Member States, to assess a country's capacity under the IHR to prevent, detect and rapidly respond to public health threats whether occurring naturally or due to deliberate or accidental events. The evaluation allows countries to identify the most urgent needs within their health security system; to prioritize opportunities for enhanced preparedness, response and action; and to engage with current and prospective donors and partners to target resources effectively.

For countries assessing Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA)-related capacities, the evaluation tool, with its more comprehensive scope, includes all elements of the GHSA.

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