Oman was selected by a WHO - European Union (EU) team to implement the WHO-EU Project on bio-safety and bio-security. The aim of this project was to strengthen national capacity of the country to fulfill its obligations under the International Health Regulations (IHR) in two areas: all hazards public health emergency management and upgrading laboratory organization and competence for bio-safety and bio-security. The Project has allowed the following actions:

§ A country assessment of public health emergency preparedness and response as well as laboratory bio-safety and bio-security;

§ Establishment of four accredited national courses on various aspects of emergency and IHR implementation;

§ Installation of essential IT and laboratory equipment;

§ Introduction of two innovative frameworks, relating to Vulnerability and Risk Analysis and Mapping as well as Health Facility Safety.

The project brochure and final report provides further details of this innovative project.

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