

Commonwealth Summary Action Plan for Strengthening Health Security: Suggested Roadmap February 2016

1. Governance

Support country national policy and legislation for:

- Implementation of IHR
- Strengthening of Health Systems to enable Health Security
- Financing national health systems plan
- Ensuring accountability and coordination

2. Advocacy

- Strengthen leadership and link to delivering the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Communications plan for emergency preparedness/ rapid responses and community engagement

3. Knowledge

- Mapping and risk assessment of potential health hazards
- Ensure adequate surveillance and monitoring
- Invest in Research and development
- Leverage Information Communication and mobile technologies for real-time coordination.

4. People

Training and workforce development in:

- Early detection and reporting of diseases by existing health workers
- · Antibiotic stewardship to tackle antimicrobial resistance

5. Protection

Build and develop components of Health Protection as part of Health System Strengthening:

- Communicable diseases control and laboratories
- Emergency planning and preparedness
- Environmental health
- Climate change and sustainable development

6. Prevention

Vaccination against common infectious diseases and screening programmes.

7. Promotion

Establishing cross-sector collaboration to work on environmental determinants of health

8. Capacity

• Building health system resilience through scaling up infrastructure and workforce development

9. Collaboration

 Identify national collaboration mechanisms and focal points to work with regional and global partners such as the WHO IHR focal points

10. Universal Health Coverage

- Develop longer term policies for health system strengthening including plans to address NCDs
- Establish cross-sector links to deliver the SDGs