

**Table 1.** Sample evaluation matrix for activity prioritization

Strategic objective	Activity or sub-activity	Priority as assigned within stakeholder discussions (1–5; 1 = low priority, 5 = high priority)	Impact (1–5; 1 = low impact, 5 = high impact)	Imminent risk (1–5; 1 = low risk, 5 = high risk)	Early wins (1–5; 1 = time-intensive; 5 = quick win)	Feasibility (1–5; 1 = low feasibility, 5 = high feasibility)	Total

Source: adapted from (15).

Once activities have been prioritized and sequenced, they can be inserted into a costed and time-bound operational plan as described in Chapter 4. Further prioritization may be needed based on the results of costing and budgeting. The COVID-19 pandemic may also have an impact on the prioritization of activities given that human and financial resources may have been repurposed to fighting the pandemic (Box 8).

#### Box 8. AMR and COVID-19

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic will require countries to prioritize activities related to the pandemic response. This is an opportunity to strengthen health systems, including specific activities such as AMS, IPC measures, WASH and immunization that also help prevent and control the emergence and spread of AMR.

AMR: antimicrobial resistance; AMS: antimicrobial stewardship; IPC: infection prevention and control; WASH: water, sanitation and hygiene.