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Getting "PRET" for the next pandemic: **Where are we now?**



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EPIDEMIC
& PANDEMIC
**PREPAREDNESS
& PREVENTION**

Overview

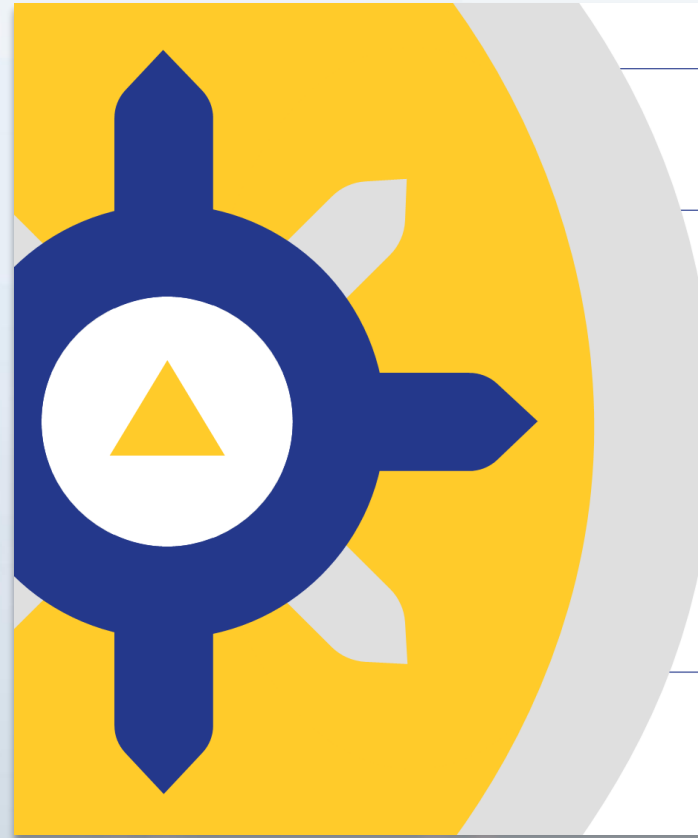
- **PRET (Preparedness and Resilience for Emerging Threats)** is an approach to pandemic preparedness and response planning launched by WHO in 2023.
- PRET applies a “mode of transmission lens” to preparedness for future pandemics.
- PRET is being rolled out globally through regional and national workshops and simulation exercises.
- The design and implementation of PRET draws on lessons from recent epidemics and pandemics.



Preparedness and Resilience for Emerging Threats (PRET)



New approach to improve pandemic preparedness for groups of pathogens **based on their mode of transmission**



Functional

Builds preparedness on the foundation of routine systems

Risk-based

Covers known pathogens with pandemic potential and unknown “Pathogen X”

Efficient

Same systems and capacities can be used

Collaborative

Brings partners from different sectors together

Innovative

Planning for groups of pathogens based on how they spread

PRET: Guidance, Training, and Tools



PRET Module 1:

The Why, What, and How of respiratory pathogen pandemic preparedness planning



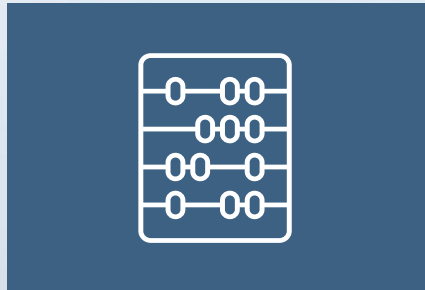
Module 1 Checklist:

Help stakeholders prioritize key actions to take



Module 1 M&E Framework:

Monitor progress and presence of functional capacities (coming soon)



Simulation packages & advocacy tools

Review status to trigger updates and increase awareness



Global Implementation Roadmap

Provides the global vision for respiratory pathogen pandemic preparedness planning (coming in 2024)



Analysis of COVID-19 lessons

Identifies gaps and needs in respiratory pathogen pandemic preparedness (coming soon)

First PRET Module:

Respiratory Pathogens

- New **organizing framework** with operational stages, triggers and assumptions to help structure plans
- Provides **key actions, organized in five subsystems ('5Cs')**, to strengthen respiratory pandemic preparedness
- **Three tiers for preparedness strengthening**: cross-cutting, pathogen group, and pathogen specific
- Outlines ways to take a **whole-of-society approach**
- **Tools and resources** to support planning and preparedness
- **Living document**

Future modules will focus on other modes of transmission.



PRET (Respiratory)

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This module supports countries and stakeholders to develop and implement a plan that addresses both preparedness and response planning needs.

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Global progress on PRET



On 26 April 2023:

**WHO's Call
to Action on
pandemic
planning**



One month later:

**54 countries
from
5 regions**
started updating
their pandemic
plans



By end of 2023:

**100+
countries
from all
6 regions**
will have started
updating their
pandemic plans

Data as of 30 May 2023



PRET: How to Engage?



Webinars:

Knowledge translation
engaging different sectors



Community of practice:

Share resources, online forums,
virtual simulations (coming soon)



Online peer learning network:

Hearing experiences from others to
strengthen planning (coming soon)



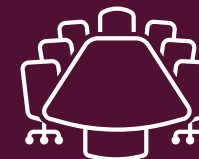
WHO PRET website

Normative products and
advocacy materials



Partners Engagement Forum

Global and regional partners
sharing programmatic updates



Meetings & technical workshops

Share progress, provide structured
support in pandemic planning

**The next PRET EPI WIN webinar will be:
20 September at 1 PM (Geneva time)**

[Register here](#)

Useful links

PRET Initiative Page

- One stop shop for all PRET resources: <https://www.who.int/initiatives/preparedness-and-resilience-for-emerging-threats>

PRET Module 1

- The Why, What, and How of Pandemic Planning for Respiratory Pathogens: <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/preparedness-and-resilience-for-emerging-threats-module-1-planning-for-respiratory-pathogen-pandemics-version-1>
- Checklist of actions to strengthen preparedness for each 'C' (will be online shortly)

PRET Overview Slide Deck

- A presentation that can be downloaded and used to explain PRET during briefings and workshops: https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/epi-win/pret-introduction.pdf?sfvrsn=f4c7bcfe_1

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