Getting "PRET" for the next pandemic: Where are we now?
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.
New approach to improve pandemic preparedness for groups of pathogens based on their mode of transmission.

Preparedness and Resilience for Emerging Threats (PRET)

- **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.
This module supports countries and stakeholders to develop and implement a plan that addresses both preparedness and response planning needs.
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](https://www.who.int/initiatives/preparedness-and-resilience-for-emerging-threats)

**PRET Module 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](https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/epi-win/pret-introduction.pdf?sfvrsn=f4c7bcfe_1)

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