

Resolution

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STRATEGY ON EPIDEMIC INTELLIGENCE FOR STRENGTHENING EARLY WARNING OF HEALTH EMERGENCIES 2024–2029

The 61st Directing Council,

Having reviewed the *Strategy on Epidemic Intelligence for Strengthening Early Warning of Health Emergencies 2024–2029* (Document CD61/12, Rev. 1);

Taking into account the importance of integrating epidemic intelligence operations within a comprehensive early warning mechanism that is able to promptly and effectively detect, verify, investigate, assess, and respond to public health threats and emergencies;

Bearing in mind the experience of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, which highlighted the need for rapid verification of signals of potential public health threats;

Recognizing the varying levels of implementation of epidemic intelligence among countries in the Region of the Americas and the importance of using different data sources to assess risks, as well as the need for rapid adaptation and continuous innovation to enhance early warning systems for health emergencies;

Considering that a key purpose of epidemic intelligence is to detect, verify, and assess public health risks as early as possible in order to mitigate and reduce their impact on populations;

Acknowledging that, as health threats and their drivers change and novel threats emerge, epidemic intelligence must continuously improve in order to ensure early detection and response,

Resolves:

1. To approve the *Strategy on Epidemic Intelligence for Strengthening Early Warning of Health Emergencies 2024–2029* (Document CD61/12, Rev. 1).
2. To urge all Member States, considering their national contexts, needs, vulnerabilities, and priorities, and in alignment with the International Health Regulations, to:
 - a) promote the implementation of the strategic lines of action set out in the strategy;

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- b) strengthen technical capacity for conducting epidemic intelligence activities aimed at promptly detecting, verifying, assessing, reporting on, and responding to public health emergencies of national and international concern;
 - c) build capacity and participate in defining best practices, based on scientific evidence on epidemic intelligence, fostering coordination and collaboration across various sectors and disciplines, and developing standardized terminology and concepts to enhance comprehension and effectiveness in epidemic intelligence efforts.
3. To request the Director to:
- a) provide technical cooperation to Member States to strengthen capacities that will contribute to the implementation of the strategy and the achievement of its objectives;
 - b) promote the dissemination of lessons learned and good practices in epidemic intelligence, leveraging the advancements achieved within the Region;
 - c) report periodically to the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization on the progress made and the challenges faced in the implementation of the strategy through a midterm review in 2027 and a final report in 2030.

(Seventh meeting, 3 October 2024)
