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Director's office
(including Malaria &
Neglected Tropical Diseases)

Tuberculosis,
HIV/AIDS and
Hepatitis

Vaccine-
preventable
diseases and
immunization
(including Polio
eradication)

Control of
antimicrobial
resistance

Influenza and
other
respiratory
pathogens

Preparedness
and response to
outbreaks &
health
emergencies
(including IHR
coordination and
Food Safety)

Action Plans and Policy Frameworks

- European strategy and action plan on antibiotic resistance 2011-2020
- Global action plan on antimicrobial resistance (2015)
- European Vaccine Vaccine Plan (2015-2020)
- Measles and rubella elimination and maintenance of polio-free status of the WHO European Region (Resolution - EUR/RC60/15)
- Tuberculosis action plan for the WHO European Region 2016–2020
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
- International Health Regulations (2005)
- The European policy framework for health and well-being: Health 2020
- Sustainable Development Goals

Opportunities for joint work

1. TB, HIV and Viral Hepatitis

- Vulnerable population mostly in the big cities and suburbs
- Need to prioritize preventive measures (targeted health education and awareness campaign, needle exchange programmes)
- Health services to be adapted to urban settings (e.g. mobile clinics for homeless)
- Good practices on intersectoral work to be scaled up
- Big cities developing specific plans with great commitment of mayors (e.g. London TB Plan)
- Twining the cities across the WHO European Region can improve equity with a peer support mechanism

Opportunities for joint work

2. Vaccine-preventable Diseases

- VPD outbreaks affecting urban and peri-urban: older populations and higher socio-economic swing
- European Vaccine Action Plan (2015-2020) promotes:
 - Promotion of inclusive, non-discriminatory and participatory immunization policy – particularly in the face of urban migration.
 - Education of public and health workers: building resilient city communities and overcoming vaccine hesitancy
 - Addressing prominent and divisive anti-vaccine lobbyists and a ‘significant minority’ of health workers actively against vaccines – damage limitation
 - Exploring private sector partnership and alternative vaccine delivery mechanism and methods

Opportunities for joint work

3. Control of antimicrobial resistance

- Education of healthcare workers on the health threat related to over-use and misuse of antimicrobials
- Promoting antimicrobial stewardship in health care facilities
- Education of population on the risk associated with inappropriate use of antimicrobial medicines (e.g. over-the-counter sales of antibiotics)
- Mobilization of local stakeholders to comprehensively address antimicrobial resistance
- Ensure link between local laboratories and national reference laboratory for quality control and support of diagnostic services

Opportunities for joint work

4. Preparedness

Member States require better preparedness for public health or deliberate threats (CBRN) to protect their population, make it more resilient and to plan response measures:

- Capacity building of health care workers on public health threats and response planning during and after humanitarian emergencies to increase community resilience
- Training of health care workers and organizers of cultural or sportive mass gathering events on prevention of public health threats and emergency preparedness
- Web-and GIS –based mapping tool for hazards, vulnerabilities and capacities related to health emergencies for planning and response activities at local/city levels
- Assessments of hospital safety as a tool to keep key hospitals functioning during and after emergencies
- Assistance in the development of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems in main cities

Opportunities for joint work

5. Emergency Operations

Based on the Humanitarian Charter, the International Health Regulations and the WHO Emergency Response Framework, WHO currently provides:

- Ongoing emergency response activities in eastern Ukraine (contact zone, non-government –controlled areas of Luhansk and Donetsk)
- Assistance to MoH Turkey in emergency response for almost 2.8 million Syrian refugees living in urban areas and camps and in cross-border operations for northern Syria (non-government controlled areas)
- Training and medical support to health points in border settlements in Greece and West Balkan countries related to the migrant influx