Countries working together on commitments to the Global Health Security Agenda since February 2014.

This map includes lines that indicate confirmed and pending commitments.

Action Packages to Prevent, Rapidly Detect, and Effectively Respond to Infectious Diseases.

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Driving Outcomes Toward the Global Health Security Agenda Action Package Commitments

The Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) is an effort by nations, international organizations, and civil society to accelerate progress toward a world safe and secure from infectious disease threats; to promote global health security as an international priority; and to establish capacity to prevent, detect and rapidly respond to biological threats, whether naturally occurring, intentional, or accidental. The GHSA will spur progress toward full implementation of the World Health Organization (WHO) International Health Regulations 2005 (IHR), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) pathway, and other relevant global health security frameworks.

In order to accelerate progress toward these goals, 11 lines of effort or “Action Packages” were developed to facilitate regional and global collaboration toward specific GHSA objectives and targets. Following two commitment development meetings held in 2014 in Helsinki, Finland and Jakarta, Indonesia countries identified 11 discrete Action Packages with a set of specific actions to outline work to urgently establish global capacity to prevent, detect, and rapidly respond to infectious disease threats.

The Action Packages have now been agreed upon by a set of Action Package leaders and contributing countries, with the understanding that they will evolve over time. Technical experts from countries around the world have worked collaboratively since the February 13, 2014 launch of the GHSA to shape these lines of effort and will continue to lead and implement. To date, 38 countries have agreed to lead or substantively contribute with the goal of translating political leadership into specific actions.

These Action Packages are being publicly released for the first time in conjunction with the GHSA White House event held on September 26, 2014 to encourage other countries and groups outside of government to engage in the GHSA as part of a whole-of-society approach to achieve a world where all nations have the capacity to prevent, detect and rapidly respond to biological threats. We encourage non-governmental stakeholders—including foundations, development banks and non-governmental organizations—to contribute to the development and implementation of this effort.

Framework: Putting the Action Packages in Context

The purpose of Action Packages and the underlying Prevent-Detect-Respond framework is to:

▶ Urgently accelerate, measurable actions on a national, regional, and global basis;
▶ Provide for specific, coordinated actions in support of the GHSA;
▶ Highlight targets, provide accountability, and achieve a measurable approach; and
▶ Illustrate a mechanism by which countries can make specific commitments and take leadership roles in the GHSA. Countries can consider commitments to one or more Action Packages and may agree to lead, co-lead or actively participate in work with other countries regionally or globally to implement a unified set of actions.

Each Action Package includes a five-year target, an indicator by which to measure progress, desired impact, country commitments, and long-term actions. Action Packages also include lists of baseline assessment, planning, and evaluation activities to implement the action items. GHSA activities are being conducted in collaboration with relevant local, national, and international stakeholders and in coordination with the activities of the WHO, FAO, OIE, and International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO-INTERPOL).

Progress and Next Steps

All countries are invited to lead or participate in any of the GHSA Action Packages. Progress on the GHSA commitment development progress—including pledges to participate in Action Packages and to support the GHSA with other national and international activities—will be reviewed regularly with the GHSA Steering Group and at GHSA Ministerial events.