

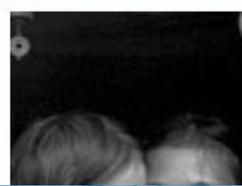
# Update WHO Activities in Medical Device Regulation

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# 2016



# Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals



## What are the Sustainable Development Goals?

In September, 2015, the United Nations General Assembly established the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to replace the Millennium Development Goals, which expired in 2015. The SDGs specify:



To allow for easier comparison, an indexed score has been created for each health-related indicator, with the worst observed value in the period 1990–2015 rated as zero, and the best as 100<sup>+</sup>.

The  
Lancet  
2016

# 2015 Snapshot

Highest, median, and lowest SDG index scores for 2015

- Highest
- Median
- Lowest



Some countries had considerably lower SDG index scores than their Socio-demographic Index alone would have predicted:



Country

Position when ranked by SDG index score  
(excluding external factors eg. disaster and war)

188 150 100 50 1



Worst performing indicators



USA



28th



Violence  
42



HIV  
46



Self-harm  
49

Russia



119th



Alcohol consumption  
7



Self-harm  
21



Violence  
25

India



143rd



Hygiene  
8



Malaria  
10



Particulate matter pollution  
18

# HEALTH IS A HUMAN RIGHT



FAMILY  
PLANNING



SKILLED BIRTH  
ATTENDANTS



ANTENATAL  
VISITS



VACCINES



ANTI-RETROVIRAL  
TREATMENT



TUBERCULOSIS  
TREATMENT



INSECTICIDE-  
TREATED BED NETS

## THAT 400 MILLION ARE WAITING FOR

SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION / WORLD BANK GROUP (2015)

#HEALTHFORALL

UNIVERSAL HEALTH  
COVERAGE NOW

UHCDAY.ORG

### Goal:

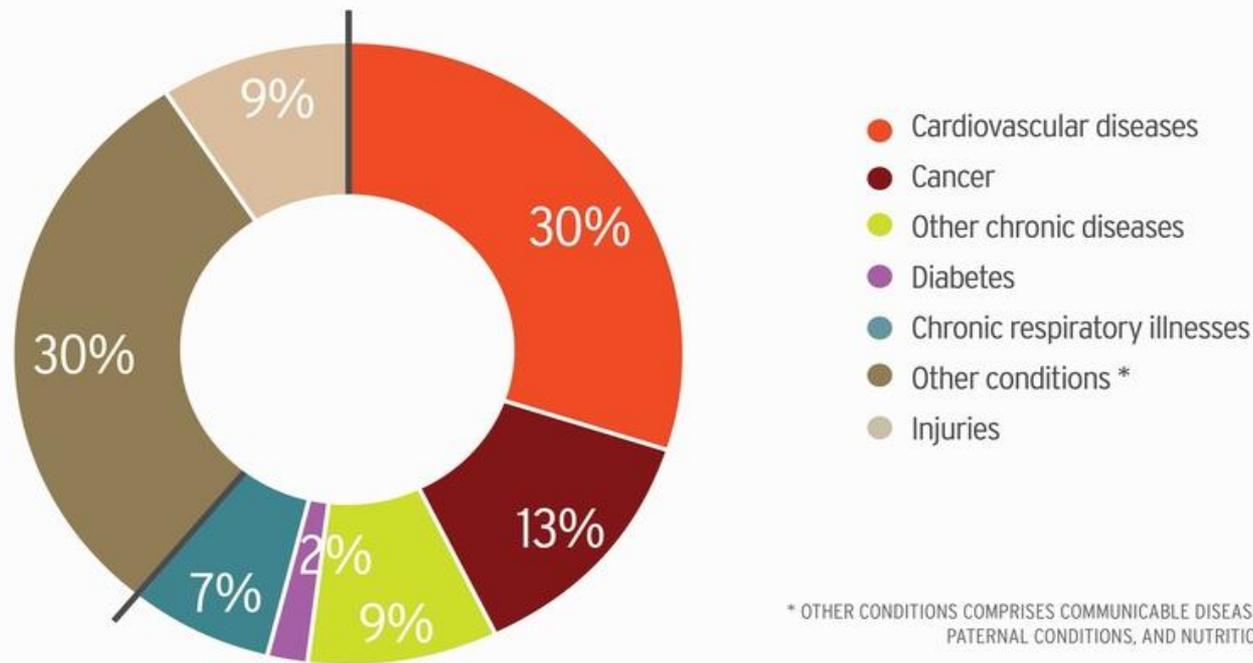
All people receive the health services they need  
without suffering financial hardship



# Non-communicable diseases

## Non-communicable diseases cause over 60% of deaths

Treating NCDs could bankrupt health systems



SOURCE: WEF & HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Willis resilience

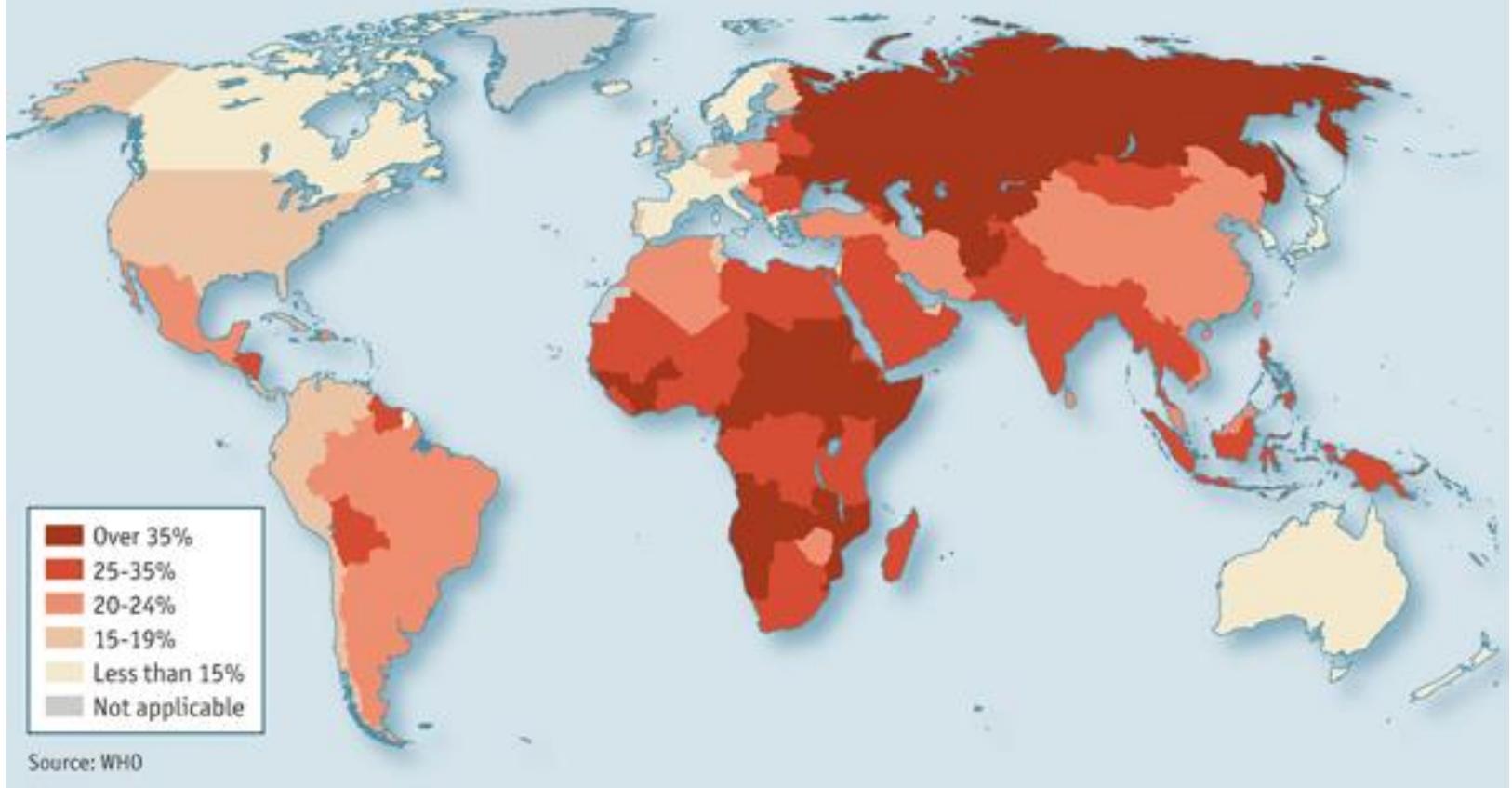
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# Non-communicable diseases

## Time to postpone the inevitable

Probability of dying from a non-communicable disease between the ages of 30 and 70, 2008, %



# Increasing access to medical products



# ❖ 22,000 Types of medical devices

❖ 5,000,000 different products commercially available\*

- Diagnostic imaging
- Laboratory and pathology equipment
- Implantable medical devices
- All medical equipment for patient care
- Single use devices ( IV)
- Personal protective equipment
- Prosthesis and orthosis
- Quality assurance
- Radiation protection
- Solutions and reagents
- Surgical instruments
- Sterilization equipment....



\*WHO GLOBAL MODEL REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

# WHO Resolution

...promoting equitable access to quality, safe, efficacious and affordable medical products

**SIXTY-SEVENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

**WHA67.20**

**Agenda item 15.6**

**24 May 2014**

## **Regulatory system strengthening for medical products**

The Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on regulatory system strengthening;<sup>1</sup>

Welcoming the efforts of the Director-General, and recognizing the pivotal role that WHO plays in supporting countries in strengthening their regulatory systems of medical products for human use,<sup>2</sup> and in promoting equitable access to quality, safe, efficacious, and affordable medical products;



# 2017 A year of change

- Not only the long awaited EU Regulations but also, some major changes at WHO

New DG



**Dr Margaret Chan**  
Director-General



World Health  
Organization

New ADG, HIS



# Changes in HIS

- Director,  
Essential Medicines and  
Health Products (EMP)

– Dr Suzanne Hill

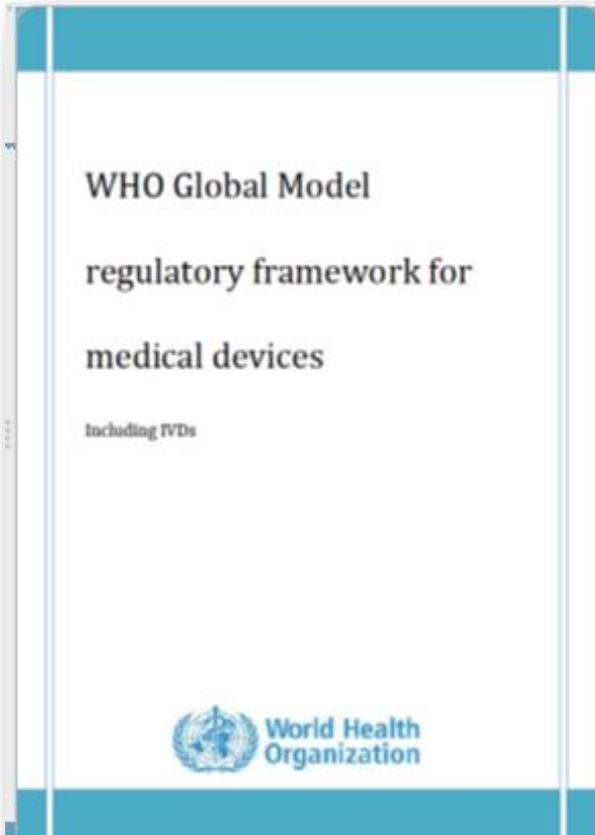


- Head,  
Regulation of Medicines  
and Other Health  
Technologies (RHT)

– Dr Emer Cooke

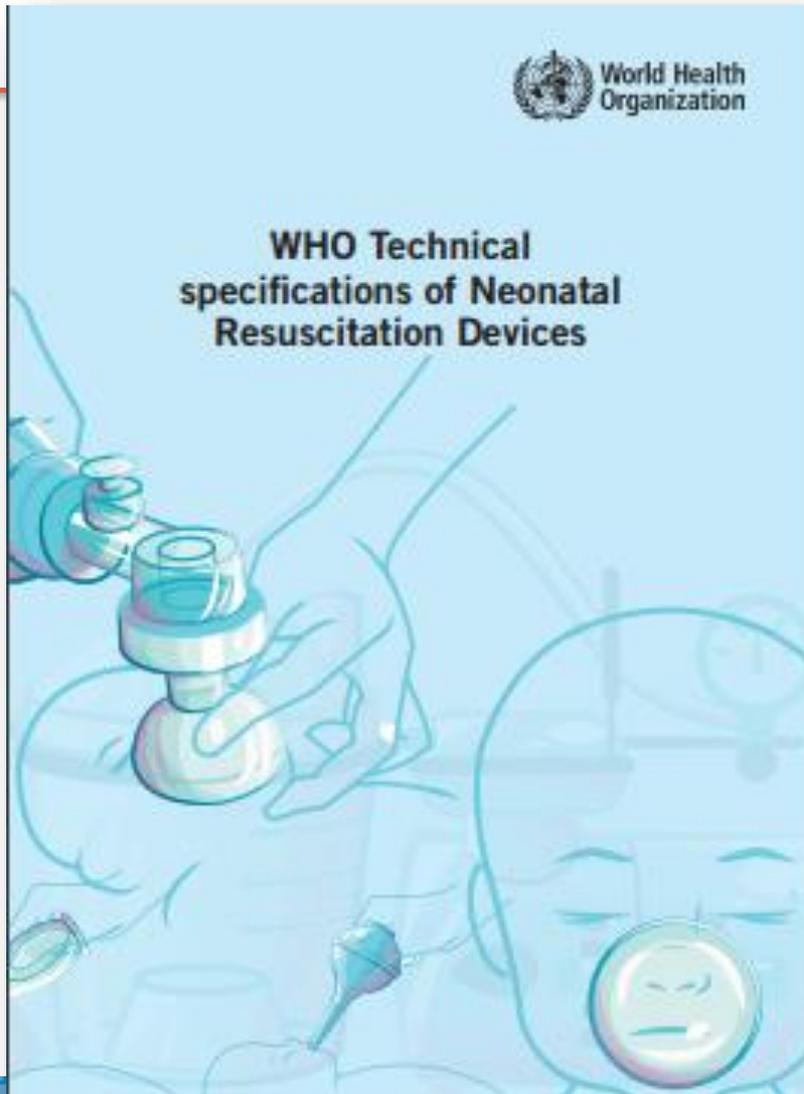


# Policy, Access and Use



- Based on GHTF/IMDRF principles and concepts developed in the AHWP Playbook
- Two step approach
  - Basic level controls and enforcement
    - Legal framework
    - Market oversight
    - Reporting system
  - Expanded level controls and enforcement
    - regulatory controls depending on the priorities of the country

# Policy, Access and Use



## Health technology management of medical devices

WHO technical specifications of neonatal resuscitation devices  
2016

WHO technical specifications for oxygen concentrators  
2015

2015 Rapid Guidance on the Decommissioning of Ebola Care Facilities  
2015

Manual for Procurement of Diagnostics and Related Laboratory Items and  
Equipment  
2013

Medical equipment maintenance programme overview  
2011

Needs Assessment for Medical Devices  
2011

Procurement Process Resource Guide  
2011

Medical Device Donations: Consideration for Solicitation and Provision  
2011

Introduction to Medical Equipment Inventory Management  
2011

Computerized Maintenance Management System  
2011

Maintenance Manual for Laboratory Equipmentstem  
2008



# Innovation

- Priority Assistive Devices List



Access

**1 in 10**

has access to assistive technology

LMIC

**3%**

of the population in need has access to hearing aids

Need

**2 billion**

population will need assistive technology by 2050

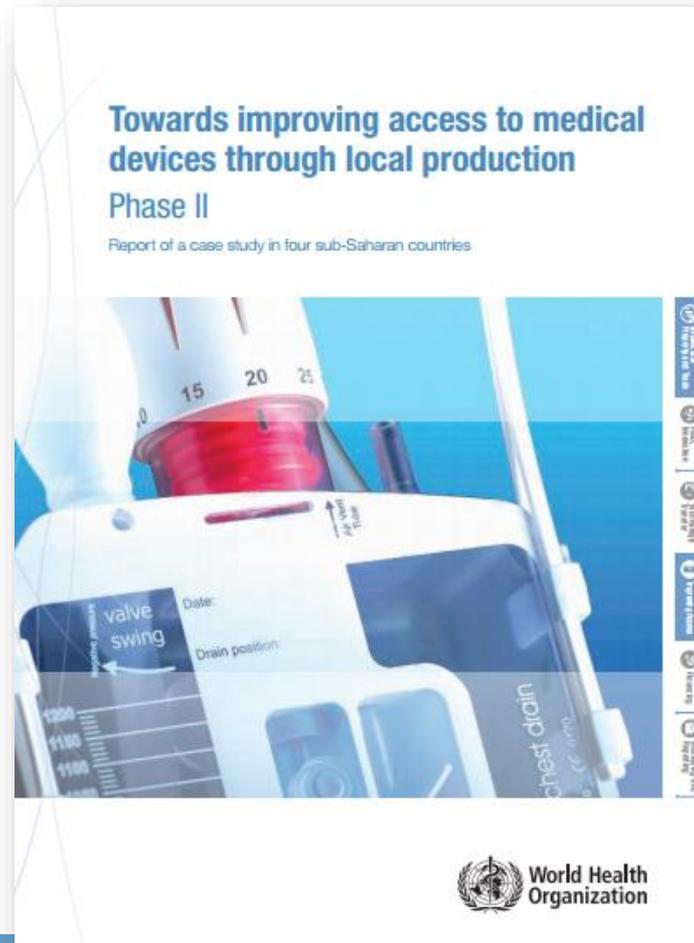
# Innovation

- GOALS: represent tests that should be reasonably available for people who need them, regardless of the setting
- facilitate group purchasing to reduce costs
- inspire development of logistical solutions for laboratory testing in resource-poor settings

- clarify priorities for policymakers
- encourage setting common goals regarding laboratory testing
- OUTCOME: paving the way toward improved health care delivery and ultimately better patient outcomes



# Innovation



# Regulation – Norms and Standards



WHO Expert  
Committee on  
Biological  
Standardization  
(ECBS)



WHO  
Collaborating  
Centers

## GOAL

- development of internationally recognized norms, standards and guidelines, including biological reference material
- WHO Manual for the establishment of Secondary Standards



# Regulatory system strengthening

## GOAL: Assessments of national regulatory systems

- Reviews aim at strengthening national regulatory and control capacity through an assessment of the situation, the identification of specific needs, and the provision of appropriate technical support and training.
- review the existing legal framework, regulations and control activities with regard to medicinal products and medical devices in order to assess the national regulatory capacity against a set of predefined parameters;
- in collaboration with national officials, identify gaps and develop strategies to address these gaps;
- identify specific areas and activities for WHO's technical input.



# Regulation - Prequalification

**Vision:** good-quality health products for everyone.

**Mission:** to ensure timely availability of quality-assured health products for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of priority diseases, through the assessment of the quality, safety and efficacy/performance of these products, with a focus on their suitability for use in resource-limited settings.



# Regulation - Prequalification

## PQDx Scope

- HIV (RDTs, NAT qual and quant)
- HCV (RDTs, EIAs, NAT)
- Malaria RDTs
- G6PD deficiency IVDs
- HBsAg RDTs
- CD4 POC IVDs
- HPV POC IVDs



# PQ: Training to Regulators and Industry

- China
- India
- South Africa (Early infant diagnosis)
- Russia



# PQ Harmonisation and Capacity Building Activities

- IMDRF
  - MC (Observer status)
  - MDSAP
  - GRRP
  - Adverse Event Terminology
  - Common Data Elements
- AHWP
  - General support
  - Request for assistance with WHO guidance

# PQ Harmonisation and Capacity Building Activities

- Pan African Harmonisation Working Party
  - General support
- ALADDIV
  - Training at general meeting
- AIDS 2016/ ASLM 2016
  - HIV self testing etc
- ISO
  - ISO 20916: In vitro diagnostic medical devices — Clinical performance studies using specimens from human subjects – Good study practices

# PQ Guidance

## 1. TECHNICAL GUIDANCE SERIES FOR WHO PREQUALIFICATION

The Prequalification Team – Diagnostics is developing a Technical Guidance Series for manufacturers interested in WHO prequalification of their IVD and will assist manufacturers in meeting prequalification requirements. It should be read in conjunction with relevant international and national standards and guidance.

<b>TGS 1</b>	Standards applicable to the WHO Prequalification of in vitro diagnostics	
<b>TGS 2</b>	Establishing stability of an in vitro diagnostics for the WHO Prequalification	<b>Comment period closed</b>
<b>TGS 3</b>	Principles of performance studies	<b>Comment period closed</b>

[http://www.who.int/diagnostics\\_laboratory/guidance/en/](http://www.who.int/diagnostics_laboratory/guidance/en/)

# PQ Guidance

## 2. SAMPLE PRODUCT DOSSIER FOR WHO PREQUALIFICATION

The Prequalification Team – Diagnostics have prepared sample product dossiers based on a fictitious IVD to provide manufacturers with an example of the type of information that may be included in a product dossier submitted to WHO Prequalification.

Sample Product Dossier for a CD4 IVD

Sample Product Dossier for an IVD intended for HIV self-testing

Comment period closed

Sample Product Dossier for a Qualitative, Nucleic Acid Test to detect HIV-1 and HIV-2

Comment period closed

Sample Product Dossier for a Quantitative, Nucleic Acid Test to detect HIV-1 RNA

**NEW**

# PQ Guidance

## 3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION SERIES FOR WHO PREQUALIFICATION

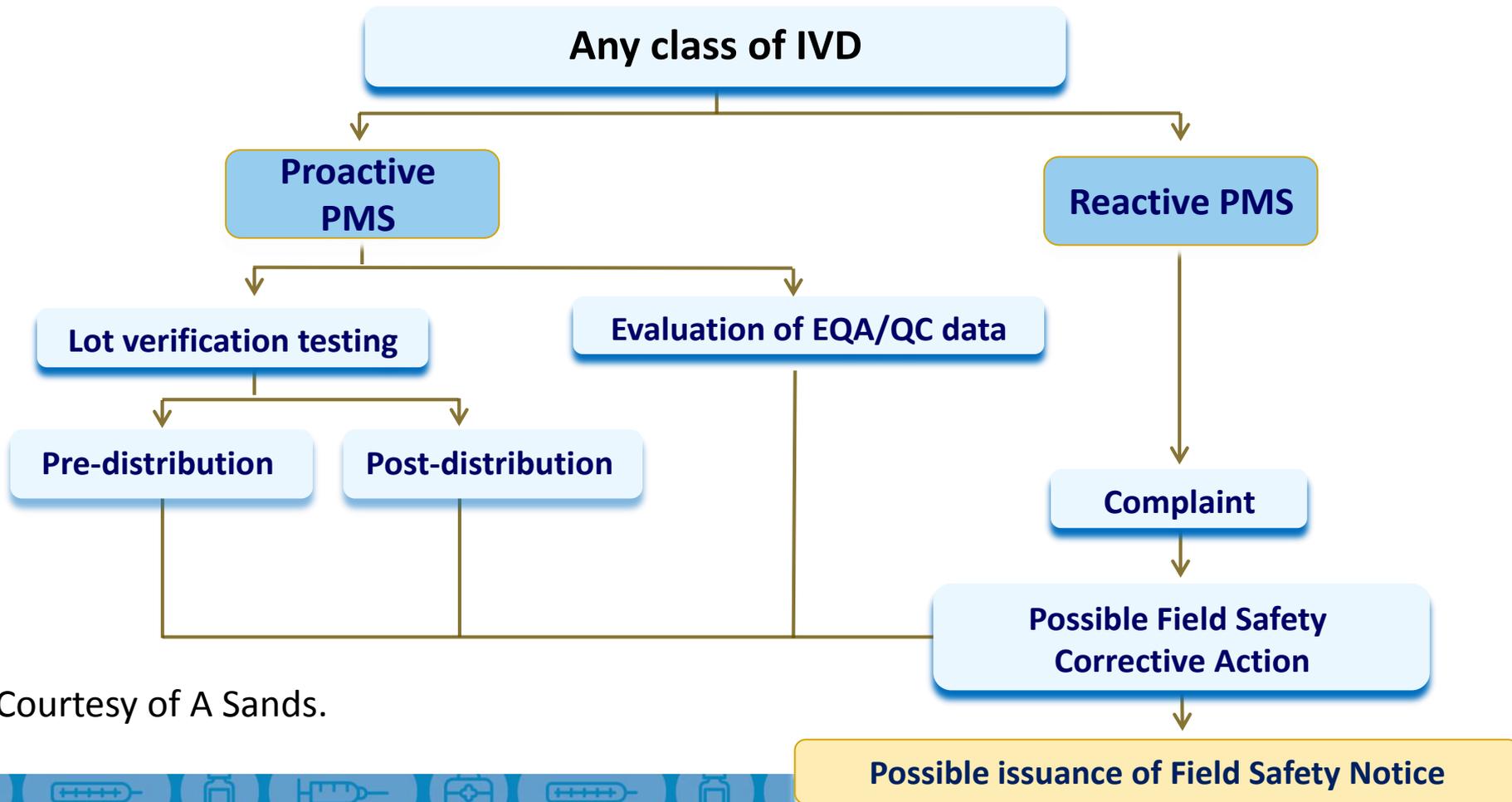
The Prequalification Team – Diagnostics is developing a Technical Specification Series for manufacturers interested in WHO prequalification of their in vitro diagnostic medical device (IVD). This series will set out appropriate performance evaluation criteria to meet PQ requirements.

<b>TSS 1</b>	Technical specifications for WHO prequalification of HIV rapid diagnostic tests for professional use and/or self-testing	Comment period closed
<b>TSS 2</b>	Technical specifications for WHO prequalification of IVD medical devices to identify Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD) activity	<b>NEW</b>

# PQ Guidance

Aspect	Testing requirements	Comments	References
<b>Precision of measurement</b>			
<p>Repeatability, reproducibility</p>	<p>Both repeatability (within-condition<sup>1</sup>) and reproducibility (between-condition<sup>1</sup>) estimated using panels of at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 analyte-negative specimen</li> <li>• 1 low reactivity positive specimen (near assay cut-off)</li> <li>• 1 medium reactivity positive</li> </ul> <p>Each panel member tested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in five replicates,</li> <li>• using 3 different lots,</li> <li>• over 5 days (not necessarily consecutive) with one run in that day (alternating morning/afternoon), and</li> <li>• at each of at 3 different testing sites</li> </ul> <p>The effect of operator-to-operator variation on IVD performance is to be included as part of the precision studies (see also Comment 8). Testing should be done:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• by personnel representative of expected end users, comprising subjects not trained in the use of the IVD</li> <li>• unassisted</li> <li>• using <i>only</i> those materials provided with the IVD (e.g. IFU, labels and other instructional materials).</li> </ul> <p>Users should be selected based on a pre-determined and contextually appropriate level of education, literacy and auxiliary skills that will challenge the usability of the IVD and reflect the diversity of intended users and operational settings.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. E.g. within- or between-run, -lot, -day, -operator, -site, etc.</li> <li>2. Precision must be determined for each pathogen and/or analyte for which detection is claimed (e.g. HIV-1 Group M or HIV-1 Group O antibody, HIV-2 antibody, HIV-1 p24 antigen, etc., as appropriate). Similarly for IVDs that include a claim for detection of HIV Ag, appropriate specimens must be included in the precision testing panel.</li> <li>3. Ideally, the testing panel should be composed of natural (i.e. undiluted) specimens. Where this is not feasible, stock specimens that are to be diluted should represent a range of stages of infection (antibody maturation) in order to take into account the limitations of mimicking low IVD reactivity with a high avidity specimen.</li> <li>4. IVDs which include whole blood as a specimen type must include evidence of precision in at least spiked whole blood specimens (negative whole blood spiked with high-titre positive plasma/serum specimens).</li> <li>5. The testing panel should be the same for all operators, lots and sites.</li> <li>6. Master lots should be composed of different batches of critical components.</li> <li>7. Results must be statistically analysed by ANOVA to identify and isolate the sources and extent of any variance.</li> <li>8. The effect of operator-to-operator variation on IVD performance is also to be considered as a human factor when designing robustness (flex) studies (see page 15).</li> </ol>	<p>CLSI EPO5-A3 [3] ISO 13612:2002 [4]</p>

# WHO post-market surveillance of IVDs



Courtesy of A Sands.

# Blueprint

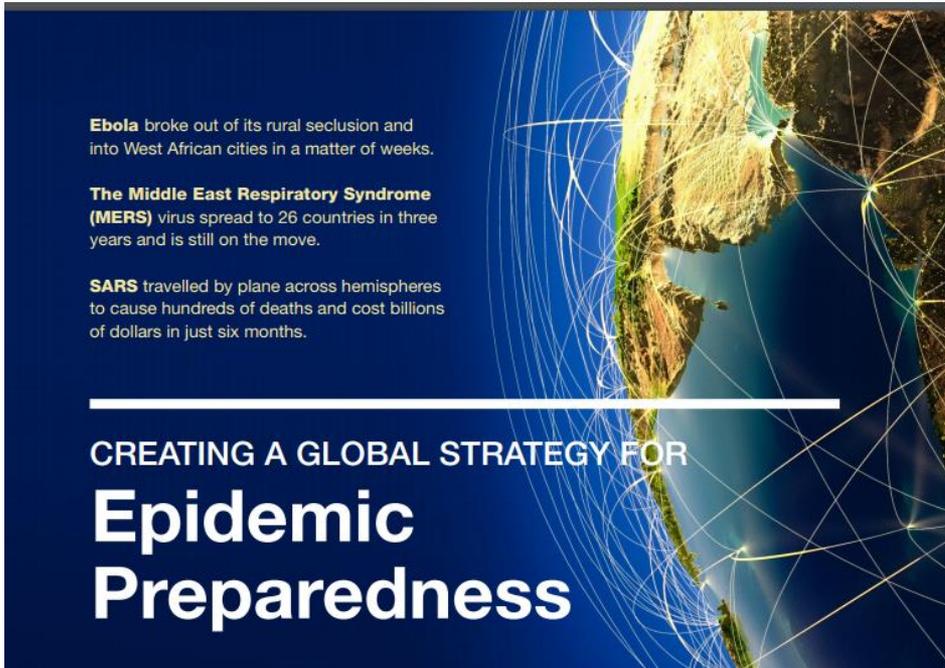
## About R&D Blueprint



The R&D Blueprint is a global strategy and preparedness plan to ensure that targeted R&D can strengthen the emergency response by bringing medical technologies to patients during epidemics.

- **List 1:** Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever, Ebola virus disease and Marburg, Lassa fever, MERS and SARS coronavirus diseases, Nipah and Rift Valley fever.
- **List 2:** chikungunya, severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome, and Zika virus

# PHEIC Zika Virus



**Ebola** broke out of its rural seclusion and into West African cities in a matter of weeks.

**The Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)** virus spread to 26 countries in three years and is still on the move.

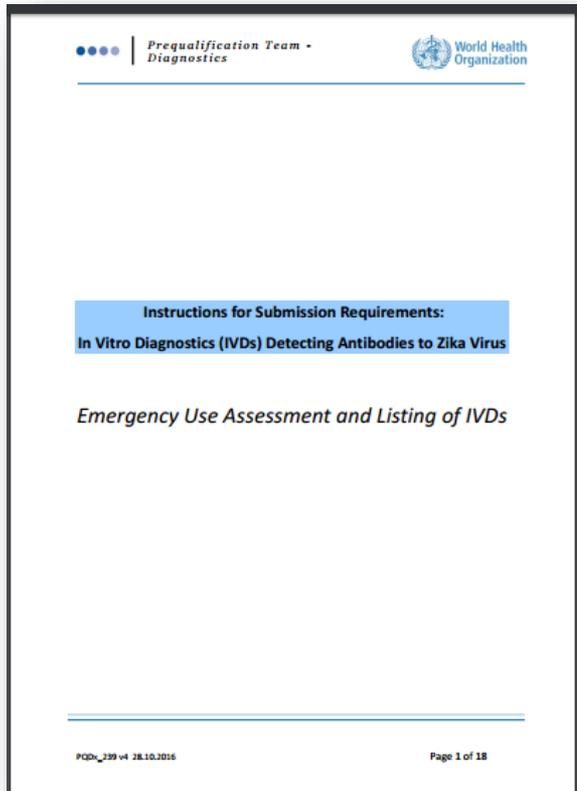
**SARS** travelled by plane across hemispheres to cause hundreds of deaths and cost billions of dollars in just six months.

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CREATING A GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR  
**Epidemic Preparedness**

- Target product profile
- IVD landscape analysis
- Emergency use assessment and listing procedure
- Development of ZIKV biological reference material
- Regulatory pathways
- Biobanking

# PHEIC: Zika virus EUAL



- **step 1:** review of the manufacturer's QMS documentation;
- **step 2:** review of the documentary evidence of safety and performance, including labelling and product performance specifications, and associated verification and validation studies;
- **step 3:** performance evaluation of limited scope to verify critical analytical and clinical performance characteristics.



They need devices such as glucose meters, dialysis and insulin pumps.

More than **340 million** people worldwide have **diabetes**.

They need diagnostics such as pap smear and mammogram tests and treatment such as radiotherapy.

About **69%** of all **cancer** deaths occurred in low- and middle-income countries.

**Cancer** accounted for **7.8 million** deaths (around 14.4% of all deaths) in 2011.

About **285 million** people are **visually impaired** worldwide; **39 million** are **blind**.

Each year, **6.4 million** children under the age of **five** die worldwide.

Every day, **1000** women die from preventable causes related to **pregnancy and childbirth**.

They need devices such as lenses, snellen charts and ophthalmoscopes.

They need devices such as clean delivery kits, suction machines, CPAP machines and emergency surgical equipment.

**Medical devices should be available to everyone. Everywhere. But where they are most needed, they are least available.**

43 low- and middle-income countries do not even have at least an average of 1 district hospital per 1 000 000 inhabitants.

24 low-income countries do not have a single computed tomography (CT) per 1 000 000 inhabitants and 8 out of 134 countries have no CT scanners at all.

**Low- and middle-income countries face significant challenges such as:**

- Limited financial resources
- Inappropriate donations
- Lack of available information
- Fragmented health services
- Lack of training
- Shortage of biomedical engineers

# How to say 'thank you' in 28 languages



Special thanks to S Hill, M Ward, I Prat, J Hansen, A Velasquez

OxfordDictionaries.com

