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PARALLEL SESSION 1.4

FINANCING PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS: WHERE IS THE MONEY?



| BACKGROUND

Recent experiences with the Ebola, Zika, and SARS outbreaks, among others, have underscored the need for countries to invest in pandemic preparedness, and to do so not only from a health perspective but also from an economic perspective: the socio-economic cost of outbreaks is often proportionally much larger than the corresponding impact on mortality and morbidity.

The International Working Group on Financing Preparedness (IWG) has recently made several recommendations to integrate pandemic preparedness into international macro-economic and market assessments that determine the availability of concessionary and other international financing eligible lower and middle income countries.

To date, however, what has largely been missing in global and country-level discussions is a systematic understanding about adequacy and modality of current financing arrangements for health security. Part of pandemic preparedness is embedded in health financing and service delivery. Part also deals with animal health which is the responsibility of livestock/agriculture sector. In addition to its multisectoral nature, there are contingency financing arrangements for pandemic preparedness that may or may not be linked to how countries manage other natural or man-made disasters. There is also risk that health security and pandemic preparedness may get lost in health financing transition that focuses more on financial protection and access to individual services than public goods.

Given the complexity of pandemic preparedness, better understanding of the current financing landscape would enable an informed dialogue on financing gaps and how best they could be filled given domestic and international fiscal constraints. The nature of health security implies that some of the objectives and functions that may be applicable to a generic health financing system would need to be amended to consider some of the unique characteristics of the specific sub-set of activities that constitute health security.

| OBJECTIVES

The objective of this session is to discuss issues on financing health security within the broader context of trends in health and public financing more generally. Specifically, the session will:

- Provide an overview of how to conceptualize and estimate financing for health security, including preparedness, response and recovery;
- Present and discuss some preliminary findings on health security financing analysis from select countries, including a 10-year evaluation of OIE PVS Pathway and gap analysis to strengthen/finance veterinary services;
- Examine key domestic policies and interventions to ensure sustainable financing for pandemic preparedness and opportunities for mobilizing domestic and international financing for rapid response.



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Julian Naidoo is an applied economist with a PhD in Economics (concentrations in econometrics and health economics) as well as a recipient of the Nelson Mandela Economics Scholarship (University of Maryland – US) and the Oliver Tambo Fellowship (University of Cape Town – South Africa) for health managers focusing on health management and economics. Julian has a wealth of experience in working with government and international development partners such as the World Bank, Global Fund, Department of International Development (DFID) and USAID. Dr Julian Naidoo was part of the HIV and AIDS Capacity building projects for World Bank and UNAIDS (ASAP) team covering the following regions: South America, Caribbean, Anglo-phone and Franco-phone Africa, eastern European and Asia. He led the development of innovative costing tools and the alignment to resource allocation (GOALS) and epidemiological forecasting. Dr Naidoo has held several senior positions in government in South Africa, including the Departments' of Health, Social Development and Treasury/Finance. As the head of Sustainable Resource Management (SRM) at Gauteng Treasury, Julian was responsible for budget management, fiscal policy, economic analysis, public finance, PPPs and intergovernmental resource management. During his tenure at Treasury, Dr Naidoo established innovative public finance models to optimise budget performance and allocative efficiency. Julian's private sector experience includes providing consulting services to several medium to large corporations in the health sector focusing on health care financing and feasibility studies. Dr Naidoo was the health sector lead Partner/Director for one of the top four international advisory companies. He led a team of multi-disciplined professionals focusing on innovative health care solutions across Africa. Dr Naidoo is currently the Head of the Wits Development Enterprise (WDE) a Syndicate/Division of WHC, which is a wholly owned entity of the University of Witwatersrand. WHC has approximately 3000 staff and manages about 300 large health projects ranging from \$5m to \$120m dollars per annum. Julian is also the Chief of Party for the Global Fund Regional Grant for TB in the mining sector (TIMS), of which WHC is the Principle Recipient. Dr Naidoo is a strategic technical resource focusing on large projects and business development at WHC. He specialises in Health Service advisory, Monitoring and Evaluation, Financial Services and Business Development. His experience in the health sector includes health care financing, cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis; financial monitoring and efficiency analysis. WDE is currently providing technical assistance to donors on pandemic preparedness and response.