

# INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (IHR)

– from policy to people's health security

## What are the IHR?

The IHR are legally binding and help countries work together to protect lives threatened by the spread of diseases and other health risks, including radiation and chemical hazards



## 5 reasons why the IHR matter



### HEALTH THREATS HAVE NO BORDERS

The IHR strengthen countries' abilities to control diseases that cross borders at ports, airports and ground crossings



### TRAVEL AND TRADE ARE MADE SAFER

The IHR promote trade and tourism in countries and prevent economic damage



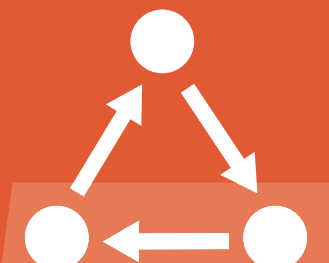
### GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY IS ENHANCED

The IHR establish an early warning system not only for diseases but for anything that threatens human health and livelihoods



### DAILY THREATS ARE KEPT UNDER CONTROL

The IHR guide countries to detect, assess and respond to threats and inform other countries quickly



### ALL SECTORS BENEFIT

The IHR prepare all sectors for potential emergencies through coordination and information sharing