# Annex A. OECD Resilience of Health Systems Questionnaire 2022

## Participants in the OECD Resilience of Health Systems Questionnaire 2022

The OECD Resilience of Health Systems Questionnaire 2022 was sent to OECD countries on 3 December 2021, and responses were accepted until April 2022.

The Questionnaire was responded to by 26 countries. Responses were received from: Australia; Austria; Belgium; Canada; Costa Rica; Czech Republic; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Japan; Korea; Latvia; Lithuania; Mexico; Portugal; Slovenia; Spain; Switzerland; Türkiye, United Kingdom and United States. Luxembourg responded by completing several modules of the Questionnaire as part of the OECD's Evaluation of its COVID-19 response (OECD, 2022[1]).

## Content of the OECD Resilience of Health Systems Questionnaire 2022

This questionnaire is designed to collect information from OECD countries on policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to increase the resilience of health systems. The information collected will support shared learning on the resilience of health systems. The work based on this information will be presented to the OECD Health Committee in June 2022 and then released as an OECD publication later in 2022. An outline of the work was discussed in June 2021 by the Health Committee [DESLA/HEA(2021)5].

The questionnaire is organised into sections, each focusing on a specific area (see table below). If it helps to communicate the information, please include URLs and links as appropriate. The questionnaire has check boxes and areas for text. The grey highlighted areas mark where you are invited to include comments. Important areas such as digital infrastructure have been captured in other surveys and are not replicated here. Other issues that are core to this project, notably on paying for global public goods, are not included in this questionnaire as information is being collected through other methods.

If time does not permit you to answer all the sections, we would be grateful for as many responses as possible.

Section		Focus of the questions	
1.	Workforce	Short term mobilisation, protecting workers' health and long-term workforce plans.	
2.	Continuity of care	Primary health care changes and maintaining care for non-COVID patients.	
3.	Waiting time	Managing the impact of deferred and delayed care.	
4.	Critical care surge	Modelling the requirement for critical care resources and system level changes to improve use of critical care resources.	
5.	Essential products/supply chains	Challenges in obtaining products and how your country assured quality or certification when diversifying supply chains.	
6.	Mental health	Monitoring mental health and service use. Changes in capacity and in crisis preparation.	

7.	Long-term care	Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on long term care.	
8.	Containment and mitigation	Prior pandemic preparedness, public health responses to the	
	-	pandemic and suggestions for the future.	
9.	Investing in core public	Understanding the impact of the pandemic on other core public	
	health functions	health functions with the goal of enhancing resilience over the	
		medium-long term.	

Please send completed questionnaires to <u>Philip.Haywood@oecd.org</u>. Your response by 31 January 2022 would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the questionnaire or the project, please contact the secretariat via Philip Haywood at <a href="https://www.englighted-baseline-content-con

#### Contact persons

Please provide the name, affiliation, and email address of the main contact person for this questionnaire (you may also add the names of people who were responsible for completing specific sections).

Country:	
Name:	
Position:	
Organisation:	
E-mail address	

#### Glossary of terms used in this questionnaire

Term	Explanation			
Conting	A surge in critical care that is not consistent with daily practices but has minimal impact on			
ency				
critical				
care				
surge				
Crisis	A surge in critical care that is not consistent with usual standards of care, but rather the best			
critical	possible care is given the circumstances (contrast with a contingency critical care surge).			
care				
surge				
Intensiv				
e care	······································			
units				
(ICU)	ICU beds.			
One	The One Health approach recognises that many of the antimicrobial threats to human health			
Health	are the same as those afflicting the health of animals and plants that share the same			
	ecosystem. It underscores the importance of pairing policies in the human health sector with			
	those that are targeting the drivers of antimicrobial resistance in the animal and plant			
Drimony	populations, agricultural production, food safety and security, and the environment sectors.			
Primary	Primary care workers go beyond primary care physicians or general practitioners to			
care worker	encompass other health professionals such as nurses, auxiliaries, pharmacists, and community health workers.			
Resilien				
	The ability of a system (such as the health system) to recover from and adapt to shocks or			
се	stresses.			

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## Section 1: Planning and investing in the health workforce

Please provide the name, affiliation, and email address of the person who completed the information about planning and investing in the health workforce or would be best placed to clarify answers.

Name:	
Position:	
Organisation:	
E-mail address	

Mobilising the workforce quickly during the pandemic				
Question 1.1. Was or is your country dealing with a problematic health workforce shortage during the				
COVID-19 pandemic?				
On a scale of 1 (Low) to 5 (High), please indicate the impact of the health workforce shortage in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic:				
$\Box$ (low) $\Box$ (low-medium)				
$\Box$ (medium)				
□4 (medium-high)				
$\Box$ 5 (high)				
	ealth and long-term care workers were particularly in short supply			
during the COVID-19 pandemic? Che				
	□ Intensive care unit (ICU) specialists			
	Hospital emergency unit specialists			
Doctors (physicians)	□ General practitioners (GPs)/ Family Doctors			
	□ Other: (please specify)			
	□ Intensive care unit (ICU) nurses			
	□ Hospital nurses in general			
□ Nurses	Nurses working in long-term care facilities			
	□ Other: (please specify)			
	☐ Health care assistants/nursing aids in hospitals			
□ Health care assistants/nursing	☐ Health care assistants/nursing aids in long-term care facilities			
aids	$\Box$ Other: (please specify)			
Question 1.3. What policies were put in place to address any shortages of health workers during the				
	d to quickly mobilise additional staff? <i>Check all that apply</i>			
Prolong working hours (ov				
□ Increase workload (e.g., more ICU beds per ICU nurse)				
□ Provide rapid training in key clinical areas (e.g., intensive care, primary health care)				
□ Mobilise medical and nursing students				
□ Call on retired doctors and nurses to return to practice (part-time or full-time)				
□ Rely on national reserves of health professionals (pre-existing before the pandemic or				
established in response to the pandemic) □ Reallocate health workers to localities/facilities with greater needs				
	ey clinical areas (e.g., intensive care) and reduce activities in non-			
COVID clinical areas				
Reorganise clinical teams				
□ Accelerate the recognition of qualifications of foreign-trained doctors and nurses already in the country				

Recruit doctors and nurses from other countries
□ Other: (please specify)
<b>Question 1.4</b> . What are the three key lessons learned from the pandemic for health workforce policies?
Please consider which innovations should be maintained to ensure resilient health systems and provide
useful examples from your country
Please briefly describe the three key lessons in this box 1.
2.
2. 3.
Examples:
Protecting the health and well-being of workers
<b>Question 1.5.</b> Does your country or an organisation in your country currently conduct a <b>survey</b> to
assess health worker safety and/or well-being?
$\Box$ Yes, nationally
$\Box$ Yes, regionally
□ Yes, on the level of individual providers
$\Box$ No, but one is in development
□ Other: (please specify)
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Question 1.6. Did your country provide specific psychological support for health and care workers during acute phases of the pandemic (beyond services that are routinely available to the public)? Select all that apply:

Question 1.7. Has your country provided additional guidelines or training on personal protective equipment (PPE), infection control, patient triage, or mental well-being for general practice (including primary care physicians, nurses, auxiliaries, or community health agents in facilities and those home-based)? Check all that apply Yes, guidelines on PPE Yes, training on PPE

 $\Box$  Yes, guidelines on infection control

 $\Box$  Yes, training on infection control

 $\hfill\square$  Yes, guidelines on patient triage

 $\Box$  Yes, training on patient triage

□ Yes, guidelines on other safety procedures (please specify below)

□ Yes, training on other safety procedures (please specify below)

□ Yes, guidelines on mental well-being

□ Yes, training on mental well-being

🗆 No

Please briefly **describe and/or provide a link** to relevant documentation.

Persistent health workforce shortages

**Question 1.8.** What are the policies in place to address any **persistent** <u>physician</u> supply problems after the pandemic? *Check all that apply* 

□ Increase in training capacity

□ Prolong working time for physicians (e.g., incentives for postponing retirement)

□ Targeted immigration policy (to attract more physicians)

□ Incentives to increase the attractiveness of general medicine (financial and non-financial)

 $\Box$  Incentives to increase the attractiveness of specialties where shortages exist or are expected (financial and non-financial)

□ Introduction or expansion of non-physician practitioner roles (e.g., nurse practitioner)

□ Financial incentives to correct perceived geographic maldistribution

□ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

□ No policy

Please use this box to supply any additional comments or clarifications for this question

**Question 1.9.** What are the policies in place to address any **persistent** <u>**nurse</u> supply** problems after the pandemic? *Check all that apply*</u>

□ Increase in training capacity

□ Increase in pay rates (salaries) to increase recruitment and retention

□ Improve other aspects (non-financial) of working conditions of nurses (e.g., working time)

 $\Box$  Provide incentives to prolong working time for nurses (e.g., incentives for postponing retirement)

□ Introduce or expand targeted immigration policy (to attract more nurses)

□ Introduce or expand more advanced roles for nurses (e.g., nurse practitioners)

□ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

□ No policy

Please use this box to supply any additional comments or clarifications for this question

Question 1.10. What are the policies in place to address any persistent shortages of long-term care workers after the pandemic? Check all that apply □ Increase in training capacity □ Increase in pay rates (salaries) to increase recruitment and retention □ Improve other aspects (non-financial) of working conditions of nurses (e.g., working time) □ Provide incentives to prolong working time for long-term care workers (e.g., incentives for postponing retirement) □ Introduce or expand targeted immigration policy (to attract more long-term care workers) □ Other (please specify) □ No policv Question 1.11. Are limits set for the number of students accessing undergraduate medical education? □ Yes, there are limits only in the form of guotas on the number of students admitted at university level □ Yes, there are limits only in the form of budget or capacity constraints □ Yes, there are limits in the form of quotas on the number of students admitted and of budget or capacity constraints  $\Box$  No, there are no limits If yes, please indicate who sets these limits. □ Central government □ Local levels of government □ Universities □ Other: (please specify) Have any changes occurred since 2020 in the number of students accessing undergraduate medical education? □ Yes 🗆 No If yes, please indicate if the number: □ Increased □ Decreased Were these changes related at least partly to the COVID-19 pandemic? □ Yes, these changes were presented as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic □ No, these changes were already planned before the COVID-19 pandemic or unrelated Please use this box to supply any additional comments or clarifications for this question Question 1.12. Are limits set for the number of students accessing post-graduate medical training (i.e., medical specialisation)? □ Yes, there are limits only in the form of quotas on the number admitted for post-graduate training □ Yes, there are limits only in the form of budget or capacity constraints □ Yes, there are limits in the form of quotas on the number of students admitted and of budget or capacity constraints □ No, there are no limits, all medical students are provided a post-graduate training opportunity If yes, please indicate who sets these limits. □ Central government □ Local levels of government □ Universities  $\Box$  Other: (please specify) Have any changes occurred since 2020 in the number of students accessing postgraduate medical education (i.e., medical specialisation)? □ Yes □ No

If yes, please indicate if the number:	□ Increased	
	□ Decreased	
Were these changes related at least part	rtly to the COVID-19 pandemic?	
$\Box$ Yes, these changes were presented as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic		

□ No.	these changes	were already	planned	before the	COVID-19	pandemic or	unrelated
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Please use this box to supply any additional comments or clarifications for this question

Question 1.13. Is there any limit for entry into nursing education?

□ Yes, there are limits only in the form of quotas on the number of students admitted

□ Yes, there are limits only in the form of budget or capacity constraints

□ Yes, there are limits in the form of quotas on the number of students admitted and of budget or capacity constraints

 $\Box$  No, there are no limits.

If yes, please indicate who sets these limits.

□ Central government

□ Local levels of government

□ Universities

 $\Box$  Other: (please specify)

□ Yes

Have any major changes in nursing student intake occurred since 2020?

□ No

*If yes*, please indicate if the number: □ Increased □ Decreased

Please use this box to supply any additional comments or clarifications for this question

Were these changes related at least partly to the COVID-19 pandemic?

□ Yes, these changes were presented as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic

□ No, these changes were already planned before the COVID-19 pandemic or unrelated

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## Section 2: Maintaining continuity of care for all

Please provide the name, affiliation, and email address of the person who completed the information about maintaining the continuity of care for all.

Name:						
Position:						
Organisation:						
E-mail address						
Question 2.1. Has your country implemented measures to recruit additional workers to provide primary health care or expand the role of available primary health care workers to address the peak in demand or maintain care continuity for all non-COVID patients? <i>Check all that apply</i> Yes, non-health workers (e.g., post-office-workers, firefighters, etc.) have been provided training to provide COVID-19 related care (vaccination, testing) Yes, pharmacy workers have had an expanded role Yes, other health workers have had an expanded role (e.g., nursing assistant, midwife, physiotherapist, etc.) Please specify, and provide example(s) in the box below? Please briefly describe and/or provide a link to relevant documentation.						
Question 2.2. Has your country introduced new service delivery models in primary health care since the start of the pandemic to maintain care continuity for non-COVID-19 patients? Please indicate new in-person services (such as the deployment of multidisciplinary team practices, or the development of hospital-based programmes), digital health as well as services integrating in-person services and digital health solutions.         □ Yes       □ No         Please briefly describe best examples and/or provide a link to relevant documentation.         Question 2.3. Has your country introduced new models to pay for primary health care services to						
maintain care continuity for non-COVID-19 patients since the start of the pandemic? Check all that apply.						
		Incremental changes introduced to existing payment models	New payment model introduced			
Yes, additional amour or additional fee-for-s	ervices					
Yes, capitation or payment						
Yes, pay-for-performa						
Yes, payment for c with hospital, outpatie long-term care						
No	No 🗆					
Other (please specify)	)					
Please briefly <b>describe and/or provide a link</b> to relevant documentation.						

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□ Home visits for vaccinations

□ Home visits or digital health consultations for those with chronic care needs

Manage coordination with acute care or long-term care to treat those with chronic care needs

□ Text-reminders to schedule care

 $\hfill\square$  Data sharing with outpatient specialist or acute care

□ Changes in referral policies between primary health care and social/long-term care, hospital care and end-of-life care

□ Other: (please specify)

Please briefly describe and/or provide a link to relevant documentation.

Question 2.8. Has your country been using digital health (e.g., teleconsultation, health apps, telemonitoring platform, chatbots) in primary health care to ensure continuity of care to all and better integration with the rest of the health system?

□ Yes, existing digital health platforms were used

□ Yes, new digital health platforms have been developed

🗆 No

Please briefly **describe and provide a link** to relevant documentation.

**Question 2.9.** To what extent have non-physician primary health care workers (such as nurses, pharmacists, community health workers and auxiliaries) undertaken the following **COVID-19 related services**?

□ Tracing and tracking of COVID-19 cases

□ Vaccination

□ Following up on information reported from public health systems

□ Providing surveillance data to public health monitoring system

□ Care for non-acute COVID-19 cases

 $\Box$  Other: (please specify)

Please briefly **describe and/or provide a link** to relevant documentation.

# Section 3: Managing waiting times

Please provide the name, affiliation, and email address of the person who completed the information about managing waiting times.

Name:					
Position:					
Organisation:					
E-mail address					
Question 3.1 In your country, have waiting times for elective (non-emergency) care become a more					
prominent health policy issue on which government(s) have taken or are planning to take actions					
following the COVID-19 pandemic?					
	) to 5 (High), please indicate the level of priority given to waiting time and delayed				
	ountry following the COVID-19 pandemic:				
□1 (low)					
□2 (low-med	lium)				
□3 (medium)					
□4 (medium-	-high)				
□5 (high)					
	our country created a <b>national plan for addressing care backlogs</b> that may have				
	ced provision of care during the COVID-19 pandemic?				
	ional plan exits				
	ional plan is in development				
□ No					
	be and/or provide a link to relevant documentation.				
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Question 3.3. How d	lo you expect the waiting times for elective (non-emergency) treatments to evolve				
	ars? How long is it expected to take to deal with any backlog in treatments (e.g.,				
	urgery, postponed cancer treatments)?				
	e the expectations about waiting times in this box and provide any study or relevant				
documentation					
Question 3.4. Did your country have any predefined targets relating to waiting times or maximum					
waiting time norms or guarantees before the COVID-19 pandemic?					
If yes, were these waiting times targets or guarantees maintained or temporarily suspended during the					
COVID-19 pandemic	?				
Waiting times targets or guarantees were maintained					
□ Waiting times targets or guarantees were temporarily suspended (please specify in which					
clinical areas)					
Please add additiona	I relevant information about the measures taken in this box				
Question 3.5. Has there been any new national strategy or specific policy introduced or planned to					
reduce waiting times and waiting lists for elective (non-emergency) care in your country following the					
COVID-19 pandemic?					
□ Ye					
	e the title of the strategy or policy, the date of publication and any link to the				
document.					
	to give the details, links, objectives, and actions of any policy. Please provide				
relevant links.					

Does the strategy or policy involve any of the following elements to increase the volume of elective care? *Please check all that apply.* 

□ Additional funding for health care providers

□ Expand health workforce (e.g., doctors, nurses, etc.)

□ Extend working hours of health workforce

□ Better use of capacity or operating theatres

□ Involvement of additional providers (e.g., private providers to treat publicly funded patients)

□ Digital consultations

□ Other: (please specify)

Please use this box to provide additional information about these policies, if available

**Question 3.6** Have any new policies been put in place to ensure that patients on the waiting lists are prioritised appropriately? Please refer to any new prioritisation policy, the corresponding criteria (e.g., condition likely to deteriorate, pain while waiting, mortality risk, etc.) and how these have been implemented (e.g., in the form of guidelines).

Please use this box to briefly describe new prioritisation policies

**Question 3.7** If available, please provide any evidence of the impact of the above policies on waiting times (and add a link to any relevant documentation).

Please use this box to briefly describe the evidence on the above policies

**Question 3.8** What lessons have been learned so far from policies to deal with waiting times during the COVID-19 pandemic that could be used to make health systems more resilient to future (unpredictable) public health crises?

Please use this box to outline the lessons learned.

## Section 4: Implementing critical care surge capacity

This section is about the forecasting of demand or modelling used to identify the required critical care resources. It also seeks information about the health system level changes associated with the critical care surge that occurred during the pandemic. Some questions associated with the critical care staffing workforce were asked in Section 1 (Workforce). Please provide the name, affiliation, and email address of the best person to contact about the implementation and planning of surge capacity in your country for a case study or focus group.

Name:	
Position:	
Organisation:	
E-mail address	
Further discussion	Does your country wish to be involved in a case study or focus group? □ Yes □ No

Modelling of critical care requirements
<b>Question 4.1.</b> Was forecasting or modelling used to plan for the demand for critical care and hospital
resources?
Please describe <b>what</b> modelling of the demand for critical care and hospital resources was undertaken
to aid management of the critical care surge in the COVID-19 pandemic?
Please use this box to <b>briefly describe the forecasting or modelling.</b> For example, regional or national level, based on epidemiological forecasting or trends of current usage etc., modelling occupancy and
staff requirements etc. Include URLs or documents as appropriate.
Please comment on the most critical shortages that the forecasting or modelling identified during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Please use this box to outline the crucial shortage identified by the forecasting or modelling. For example, the key shortage was trained ICU nursing staff or ventilators.
On a scale of 1 (not useful) to 5 (very useful), please indicate the level of usefulness to your country in modelling the demand for critical care and hospital resources. That is, was the modelling useful? 1 (not useful) 2 (slightly useful)
□ 3 (moderately useful)
□ 4 (useful)
□ 5 (very useful)
Please describe how the forecasting or modelling aided decision making in the health system.
Please use this box to <b>describe how it aided decision making</b> . For example, improved planning and proactive staff recruitment, consideration of physical distancing restrictions, stockpiles etc.
Please comment on what would be useful to include in the future modelling of critical care based on your experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic?
Please use this box identify what would be useful to include in future modelling. For example, key
shortages not identified by the modelling.
Question 4.2. Please describe what long term improvements or changes to the forecasting or modelling
of critical care demand and capacity were made or are planned to follow the COVID-19 pandemic?
Please use this box to <b>describe the improvements.</b> For example, national centres of excellence, improved data, wider distribution etc.
<b>Question 4.3.</b> What are the expected benefits for the health care system of making these long-term changes?

Please use this box to describe the expected benefits for the health care system of the forecasting or modelling improvements. For example, changes in long term workforce and ICU planning.

### Changes to the health system for a crisis critical care surge

**Question 4.4**. Did you country experience a crisis critical care surge? (A crisis critical care surge is when usual standards of care cannot be maintained, but rather the best possible care is provided given the circumstances)

□ Yes □ No

Whether or not your country experienced a crisis critical care surge, what systems level changes were implemented?

Systems level changes	Yes	No
Organisation of facilities into larger networks		
Integration of public and private providers into the same network		
Implementation of national or regional real-time data on available and used resources		
Development of crisis surge triage protocols for treatment and use of scarce resources		
Temporary facilities for admitting and treating patients requiring hospitalisation, e.g., mobile hospitals or hotels		
Most important systems level policies		
<b>Question 4.5</b> What were the three most important systems level policies that were implemented or already in place to ensure that critical care resources were used more effectively and efficiently?		
Please use this box to outline the three most important systems level p 1. 2. 3.	oolicies or change	es

## Section 5: Securing essential medical products

This section is about understanding the major challenges in securing essential medical products from the perspective of the health system. We ask about "the most important product" to ensure a narrow focus on the most useful policies for the international community. Please provide the name, affiliation, and email address of the best person to contact about the supply chain challenges in your country's health system for a case study or focus group.

Name:				
Position:				
Organisation:				
E-mail address				
Further	Does your country wish to be involved in a case study or focus group? □ Yes			
discussion	□No			
Question 5.1. Did yo	ur country exp	erience supply chain dis	sruptions of essential m	
the pandemic?				
	□ Yes □ No			
If "No", please descri	be the most ef	fective policies that we	re used to avoid supply	/ chain disruptions.
Please use this box	to describe th	ne most effective polici	es your country used	to avoid supply chain
disruptions			, ,	
		icts were the most diffic		
		te in the table below wh		
		ed a problem but it got		a substantial problem.
Product		ne "other" row, if not list It was a problem	It was a problem, but	lt was not a
FIOUUCI		throughout the	it was resolved	It was not a substantial problem
		pandemic		
Ventilators and othe	er ventilation			
related products				_
Personal Protective	Equipment			
(PPE)				
Testing materials	(laboratory			
reagents, testing dev	ices etc.)		_	_
Oxygen				
Vaccines				
Disinfectants and Sa	nitizers			
Portable monitoring				
(e.g., thermometer	or pulse			
oximetry)	```			
Other: (please specif				
		the previous table, whi		erned about obtaining
		he pandemic? Please s		
		you were most concern		
<b>Question 5.3.</b> Was your supply chain for the medical product that you were most concerned about visible to the health system? (Supply chain visibility can be described as knowledge of suppliers, the				
suppliers of suppliers, supply chain mechanics and logistics)				
	Please describe the main location of the disruption in the supply chain. For example, manufacturing or			ople manufacturing or
transportation? Was the disruption domestic, international or both?				

# Please use this box to describe the main location of the disruption in the supply chain. If it was unknown or not visible, then please indicate

#### **Diversification of supply chains**

Diversification of supply chains was a common and important strategy following supply chain disruption during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Question 5.5.** If your country experienced an interrupted supply for the medical product that you were most concerned about, were you able to substitute by switching to: a different supplier, a different product with similar action, combining multiple components or a different strategy?

Use this box to discuss how you diversified. If you were unable to diversify, please indicate that.

How did your country assure the quality of the product you were most concerned about after your supply chain diversification?

Use this box to briefly discuss how you assured the quality of supply chain diversification. For example, did you facilitate technology diffusion from existing suppliers to new suppliers? Did you produce guidelines for new suppliers?

#### Proposed long-term changes to supply chains

**Question 5.6.** Please describe the main intended changes to supply chains for medical products for the medium-long term (i.e., for the next five years)

Use this box to outline the main intended changes to supply chains

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## Section 6: Strengthening and managing mental health

Please provide the name, affiliation, and email address of the person who completed the information about strengthening and managing mental health.

Name:	
Position:	
Organisation:	
E-mail address	
	our country undertaken any mental health prevalence surveys during the COVID-
19 crisis (2020 – 202	
Please provide link(s	s) to relevant survey(s).
	our country introduce any emergency mental health support measures for the
	VID-19 pandemic? Please only indicate <u>new or emergency</u> services and support.
Please note that men	tal health supports for health and care workers are enquired about in question 1.6.
•	e support lines
	e information, e.g., on staying mentally healthy during the pandemic
	nporary mental health services or service entitlement, e.g., access to psychological
therapies	
🗆 Other: (ple	
	o briefly describe and/or provide an information link to relevant documentation
on new or emergency	y mental health services and support.
	our country tracked the impact of COVID-19 on mental health service use and
delivery?	
	y referral rates to mental health services, rate of delivery of telemedicine mental
	ng times for mental health services.
Please briefly descri	be and/or provide a link to relevant documentation.
Our officer C. A. I. I. a.	
	bur country <b>permanently increased mental health support or capacity</b> since the
	r example, increase in mental health funding, introduction of new services.
	a question of training, including mental health training, in question 1.7 <b>be and/or provide a link</b> to relevant documentation.
Flease blielly descri	be and/or provide a link to relevant documentation.
Question 6.5 In vo	our country, are mental health considerations included in routine crisis
	planning approaches?
	our country have a mental health crisis response blueprint, are mental health
	ntainment measures routinely considered, or are mental health considerations
	paredness exercises?
	be and/or provide a link to relevant documentation.
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# Section 7: Strengthening long-term care

Please provide the name, affiliation, and email address of the person who completed the information about strengthening and managing mental health.

Name:	
Position:	
Organisation:	
E-mail address	
	ong-term care workers required to be vaccinated in your country?
long-term care workfo	be or provide a link to the relevant policies developed for vaccination among the
long torm care workit	
Question 7.2. Are the	ere testing requirements in place for long-term care workers in your country?
	be or provide a link to the relevant policies developed for testing among the long-
term care workforce.	
care workforce an iss	
□ 1. Not a co	oncern at all
🗆 2. Someth	ing of a concern
🗆 3. A mode	rate concern
🗆 4. A signifi	
	the most important issues hampering the COVID-19 response
	your country have information on the proportion of the long-term care workforce
that has been vaccina	
If ves, please provide	es □ No • the percentage at a given date <u>% at date</u>
	additional financing for long-term care made available during the COVID-19
pandemic?	additional infanting for long torm out o made available during the COVID fo
' □ Ye	es 🗆 No
Please briefly describ available and how it v	be or provide link to relevant information, including how much funding was made vas used
	any changes occurred since the COVID-19 pandemic in the turnover of long-term
care workers?	
∏ Ye	
n yes, please indicate	e if turnover: □ increased or □ decreased
Please provide any a	dditional comments or clarifications for this question.
	additional measures undertaken to recruit additional long-term care workers during
	nt to address shortages?
	dditional measures undertaken
	sures did not make up for pre-existing shortages of long-term care workers
	sures did not make up for shortages of long-term care workers caused by the
pandemic	
🗆 Yes – mea	sures were undertaken and were sufficient

Please briefly describe or provide a link to relevant information
Question 7.8. In addition to policies to recruit additional long-term care workers, did your country adopt any policies during the pandemic to address worker shortages by increasing the responsibilities and workload of existing long-term care workers? □ Yes □ No
Please briefly describe or provide a link to relevant information
<b>Question 7.9.</b> Has COVID-19 negatively impacted recipients of long-term care and the delivery of long-term care? <i>Please check all that apply</i>
Delays in accessing long-term care services or care packages
□ Physical or mental impact of COVID-19 and containment policies among long-term care residents
People living with dementia or cognitive impairment
□ Other impacts, and if, so please elaborate
<b>Question 7.10.</b> Has there been an impact of COVID-19 on the delivery of palliative and end-of-life care? <i>Please check all that apply</i>
Difficulties in accessing pain management
Delays in palliative care consultation
Delays in hospice transfer
Question 7.11. Has your country tracked the impact of COVID-19 on where people are receiving long- term care? Is there any evidence that the setting for long-term care has changed? □ No
Yes – more people than expected are being removed from institutional care
$\Box$ Yes – fewer people than expected are being removed from institutional care

## Section 8: Pandemic preparation, containment, and mitigation strategies

Please provide the name, affiliation, and email address of the person who completed the information about pandemic preparation, containment, and mitigation strategies.

Name:			
Position:			
Organisation:			
E-mail address			
Question 8.1. Did you	ur country have a pandemic preparedness plan before the COVID-19 pandemic or		
January 2020?			
□ Ye			
8.1.1. If yes, please c	hoose the reason why your country had this plan. <i>Please check all that apply.</i>		
□ World Hea	Ith Organization (WHO) or another international organisation's recommendation		
□ Based on o	domestic experience of an emerging infectious disease (EID) outbreak		
Based on domestic experience of the H1N1(2009) pandemic			
Based on a	□ Based on an EID outbreak in another country or neighbouring countries		
□ National/po	olitical drive/decision for any reason		
🗆 Other: (ple			
Please offer relevant	background or a link to your country's pandemic preparedness plan enactment		
Please use this box to	o include additional details.		
8.1.2. If ves, please s	select what components and strategies are included in the plan. Please check all		
that apply.			
□ Testing & I	aboratory preparedness		
□ Surveilland	ce & reporting		
Case inves	stigation & tracing/tracking		
🗆 Case isola	tion protocol and logistics		
	nd/or other isolation facilities recruitment and allocation		
•	and other medical equipment supply strategies		
•	re continuity plan for non-pandemic disease patients		
	prevention and control (IPC) measure training and education for healthcare		
	and/or members of the public		
□ Additional	human resources recruited during the pandemic		
🗆 Human res	source training and education before and/or during pandemic		
Personal p	protection equipment (PPE) production and/or trade		
PPE procu	irement & logistics		
□ Vaccine ar	nd other medication stockpile		
	nd other medication emergent approval process		
	nd other medication logistics during the pandemic		
	nd other medication research and development		
	sical distancing measures and implementation		
•	ical support for pandemic cases (see mental health section)		
	ical support for the public (see mental health section)		
	aid and/or support plans		
	port strategies		
	y operational government system or organisation		
	nistries other than the ministry of health		

<ul> <li>Managing death care services and the handling of dead bodies</li> <li>Managing information and data infrastructure</li> <li>Sharing information and statistics</li> <li>Managing privacy &amp; ethics issues</li> <li>Engaging civil society</li> <li>Risk communication</li> <li>Border control measures</li> <li>International cooperation strategy</li> <li>Research for emerging virus characteristics and its surveillance</li> <li>Research for pharmaceutical interventions (PI) including vacine and medicine</li> <li>Research for non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI) including social distancing strategies</li> </ul>
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$\Box$ Research for non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI) including social distancing strategies
□ Other: (please specify)
Please describe any further additions regarding the composition and components of your country's pandemic preparedness plan
Please use this box to describe additional details of the pandemic preparedness plan.
Question 8.2. Does your country have an external evaluation of your pandemic preparedness plan or
your response capacity for pandemics that was prepared prior to COVID-19?
8.2.1. If yes, describe when it was and whether it was helpful in your country's COVID-19 pandemic
response
Please use this box to describe when your plan was evaluated and whether this was helpful.
response during the COVID-19 pandemic?
response during the COVID-19 pandemic? □ Yes □ No
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response during the COVID-19 pandemic?         □ Yes       □ No         8.2.3. If yes for 8.2.2., describe when it was and share your experience with the result (e.g., link to final report etc.)         Please use this box to describe to share your experience         Question 8.3. Did your country have an annual budget dedicated to pandemic preparedness before 2020?         □ Yes       □ No
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(Next steps/future priorities)
<b>8.5.</b> Did your country do any simulation/modelling to estimate the impact of the non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) including lockdown measures, "stay-at-home" orders, school closures, public space closures, gathering/event cancellations and/or other COVID-19 response policies? □ Yes □ No
If yes, please describe to what extent that simulation/modelling has been used and whether it was useful to implement/adapt the policies. If there are any available reports, please share the files or the links.
Please use this box to discuss the simulation/modelling.
Question 8.6. Did your country respond to the COVID-19 pandemic through a whole of government approach?
<b>8.6.1.</b> If yes, please provide your national level governmental response structure and key decision- making process during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Please specify if there is a special agency dedicated for public health emergency preparedness and response at the national level)
Please use this box to briefly respond to the above question.
<b>8.6.2.</b> Please describe how your local governments/health authorities had a key role in the whole of society response scheme.
Please use this box to briefly respond to the above question.
Question 8.7. Beyond the development of vaccines and other COVID-19 tools, has there been any example of good practice public-private partnerships in managing the COVID-19 response?         □ Yes       □ No
If yes, please share your country's examples (e.g., development and distribution of essential equipment, organising healthcare, supporting social care services, development of testing and/or tracing/tracking process technology, data collection and processing etc.)
Please use this box to briefly respond to the above question.
Question 8.8. Were there crisis communication strategies already in place that were used during the pandemic?
Please describe these crisis communication strategies.
Please use this box to briefly respond to the above question.
<b>Question 8.9.</b> Has your country engaged with social media companies or news media to deal with mis- and dis-information during the pandemic? <i>Please tick all that apply</i> .
Yes, Direct engagement with social media companies
☐ Yes, Direct engagement with news media ☐ No
If yes, did this engagement begin during the pandemic, or was it part of ongoing efforts to combat mis- and dis-information?
$\Box$ Engagement with social media began during the pandemic; or
Engagement with social media predated the pandemic.
$\Box$ Engagement with news media began during the pandemic; or
Engagement with news media predated the pandemic.
Please use this box to briefly provide further information and/or a link to relevant documentation.

**Question 8.10.** Has your country established a **system of communication** to respond to the population's concerns and questions about vaccines?

□ Yes, a system of communication exists

□ Yes, a system of communication is in development

🗆 No

If so, who is responsible for this communication, and what are the means of supporting the communication?

Please briefly describe and/or provide a link to relevant documentation.

**Question 8.11.** Did your country include citizen or patient participation in key COVID-19 taskforces or decision-making groups involved in your government's response?

□ Yes □ No

If yes, please briefly describe and/or provide a link to relevant documentation

Please use this box to briefly describe the issues.

## Section 9: Investing in core public health functions

The COVID-19 pandemic has been documented to impact efforts to tackle antimicrobial resistance (AMR). This section aims to gather information on the extent to which the pandemic may have interfered with the implementation of national action plans to tackle AMR, as well as the measures that were put in place to mitigate the adverse effects. Please provide the name, affiliation, and email address of the best person to contact in the event of further questions or clarifications.

Name:	
Job Title:	
Organisation:	
E-mail address	

**Question 9.1.** Which types of activities highlighted in the national action plan on antimicrobial resistance have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic? *Please check all that apply.* 

□ Activities to improve awareness and understanding of antimicrobial resistance in the public (e.g., social media campaigns)

□ Educational programs for antibiotic prescribers

□ Health workers' compliance with the existing hand hygiene guidelines and programs in health facilities (e.g., WHO's 5 moments for hand hygiene model)

□ Health workers' compliance with the existing environmental hygiene programs and guidelines in health facilities (e.g., decontamination, disinfection, cleaning and sterilisation of the environment and equipment, safe disposal of items that have potentially come into contact with infected patients)

 $\square$  Rapid testing of patients to determine whether they have viral or bacterial infections

□ Audits of antibiotic prescribing behaviours in health care facilities

□ Surveillance and reporting of antimicrobial consumption in healthcare facilities

□ Surveillance of antimicrobial resistance through involvement of multiple sectors in line with the One Health approach

□ Vaccination campaigns for non-COVID related diseases (e.g., childhood diseases, influenza) □ Other: (please specify)

**Question 9.2.** What mitigation measures have been put in place to ensure the implementation of the national action plan on antimicrobial resistance is not adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic? Please provide short answers in this box

Please send your responses by 31 January 2022 to the OECD Secretariat via Philip.Haywood@oecd.org

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