

## 8/Pandemic Preparedness

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**CEPI:** Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation

**FDA:** U.S. Food and Drug Administration

**GHSA:** Global Health Security Agenda

**H1N1:** Swine flu

**HLIP:** High Level Independent Panel

**IHRs:** International Health Regulations

**IPPPR:** Independent Panel on Pandemic Preparedness and Response

**IMF:** International Monetary Fund

**NAPHS:** National Action Plans for Health Security

**ODA:** Overseas Development Assistance

**PHEIC:** Public health emergency of international concern

**PIP:** Pandemic Influenza Preparedness

**PPE:** Personal Protective Equipment

**PPR:** Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response

**SARS:** Severe Acute Respirator Syndrome

**TRIPs:** Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights

**UNGA:** United Nations General Assembly

**UNICEF:** United Nations Children's Fund

**UN-MEER:** UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response

**WHO:** World Health Organization

**WTO:** World Trade Organization

### Glossary

***Covid-19:*** An infectious human disease caused by the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2; first identified in China in 2019; became a global pandemic in 2020

***COVAX:*** A global initiative to ensure equitable access to Covid-19 vaccines

***Ebola:*** A serious and often fatal human illness caused by the Ebola virus; first identified in 1976 in Congo and Sudan; the most serious recorded outbreak occurred in 2013–16

***pandemic:*** An outbreak of an infectious disease that becomes widespread

***personal protective equipment (PPE):*** Protective clothing and equipment used by healthcare workers and emergency responders to protect them and those they have contact with from harm or contagion, such as surgical masks

*Please see the following page for additional glossary entries and a list of websites.*

***polycrisis:*** A time when several simultaneous crises interact to create increased global peril

***PHEIC:*** A serious disease outbreak that mandates a coordinated international response; declared by the World Health Organization

***World Health Organization (WHO):*** An agency of the United Nations responsible for responding to public health emergencies and improving global public health

***zoonotic disease:*** An infectious illness that can be trans-

## Websites

History.com, “Pandemics That Changed History,” <https://www.history.com/topics/middle-ages/pandemics-timeline> has a helpful timeline summarizing the major pandemics in recorded human history and their impact.

Pandemic Action Network, <https://www.pandemicactionnetwork.org/> contains many resources laying out the challenges and priorities for action on pandemic preparedness and response from this global network of more than 350 organizations advocating for political leaders to keep humanity safe from future pandemics.

Resolve to Save Lives, [Preventepidemics.org](https://preventepidemics.org/), “Epidemics That Didn’t Happen,” <https://preventepidemics.org/epidemics-that-didnt-happen/> is a collection of stories on potentially dangerous epidemics and pandemics that were averted in countries around the world thanks to up front investments in detection, prevention, and response.

United Nations. Global Health Crises Task Force, Final Report, <https://www.un.org/en/our-work/global-health-crises-task-force>, 30 June 2017. Final report of global leaders and health experts monitor, coordinate, and support the follow up of the findings of the 2106 report of UN Secretary-General’s High-Level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises.

World Bank, The Pandemic Fund, <https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/financial-intermediary-fund-for-pandemic-prevention-preparedness-and-response-ppr-fif> provides background on the Pandemic Fund, why it was created, how it is resourced, and priorities for funding.

World Health Organization, [who.int](https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/pandemic-prevention-preparedness-and-response-agreement), “Q&A on Pandemic prevention, preparedness and response accord,” <https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/pandemic-prevention-preparedness-and-response-agreement> contains a helpful primer on the background, objectives, and process for the international negotiations on a potential new Pandemic Agreement.

