

## Objectives

To monitor health events of international concern (e.g. Avian Flu, SARS, A/H1N1v, etc.);

To monitor health events with potential cross border impact in EpiSouth Countries (such as Dengue in Saudi Arabia and Cholera in Iraq);

To monitor and report regional cross border issues within the EpiSouth Region

## Activities

WP6 conducted a pilot assessment of existing epidemic intelligence (EI) activities in participating countries, developed epidemic Intelligence weekly bulletins and thematic notes and elaborated a web-based secured section on cross-border epidemic intelligence with alerts originating from partners

## Main Achievements

All participating countries were provided access to the secure cross-border alert platform on which they have been able to communicate and exchange information on health alerts of potential common interest. This tool was developed based on the results of an assessment of existing EI activities and needs in the different participating countries that was conducted at the beginning of EpiSouth activities. Moreover the WP6 team produced and distributed EI weekly bulletins and thematic notes to members, monitoring health events of international concern and a strategic document on the implementation of EI in the EpiSouth region.

**WP6 STEERING TEAM MEMBERS:** France, Israel, Jordan, Kosovo, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine, and Tunisia

In an environment where circulation of goods and people is constantly increasing, the epidemic risk is also growing. To fulfill their public health mission, States must not only exert a continuous monitoring of their population's health, but also set up the capacity to identify medical threats emerging internationally. International public health intelligence comes as a complement to regular monitoring of national surveillance and aims to identify health threats that can potentially affect these populations through the monitoring, selection, verification, analysis and eventually dissemination of already collected and circulating information



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