

# Global Preparedness Monitoring Board and World at risk report

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**In news:** Second edition of the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board its second report titled, A World in Disorder

## Global Preparedness Monitoring Board(GPMB)

- GPMB is an independent monitoring and accountability body to ensure preparedness for global health crises.
- Comprised of political leaders, agency principals and world-class experts, the Board provides an independent and comprehensive appraisal for policy makers and the world about progress towards increased preparedness and response capacity for disease outbreaks and other emergencies with health consequences.
- In short, the work of the GPMB will be to chart a roadmap for a safer world.
- Created in response to recommendations by the UN Secretary General's Global Health Crises Task Force in 2017, the GPMB was co-convened by the World Health Organization and the World Bank Group and formally launched in May 2018.
- The GPMB is led by its co-chairs, Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Prime Minister of Norway and former WHO Director-General, and Elhadj As Sy, Chair of the Kofi Annan Foundation Board and former Secretary General of the IFRC

## Why was the GPMB created?

There are severe health and economic costs of failing to adequately prepare for and manage disease outbreaks and other health emergencies for countries and communities globally.

Recent health emergencies, including the 2014-2016 West African Ebola outbreak, shed light on the major gaps in sustained political will, action, and sustainable financing for preparedness; national public health systems' capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to health crises from the local to global levels; community trust deficits in local health systems; along with a need to accelerate research and development, and to enhance global and regional coordination and capabilities.

### **GPMB Secretariat**

The GPMB has a small secretariat, which supports the Board in its monitoring and advocacy work. The **Secretariat is hosted by the World Health Organization** and its operations follow WHO's rules, regulation and procedures, but it works independently and reports to the GPMB co-Chairs.

### **About the A World in Disorder report**

- In this report, the GPMB provides a harsh assessment of the global COVID-19 response, warning that the world cannot afford to be unprepared again when the next pandemic hits.
- The Board called for five urgent actions to be taken to bring order out of the catastrophe and chaos currently facing the world: responsible leadership; engaged citizenship; strong and agile systems for health security; sustained investment; and robust global governance of preparedness.

### **World at risk report**

- The GPMB published its first annual report in September 2019 titled, A World At Risk.
- This report provided a snapshot of the world's ability to prevent and contain a serious global health threat.
- It also called for seven urgent priority actions leaders must take to prepare across five areas: leadership,

building multi sectoral country systems, research and development, financing, and robust international coordination.