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# Surveillance, early warning alert and response: communicable and vector borne diseases



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# Key questions

How effective was the surveillance, EWARS in:

- establishing a sensitive and responsive surveillance system;
- ensuring good coordination of reporting
- detecting and responding to alerts
- outbreak investigations
- instituting necessary control measures
- utilizing available resources to prepare for outbreak management and control;
- building local and national capacities



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# What was done well?

- in terms of appropriateness,
- adequacy,
- effectiveness,
- efficiency



- What could have been done better?
- How can the lessons learnt be translated into future health response in surveillance, for communicable diseases?



Specific issues and challenges will be addressed by the discussant .

