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Scope / Functions

• Infectious/ non infectious diseases, nutritional problems, traditional medicine, environmental health, hygiene, occupational hazard & health System researches
• Risk based preparedness, alert/early warning, prompt response and recovery
• Increasing coordination & communication b/n labs, capacity building & promotion of labs standards
• Production of essential vaccines and biologics
Major Challenges

- Weak laboratory capacity and there is no a strong link between epidemiological and Lab surveillances
- Lack of skilled staff in NCD research
- Lack of adequate & well experienced staff
- Unhealthy reliance on central for epidemic preparedness and response activities
- Retention mechanism & motivation packages
- Lengthy procurement system
Strategic investment in EHNRI for its transition into a comprehensive NPHI

- Identify the priorities and get internal and external buy-in for the new NPHI
- Develop emergency preparedness and response capacity through linkages, training, and information technology
- Build environmental health research capacity
- Develop the technologic infrastructure for supporting emergency operations
- Develop research capacity in newly developed Health Systems Research Department at ENHRI
Outcome to date

- The 5Y SPM for the future direction & for its new mandate in emergency finalized
- Critical capacities needed to identify & respond to public health emergencies
  - The plan for EOC is completed
  - Procurement for molecular sub typing of bacteria to identify & characterize outbreaks
- Priority areas for environmental study & for non-communicable diseases identified
Partnerships

- CDC
- IANPHI
- GF
- PEPFAR
- WHO
- FIND
- Perkins + Will
- International/Local Universities
Potential long-term outcomes

• Strategic approach for the future direction of the national public health institute
• Critical capacity to tackle major public health challenges
• Capacity in early detection & response in public health emergency
• Capacity in environmental and NCD research
Thank You!!!