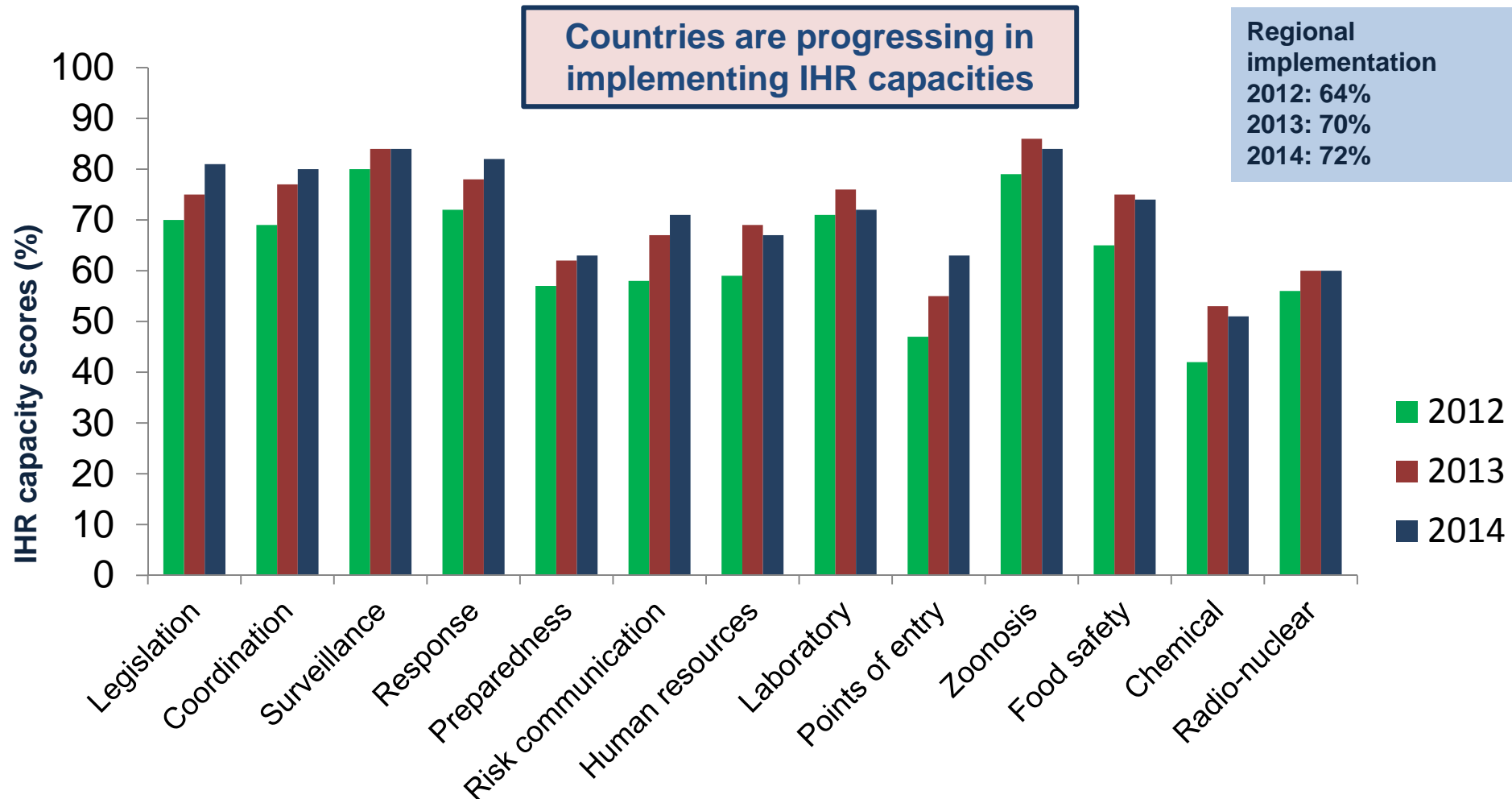


# **New approach for assessing and monitoring the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)**

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# Regional IHR implementation: 2012–2014 IHR monitoring tool



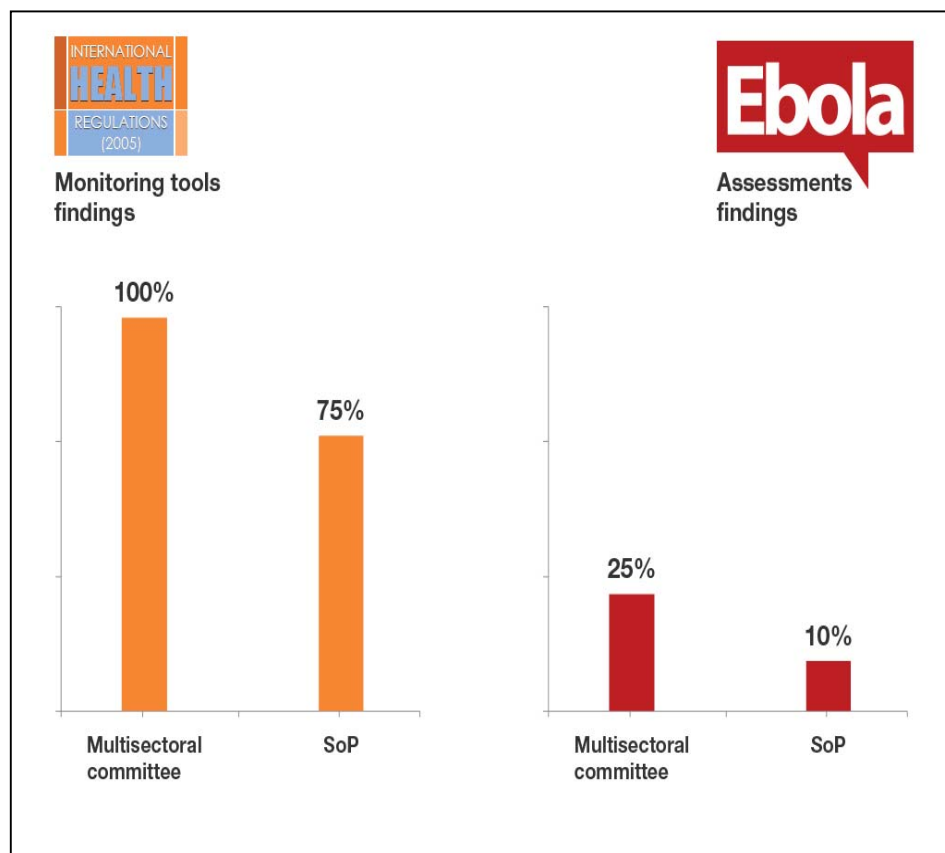
# Ebola preparedness assessment missions: major gaps identified (1)

- ✓ Absence of fully operational national coordination structure
- ✓ Structural gaps in incident command and control chain
- ✓ Absence of national plans for preparedness and response to all hazards
- ✓ Early warning mechanisms mostly not in place
- ✓ Absence or insufficiently trained multidisciplinary rapid response teams for investigation and response

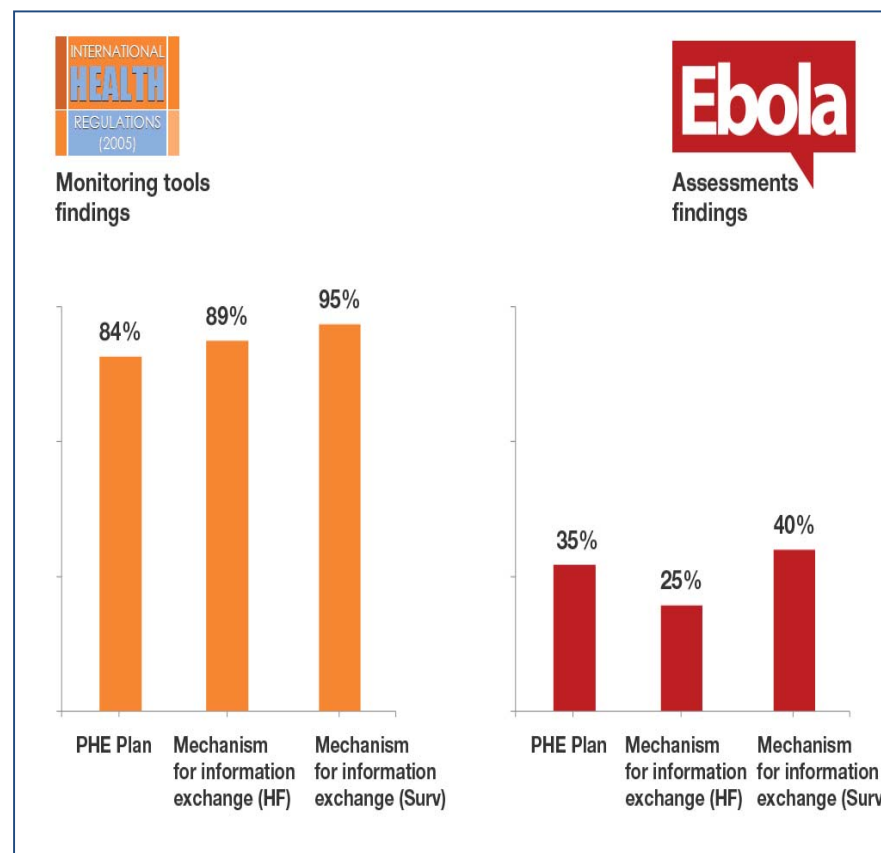
- ✓ Insufficient capacity of human resources
- ✓ Infection prevention and control programmes
- ✓ Lack of biorisk laboratory management system
- ✓ Absence of national risk communication plans
- ✓ Capacities for detection and management of ill passengers at points of entry are mostly lacking

# Ebola preparedness assessment missions: major gaps identified (2)

## Multisectoral coordination

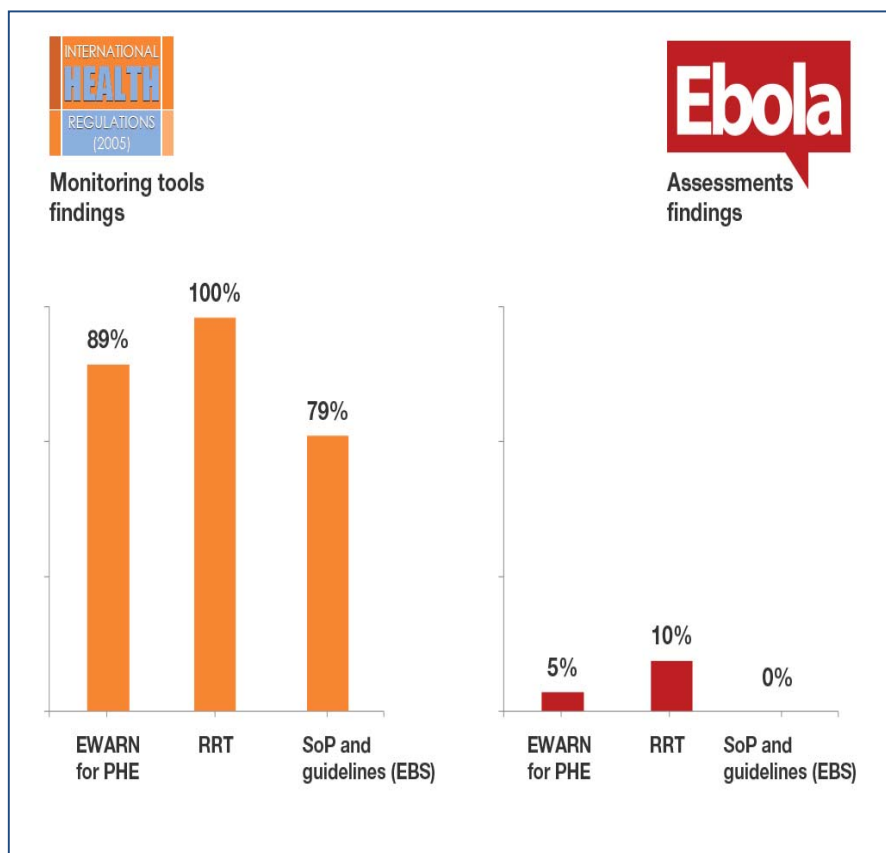


## Capacities at points of entry

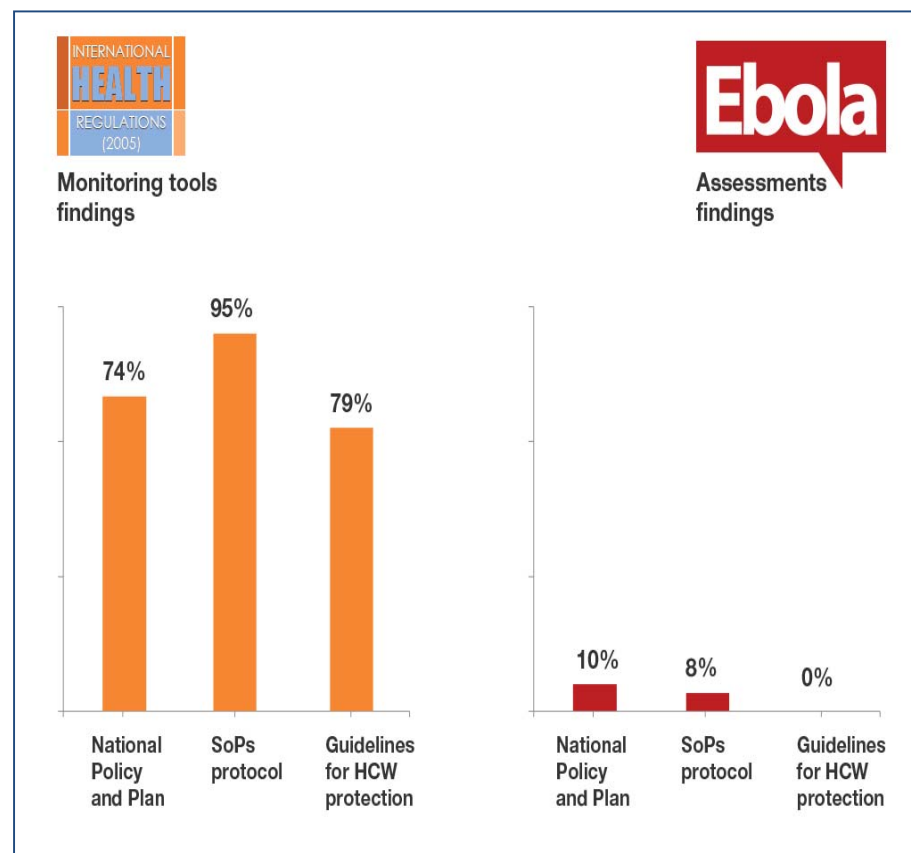


# Ebola preparedness assessment missions: major gaps identified (3)

## Early warning function



## Infection prevention and control

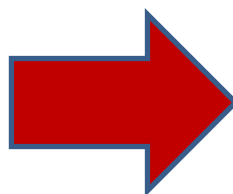


# A new approach is needed!



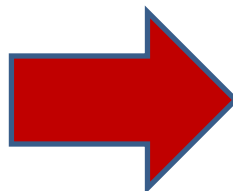
Inadequate level of preparedness including among States Parties announced meeting IHR deadlines

Report of the IHR  
Review Committee



Develop through regional consultative mechanisms options to move from exclusive self-evaluation to approaches that combine self-evaluation, peer review and voluntary external evaluations

Report of the  
Ebola Interim  
Assessment Panel



- WHO will need reliable information
- This requires some form of peer review or other external validation



# New approach for assessment and monitoring of IHR (1)

## **IHR Regional Assessment Commission (IHRRAC)**

- Independent body to oversee the implementation of IHR in the Region
  - Review implementation of the IHR and verify data
  - Identify strategic priority activities
  - Identify major issues and challenges to be addressed by WHO
  - Report annually to the Regional Committee
- Composed of regional and global experts

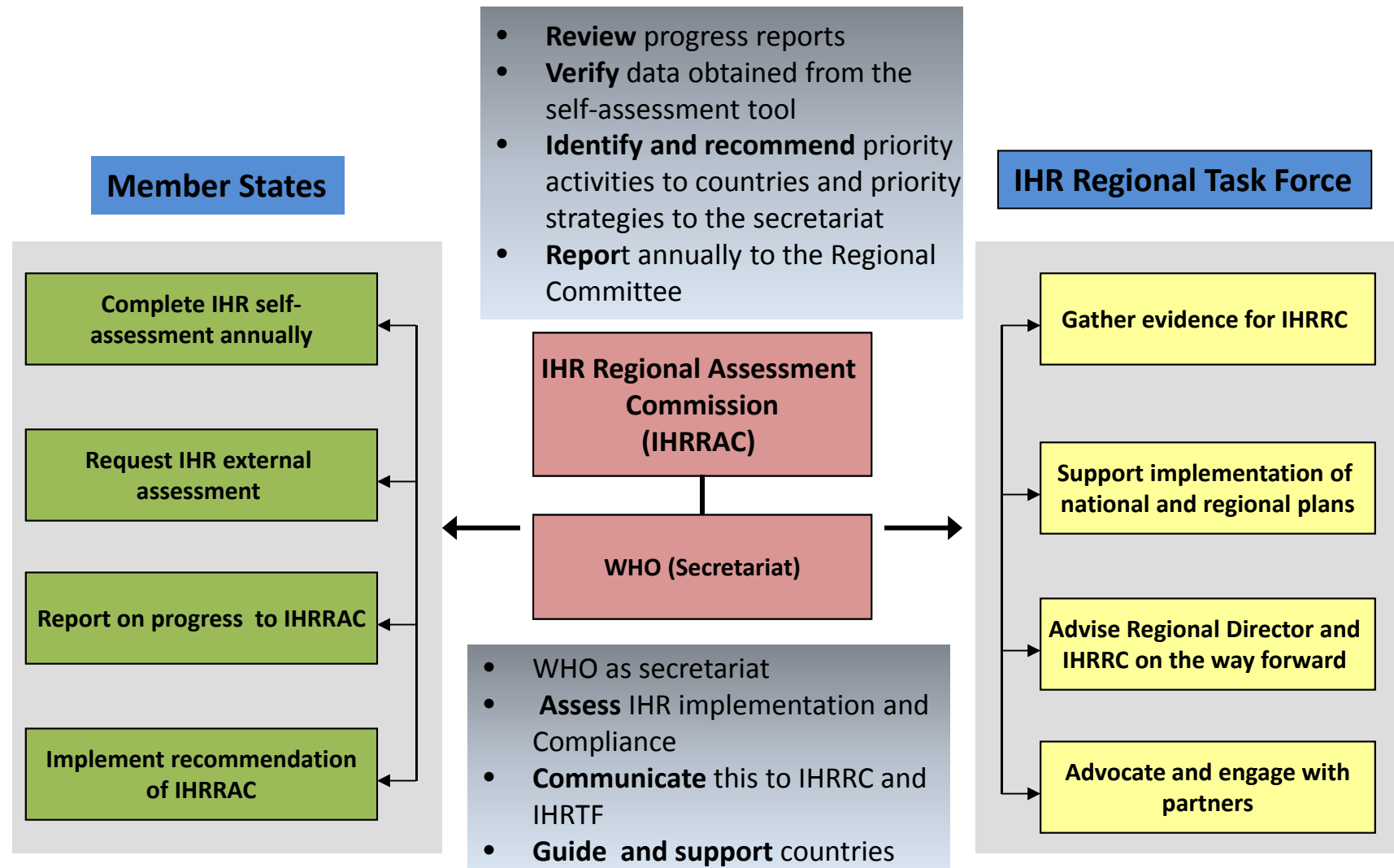
# New approach for assessment and monitoring of IHR (2)

## Regional IHR Task Force

- Ensure harmonized implementation in line with the recommendations of the IHRRAC
  - Gather evidence required for strategic decisions of the IHRRAC
  - Support implementation of the IHR
  - Advise the Regional Director and the IHRRAC on the way forward
  - Advocate for implementation of the IHR
- Composed of experts from WHO and other specialized agencies (FAO, OIE, ICAO, CDC)



# How the new approach will work: An Illustration



# Thank you