

Financial and administrative implications for the Secretariat of resolutions proposed for adoption by the Regional Committee

Resolution: EM/RC72/R.5(D)	
Strengthening national laboratory biosafety and biosecurity policies and frameworks in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	
A. Link to the approved Programme budget 2026–2027	
1. Output(s) in the approved Programme budget 2026–2027 under which this draft resolution would be implemented if adopted:	Output 6.1.1: WHO strengthens surveillance and alert systems, including diagnostics and laboratory capacities, for the effective monitoring of public health threats and the rapid detection, verification, risk assessment and grading of public health events.
2. Short justification for considering the draft resolution, if there is no link to the results as indicated in the approved Programme budget 2026–2027:	Laboratory biosafety and biosecurity are critical pillars of national and global health security. The proposed resolution is in alignment with IHR (2005) core capacities and supports countries in mitigating biological threats through sustainable, coordinated action under One Health. Additionally, it builds on previous regional and global resolutions that have emphasized the importance of strengthening laboratory systems and managing biological risks.
3. Any additional Secretariat work during the biennium 2026–2027 that cannot be accommodated within the approved Programme budget 2026–2027:	Implementation of the resolution on laboratory biosafety and biosecurity may require additional support from the Secretariat during the 2026–2027 biennium, especially in technical assistance to Member States, developing risk assessment, normative guidance and capacity-building activities. The programme budget has not yet been approved, although the costing of the resolution activities has been completed.
4. Estimated timeframe (in years or months) to implement the resolution:	2026–2029
B. Resource implications for the Secretariat for implementation of the resolution	
1. Total resource levels required to be budgeted to implement the resolution, in US\$ millions:	17.27
2.a. Estimated budget levels required which can be accommodated within the approved Programme budget 2024–2025, in US\$ millions:	N/A. This is a new area of work for the Department of Communicable Diseases.

2.b. Estimated budget levels required in addition to the amount already planned for in the approved Programme budget 2024–2025, in US\$ millions:	N/A.
3. Estimated resource requirements to be budgeted for in the proposed Programme budget for 2026–2027, in US\$ millions:	8.47
4. Estimated resource requirements to be budgeted for in the proposed Programme budgets of future biennia, in US\$ millions:	8.80 This covers the 2028–2029 period, including observatory operations, surveillance system deployment, vulnerability assessments, framework implementation and final evaluation across the Region.
5. Level of resources already available to fund the implementation of the resolution in the current biennium, in US\$ millions	
– Resources available to fund the resolution in the current biennium:	N/A
– Remaining financing gap in the current biennium:	N/A
– Estimated resources, not yet available, if any, which would help to close the financing gap in the current biennium:	N/A. Please refer to mobilization efforts which are ongoing to fill the previous indicated gap.

Annex. Breakdown of estimated resource requirements (in US\$ millions)^a

Biennium	Costs	Country offices	Regional Office	TOTAL
B.2.a: 2024–2025 Resources already planned	Staff costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Activity costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00
B.2.b 2024–2025 additional resources	Staff costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Activity costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00
B.3: Programme budget 2026–2027 to be planned	Staff costs	3.26	1.67	4.93
	Activity costs	0.61	2.93	3.54
	Total	3.87	4.60	8.47
B.4: Future biennia (2028–2029) to be planned	Staff costs	3.39	1.74	5.13
	Activity costs	0.62	3.05	3.67
	Total	4.01	4.79	8.80
	GRAND TOTAL	7.88	9.39	17.27

^a The row and column totals may not always add up, due to rounding.