

Commission on Creating a Global Health Risk Framework for the Future Statement of Task

An international, independent, multi-stakeholder expert commission will conduct a study and prepare a report to recommend an effective global architecture for recognizing and mitigating the threat of epidemic infectious diseases. The commission will receive input from four Institute of Medicine workshops that will be coordinated:

- (1) **governance for global health**, which will explore global, national, and local capabilities, to include those required by the International Health Regulations (2005), to facilitate the collective action of the governmental, intergovernmental, corporate, and non-profit sectors as they contribute to preparedness and response;
- (2) **financing response to pandemic threats**, which will encompass public and private sector roles in financing preparedness, and response to epidemics. Financing mechanisms for public health surveillance, workforce mobilization and acquisition of medical commodities that can channel funds swiftly while minimizing transaction times and other expenses will be discussed.
- (3) **resilient health systems**, which will include integrated surveillance and health information systems; workforce capacity; health system infrastructure; community, regional, and global partner engagement; and supply chain coordination and management; and
- (4) **research and development of medical products**, which will assess the current product development platforms; explore incentives and infrastructure for product development, and conditions and needs for effective public-private partnerships; and address standards and approaches for regulatory harmonization and systems capacity.

The Commission will consider the evidence supplied by these four workshops and the literature published on lessons learned on the current Ebola outbreak and other outbreaks of global impact such as H1N1 influenza, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The commission will deliberate and evaluate options in these four domains to strengthen global, regional, national, and local systems to better prepare, detect, and respond to epidemic infectious diseases. Interrelations among sectors will be studied. Conclusions and actionable recommendations will be offered to guide policy makers, international funders, civil society organizations, and the private sector, with the understanding that stakeholders may adapt and apply the recommended architecture to global health emergencies beyond epidemic infectious diseases. In an effort to minimize overlap and maximize synergy the commission will coordinate as possible with other global initiatives that are developing recommendations for improving the response to future global public health threats.