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Challenges for Global Health Security in the 21st Century

There are many different ways of understanding the term of “health security” and “global health security”. The principle of World Health Organization in the area of health security is to guarantee universal health coverage, which in the past decade has expanded from a focus on primary health care to the inclusion of universal health coverage as a core element of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Health and health security has a central place in the global goals.

The state of health security in the country depends on many factors, such as: drought, food and water shortage, the amount of money transferred for fighting against diseases and creation of new vaccines and drugs, as well as the policy of WHO, individual countries, NGOs and other subjects. Thus, some challenges for health security still stay the same for many years and a new ones appear, such as appearing of “old” illnesses, which were limited in the previous decades, or security in the area of diseases that spread via the airborne route, or can be transmitted during the incubation period when infected people look and feel well enough to travel.