

# Leveraging 7-1-7 in After-Action Reviews

## Overview

Use this guide to lead an After-Action Review (AAR) incorporating the 7-1-7 target for timely detection, notification and early response. The methodology outlined here can be easily adapted into the standard WHO AAR format. Countries implementing the 7-1-7 approach may use their existing documentation to feed into the AAR process, while countries without this documentation may use the provided template to prepare for the AAR. Incorporating the 7-1-7 performance targets can allow critical bottlenecks, enablers and remedial actions from the early phase to be prioritized for discussion in plenary and integration into follow-up planning.

## Objectives

1. Sensitize stakeholders to 7-1-7 and enable support for its use in the AAR.
2. Document 7-1-7 timeliness metrics, bottlenecks, enablers and remedial actions.
3. Reference 7-1-7 documentation to inform key steps outlined in WHO guidance.

## Instructions

### Before the AAR

#### 1. Sensitize stakeholders to 7-1-7 and enable support

Provide a [high-level introduction to 7-1-7](#) and the proposed AAR methodology. It is important to enable understanding and support from participants, high-level leadership and relevant partners such as WHO to leverage 7-1-7 well for learning and improvement in the AAR.

#### 2. Document 7-1-7 data

Complete the [event review template](#) to compile 7-1-7 timeliness metrics, bottlenecks, enablers and remedial actions. This template will be presented in plenary and distributed to stakeholders as a reference document during the AAR. Countries implementing the 7-1-7 approach may reference existing documentation to complete these slides. Countries without existing documentation may source data from epidemiological records, reports and other communication.

### During and after the AAR

#### 3. Present 7-1-7 data then reference during discussions

Include an agenda item for a 7-1-7 introduction early in the AAR to present the high-level introduction and event review templates above. Note that assessing early action through 7-1-7 helps complement, not replace, a comprehensive review of the response, including later phases.

Participants should be provided a copy of the documentation to serve as a reference document. Facilitators must encourage participants to use the data in key steps outlined in WHO guidance:

Step		7-1-7 data referenced	AAR output
1	What was in place before the response?	Bottlenecks, enablers	Inventory of capacities
2	What happened during the response?	Timeliness metrics	Event timeline
3	What went well? What went less well? Why?	Bottlenecks, enablers	Challenges, best practices
4	What can we do to improve for next time?	Remedial actions	Corrective actions
5	The Way Forward	Various	Reporting, follow-up advocacy and planning

After the AAR, leverage 7-1-7 data to easily communicate performance, bottlenecks and enablers, and improvement measures to support advocacy and national planning, e.g., National Action Plans for Health Security (NAPHS).