

Infographic: No country is prepared for a pandemic, report says

After an [Ebola epidemic](#) devastated West Africa in 2014, many countries took steps to boost their preparedness. But even as the risk of such outbreaks increases, no country — the United States included — is fully prepared to respond to a deliberate or accidental threat with the potential to wipe out humanity, according to a [report](#) assessing the efforts of 195 countries.

The report, released [October 24], is the first comprehensive assessment of global health capabilities, giving countries an [overall score](#) based on several measures. Unlike other ratings, the Global Health Security Index benchmarks health security in the context of tools critical to fighting outbreaks, such as robust health systems, adherence to global norms, and political and security risks, including public confidence in government.

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“Health security is a collective responsibility,” said Beth Cameron, vice president for global biological policy and programs at the Nuclear Threat Initiative and one of the index’s leaders. “Countries need to know how prepared they are. And they need to know how prepared their neighbors are. Otherwise we’ll never improve.”

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A new assessment of 195 countries finds no country is fully prepared for epidemics or pandemics. Yellow represents more preparedness, red represents less preparedness. Image: Global Health Security Index

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