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# Preface

This report was produced as part of an initiative funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), “Strengthening health security and health systems linkages to improve quality health services in emergencies”. A key feature of this work is to understand the extent of integration of health systems strengthening (HSS) and health security efforts in low- and middle-income countries.

Building on and complementing findings from an earlier activity which reviewed joint external evaluations (JEE) and national action plans for health security (NAPHS) from 13 USAID priority countries from a health systems perspective, this report explores HSS and health security integration in Liberia and Bangladesh. The scope of the report is to provide a narrative synthesis of key findings from health systems assessments, policies, plans and practices, supplemented by relevant academic literature.

## Objectives

The objectives of this analysis were to:

1. describe the public health context and structure in Liberia and Bangladesh;
2. ascertain the state of HSS and health security integration in national and subnational policies, plans and practices for public health protection;
3. document relevant experiences from past and ongoing emergencies to inform long-term health systems resilience; and
4. understand the nexus of health systems and health security integration in emergency preparedness and response planning.

## Target audience

The primary audience for this report is policymakers from the global to national levels involved in HSS and public health services.

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