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# Abbreviations

<b>AMC</b>	Antimicrobial consumption
<b>AMR</b>	Antimicrobial resistance
<b>ATC</b>	Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical
<b>DDD</b>	Defined Daily Dose
<b>DID</b>	Defined Daily Doses/1000 inhabitants/day
<b>DU75</b>	Drug Utilization 75
<b>DU90</b>	Drug Utilization 90
<b>GLASS</b>	Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System
<b>INN</b>	International nonproprietary name
<b>MPP</b>	Medicinal product package
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization



# 1. Introduction

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a significant threat to health and human development, affecting our ability to treat a range of infections. Use of antimicrobials is the main driver for the development of AMR. To obtain a thorough and comprehensive picture of AMR and to be able to identify areas in which actions are needed, data from surveillance of AMR and antimicrobial consumption (AMC) are essential. These data should be easily compared and exchanged, and should be used locally, nationally and globally.

The World Health Organization (WHO) methodology for a global programme on surveillance of AMC is a component of the Global Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Surveillance System (GLASS)), the system for surveillance of AMR and antimicrobial use, referred to here as GLASS-AMC.

GLASS-AMC provides a common technical basis for setting up national surveillance systems on AMC that can produce reliable and comparable data at national and global levels. The methodology can be used by all countries, regardless of the level of development of a country's national AMC surveillance system.

This manual summarizes the WHO methodology for a global programme on surveillance of AMC. It is intended to guide countries on how to:

- use the GLASS-AMC Microsoft Excel template to prepare the national AMC surveillance data according to the WHO methodology;
- produce national AMC data files to foster AMC data analysis at national level; and
- facilitate the preparation of the AMC national data for submission to GLASS-AMC.

This manual mainly targets professionals from the national AMC surveillance technical team responsible for managing the AMC surveillance database for the national AMC surveillance programme and for submission of data to GLASS-AMC, and for analysing AMC data for the national AMC report. The manual can also be shared with AMC data-source partners, in cases where these partners are asked to compile files of their AMC data.

This manual provides:

- an introduction to the GLASS-AMC methodology for calculating data consumption using the Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical/Defined Daily Dose (ATC/DDD) approach;
- instructions on how to use the GLASS-AMC Excel template to organize AMC data, generate AMC indicators and export data into the GLASS-AMC format;
- instructions on how to use the AMC estimates produced by the GLASS-AMC Excel template to generate and display the most common AMC metrics and indicators.

The manual is based on the following WHO documents:

- WHO methodology for a global programme on surveillance of antimicrobial consumption<sup>1</sup>
- the WHO ATC/DDD toolkit;<sup>2</sup> and
- the WHO GLASS-AMC Excel template.<sup>1</sup>

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