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Please consider adding the point below under **Appendix C: Deep dive on programmatic priorities and cross-cutting enablers -- Workforce**

- Training and institutionalization of capacities for cross-border surveillance, travel-related risk assessment, international cooperation & collaboration, outbreak response at borders & conveyances (e.g. cruise ships), including porous borders and adjacent border communities, to improve integration of PoE in national surveillance and response systems.

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Rationale

The COVID-19 pandemic, among many other recent outbreaks, has highlighted the existing gaps in surveillance capacities at POEs and across borders. Common challenges across countries include the lack of integration of POE surveillance systems into national surveillance systems, incomplete or inconsistent sharing of data on public health events affecting international travellers across countries, as well as between the travel/transport private sectors and national authorities across sectors; the lack of inclusion of multi-hazard public health surveillance, preparedness and response plans at PoE into the overarching local & national emergency & crisis response plans; and the unavailability of SOPs for public health event information sharing at POE level, in particular at resource limited settings, such as porous borders.

It is critical to enhance institutional capacities for cross-border surveillance to detect, collect, analyse and disseminate information on disease transmission via international traffic, integrating border health surveillance into national public health surveillance systems. This will ensure the timely reporting of information on public health events occurring at PoE and via international traffic, as well as the rapid coordination and sharing of relevant information for taking any appropriate response measures to prevent importation and exportation of diseases through population movement, ships, aircrafts, trains, buses, cargoes, goods including animals and agriculture products.