Action Package Prevent - 3: Biosafety & Biosecurity

The GHSA's Action Package Prevent - 3 calls for countries to develop a national whole-of-government oversight program for biosafety and biosecurity as detailed in the following targets:

- A whole-of-government national biosafety and biosecurity system is in place, ensuring that especially dangerous pathogens are identified, held, secured and monitored in a minimal number of facilities according to best practices;
- Biological risk management training and educational outreach are conducted to promote a shared culture of responsibility, reduce dual use risks, mitigate biological proliferation and deliberate use threats, and ensure safe transfer of biological agents; and,
- Country-specific biosafety and biosecurity legislation, laboratory licensing, and pathogen control measures are in place.

IFBA's Commitments to GHSA

The IFBA is a vital GHSA partner, facilitating partnerships between our worldwide network of biosafety associations and national governments in the implementation of APP-3 goals and objectives. Support is provided for developing national biosafety and biosecurity strategies and guidelines, advancing biorisk management practices & procedures, and certifying the competency of biosafety professionals in the safe and secure handling of infectious disease agents. Ensuring that individuals who handle biological materials have demonstrated competencies is an essential component of the overall effort to reduce biosafety and biosecurity risks.