



**CORE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS:
Air Quality, Food Safety, Health Emergency Management and Food
Security**

2007-08 PROGRESS UPDATE

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2007-08 Public Health Core Programs Progress Updates Air Quality, Food Safety, Food Security & Health Emergency Management

This progress update is on the Public Health Core Programs improvement plans developed for 2008-09 as specified in the 2007-08 Health System Performance Framework requirements.

This progress update is on the following core programs:

- Air Quality
- Food Safety
- Health Emergency Management
- Food Security

These core programs were the first of the improvement process and have been the source of many lessons learned.

The following factors were identified in the core program areas as enabling the implementation of the improvement plan:

- Executive support
- Agency support
- Coordination & collaboration with regional health authorities and the Ministry of Health
- Coordination & collaboration with other stakeholders (i.e. municipalities)
- Available resources

The following factors were identified as barriers to the implementation of the improvement plan:

- Undefined relevant policies
- Undefined processes to identify priorities in a collaborative way
- Undeveloped strategic plan in relevant areas
- Shortage of available resources

Although barriers were identified, appropriate mitigation strategies were also developed, or targets were revised.

This document provides updates on the progress, current status, and projected activities to 2010, of the above mentioned core programs, according to the performance targets (or indicators) defined in the 2006-07 improvement plan.

Revision of some targets was necessary due to changes in funding, staff and other factors. Regular assessment and revision of targets occurred throughout the year to ensure that the initial 2007-08 targets are aligned with the present environment. Targets defined in this document may undergo additional reassessment and revision as the improvement process continues.

Program Component	2007-08 Performance Targets (Indicators)	Current Status: On Target March '08 (Y/N)	Revised Performance Targets (Indicators)	2008-09 Timeline	2009-10 Performance Targets (Indicators)
Common Elements					
Elements identified are common to all 4 approved core programs	PHSA's role in relation to provincial level and province wide functions defined	N	PHSA's role in relation to provincial level and province wide functions defined in consultation with MoH and RHAs	September 2008	-
Air Quality					
Air Quality Program for Indoor/Outdoor Air	Air Quality Program plan developed, approved and Implemented	Y	Implement enhanced support to RHAs, and to MoH and PHO in policy development and issue response	Ongoing	Continue Implementation
Air Quality Program Infrastructure	Staff recruited and trained	Y	-	-	-
	Information system plan developed and integrated into air quality program	N	Subject to MoH Funding		
Surveillance, Assessment & Intervention: Outdoor Air	Pending definition of PHSA's role with provincial-level and province-wide functions. PHSA's role will be defined in consultation with MoH and RHAs.			September 2008	-
Surveillance, Assessment & Intervention: Indoor Air					
Education and Public Awareness: Indoor/Outdoor Air					
Food Safety					
Surveillance & Evaluation of Food Safety and Food Borne Illness	Food Safety and FBI data systems plan developed and integrated into PHP by March 2008	N	PHP delayed subject to MoH funding Work with MoH and RHAs based on current resources to develop plan and integrate into PHP	March 2009	Implement food safety data system as per PHP development
	Develop enhanced food borne illness surveillance and data systems	Y	Continue to develop enhanced FBI surveillance and data systems	March 2009	Continue to develop enhanced FBI surveillance and data systems

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Expanded expert resource into food toxicology	Food toxicology plan developed and approved	N	Food toxicology priorities identified and begin implementation	March 2009	Develop & fully implement plan based on priorities
	Position recruited	Y	-	-	-
Directed Food Safety Research	Food Safety research plan developed and approved	Y	In collaboration with stakeholders (BCCDC, RHAs and other agencies) identify projects to advance food safety research Identify and undertake at least one new project per year	Ongoing	Identify 1 new project and secure funding
	BCCDC Food Protection Service program role clarified	Y	Develop updated staffing/education plan	2008-09	Ongoing
	Development of Provincial Guidelines & Best Practices	N	Pending definition of PHSA's role with provincial-level and province-wide functions. PHSA's role will be defined in consultation with MoH and RHAs.	September 2008	-
Health Emergency Management					
Building Preparedness & Response Capabilities	Comprehensive EM Plan Developed, approved and implemented consistently across PHSA	N	PHSA Emergency Management & Business Continuity (EMBC) Policy approved	April 2008	-
			PHSA EMBC Council identified	August 2008	-
			Emergency Operation Centers established with written guidelines, identified and trained staff	October 2008	Connectivity between EOC internally and externally built and tested
	PHSA and agencies have participated in a minimum of one activation drill/exercise of their EOC	February 2009	PHSA & Agencies have participated in a cross PHSA/Agency exercise/drill		
Staff, equipment and training to lead and respond to disasters identified	Y	Process identified to activate and call in staff outside of normal working hours	September 2009	PHSA & Agencies have participated in one or more call out exercise	

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Business Continuity Planning	Corporate Manager for Business Continuity hired	Y	-		Business Continuity Plan priorities and business strategies and/or written business cases identified
	Begin implementation of process to identify PHSA & Agency external hazards	Y	-	-	
	HRV assessment program plan developed, approved and implemented by March 2008	N	Begin implementation of process to identify internal hazards	May 2008	
			Process to identify PHSA critical services developed	July 2008	Mitigation planning for high impact, high probability critical services begun
	Business case continuity plans developed and approved by March 2009	Y	Business impact analysis on potential down time against critical services complete	March 2009	
Provincial coordinating role for Health Emergency Planning	Pending definition of PHSA's role with provincial level and province wide functions. PHSA's role will be defined in consultation with MoH and RHAs	N	Pending definition of PHSA's role with provincial level and province wide functions. PHSA's role will be defined in consultation with MoH and RHAs	September 2008	-
	MoU between the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health, PHSA and BCCDC signed	Y			
Food Security					
PHSA's role in Food Security Core Program	Mechanism for consultation identified in February 2008	Y	-	-	-
	PHSA's provincial role identified by October 2008	N	Pending outcome of discussions on role of Food Safety & Food Security core programs at senior HA and MoH level	-	-

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Food Policy Framework	PHSA Food Sales Guidelines and implementation Plan developed	Y	In compliance as of November 2007	-	-
Food Security Programs & Services	Pending definition of PHSA's role with provincial-level and province-wide functions. PHSA's role will be defined in consultation with MoH and RHAs.			September 2008	-
Food Security Promotion & Public Awareness					
Surveillance, Monitoring & Evaluation of Food Security	Phase 1: CFAI Evaluation framework and plan – developed and implemented	Y	Phase 2: Evidence Gathering - planned and implemented	March 2008	Phase 3: Gathering Outcomes Data – planned and implemented