



GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON
CHOLERA CONTROL

GTGCC INTERIM CHOLERA-FREE STATUS FRAMEWORK

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BACKGROUND



ENDING CHOLERA - GLOBAL ROADMAP TO 2030

Cholera-free status

Cholera eliminated as a threat to public health

Absence of community transmission of cholera documented for at least three consecutive years based on a **well-functioning epidemiologic and laboratory surveillance system** able to detect and confirm cases

Global Roadmap target

20 countries could **eliminate the disease as a threat to public health by 2030**

GTFCC CHOLERA-FREE STATUS FRAMEWORK

Purpose

Harmonized and transparent framework:

- For **GTFCC Target Countries and Regions** to document in a standardized manner the achievement and maintenance of **elimination of cholera disease as a threat to public health**
- For the **GTFCC** to independently assess, formally recognize, and monitor progress towards **cholera elimination**

GTFCC CHOLERA-FREE STATUS FRAMEWORK

State of play

- Interim GTFCC Cholera-free status framework presented at the 2022 meeting of the Surveillance WG



Where does it stand?

Pre-publication steps as per **GTFCC Steering Committee recommendations**



OBJECTIVES FOR THIS PRESENTATION

- ❑ **Sensitize potential pilot countries**
 - Opportunity to be a pioneering country!
 - Flexibility (framework not definitive at this stage)
 - In case of negative outcome:
 - Identity of pilot country is confidential
 - Recommendations for improving surveillance and preparedness are provided

- ❑ **Recap key requirements** of piloting so that potential pilot countries can « identify themselves »





KEY REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

CHOLERA-FREE STATUS

Key requirements

Recognition of cholera-free status

- ✓ Absence of **community transmission**
- ✓ Appropriate and well-performing epidemiologic and laboratory **surveillance**



Maintenance of recognized cholera-free status

- ✓ **Continued absence** of sustained or widespread community transmission
*Tolerance for **limited** community transmission (<2 months and not spreading beyond one surveillance unit)*
- ✓ Appropriate and well-performing epidemiologic and laboratory **surveillance**

CHOLERA-FREE STATUS

Recognition and maintenance

RECOGNITION

✓ **Core requirements for at least 3 consecutive years**

Standard application dossier

**Absence, clustered, or
limited community
transmission**

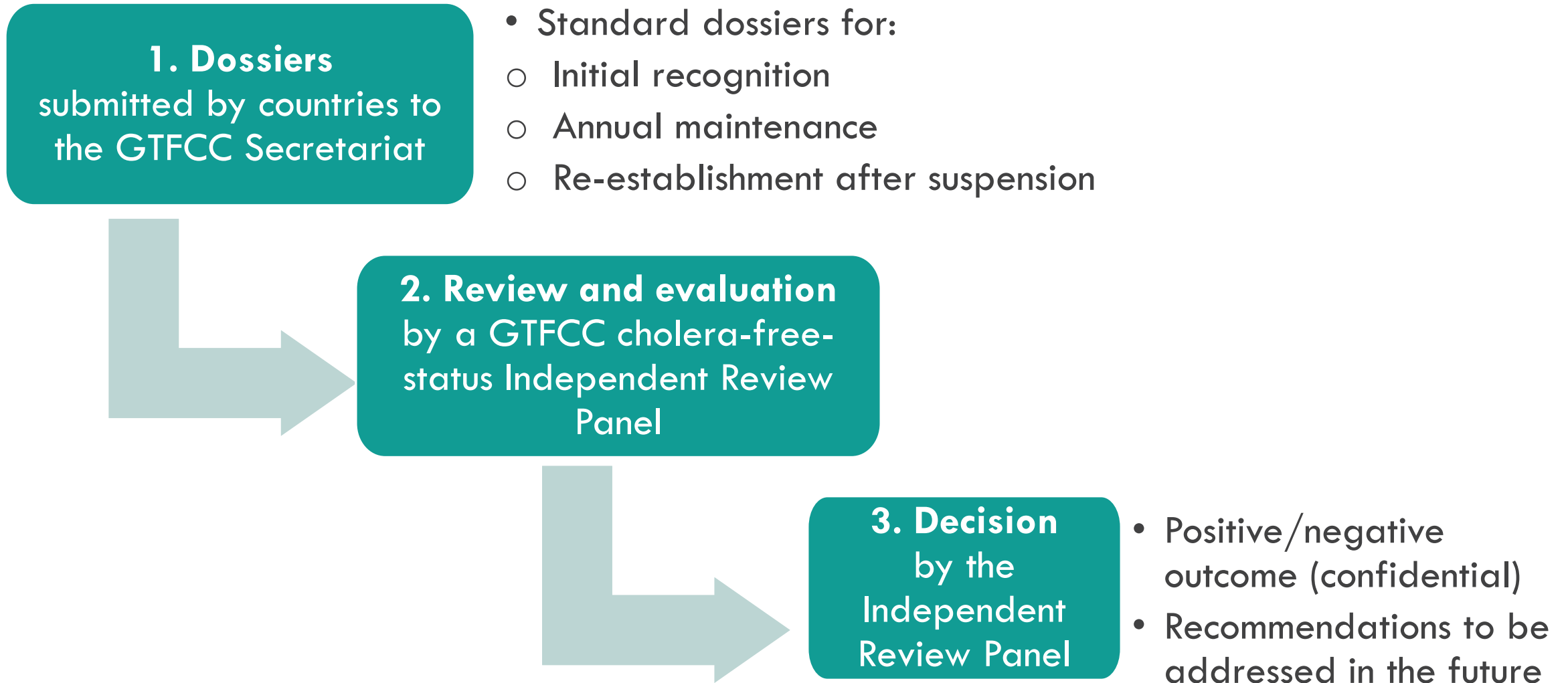
MAINTENANCE

✓ **Continuous compliance with core requirements**

Annual standard report



CHOLERA-FREE STATUS Procedures





KEY MESSAGES

- **Cholera-free status** does not mean absence of any cholera cases (imported, cluster) provided transmission in the community is prevented
- A recognized status is subject to **maintenance**
- **Countries must document** compliance with applicable requirements
- GTFCC Independent Review Panel's assessment is **independent**, based on **transparent criteria**



PILOT COUNTRIES

POTENTIAL PILOT COUNTRIES

- GTFCC target country
- Application for the entire territory (no subnational status)
- Of note, 12 GTFCC target countries did not officially report cholera community transmission for ≥ 3 years
- Those may be potential pilot countries provided:
 1. **Well-functioning epidemiologic and laboratory surveillance system** able to detect and confirm cases over that period can be documented
 2. **Strong political will** to engage in the process for recognition **and** maintenance



COUNTRIES POTENTIALLY MEETING THESE CRITERIA



- Learn more about the free-status framework and applicable requirements and process
 - <https://youtu.be/7gvPel1XJqA>
- Liaise with GTFCC Secretariat (informal)
 - In person
 - GTFCCsecretariat@who.int
- No public announcement required
 - Confidentiality can be maintained up to recognition

Thank you

Together we can
#endcholera



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