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JCDC'S STRATEGIC APPROACH: PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH SECURITY



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THE BIRTH OF JCDC: ADDRESSING PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES



COVID-19 Impact

The pandemic exposed the fragility of global health systems, including Jordan's, despite significant health expenditure.

Need for Coordinated efforts

The crisis highlighted the necessity for a dedicated national entity to coordinate efforts in preventing and managing epidemics and public health crises.

JCDC Establishment

In response, the Jordan Center for Disease Control (JCDC) was established in November 2020 to lead and coordinate national public health efforts, as directed by the Royal Directive.

JCDC

MANDATE

As prescribed in its Bylaw No. (112) year 2020:

JCDC shall be a dedicated public health institute that promotes public health practices in the prevention of epidemics and communicable diseases and leads the coordination of all-hazard public health emergency preparedness and response efforts, including the bio-terrorist threat.



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JCDC MANDATE, AS IDENTIFIED IN BYLAW NO. (112):

- Leading health efforts aimed at preventing and controlling epidemics.
- **Coordinating response efforts and implementing health emergency plans.**
- Monitoring epidemics nationally, regionally, and internationally,
- Developing health policies related to the control of epidemics
- Developing preparedness and response plans for health emergencies.
- **Coordinating and cooperating with similar bodies regionally and internationally.**
- Capacity-building, training, and rehabilitation in the field of epidemics control

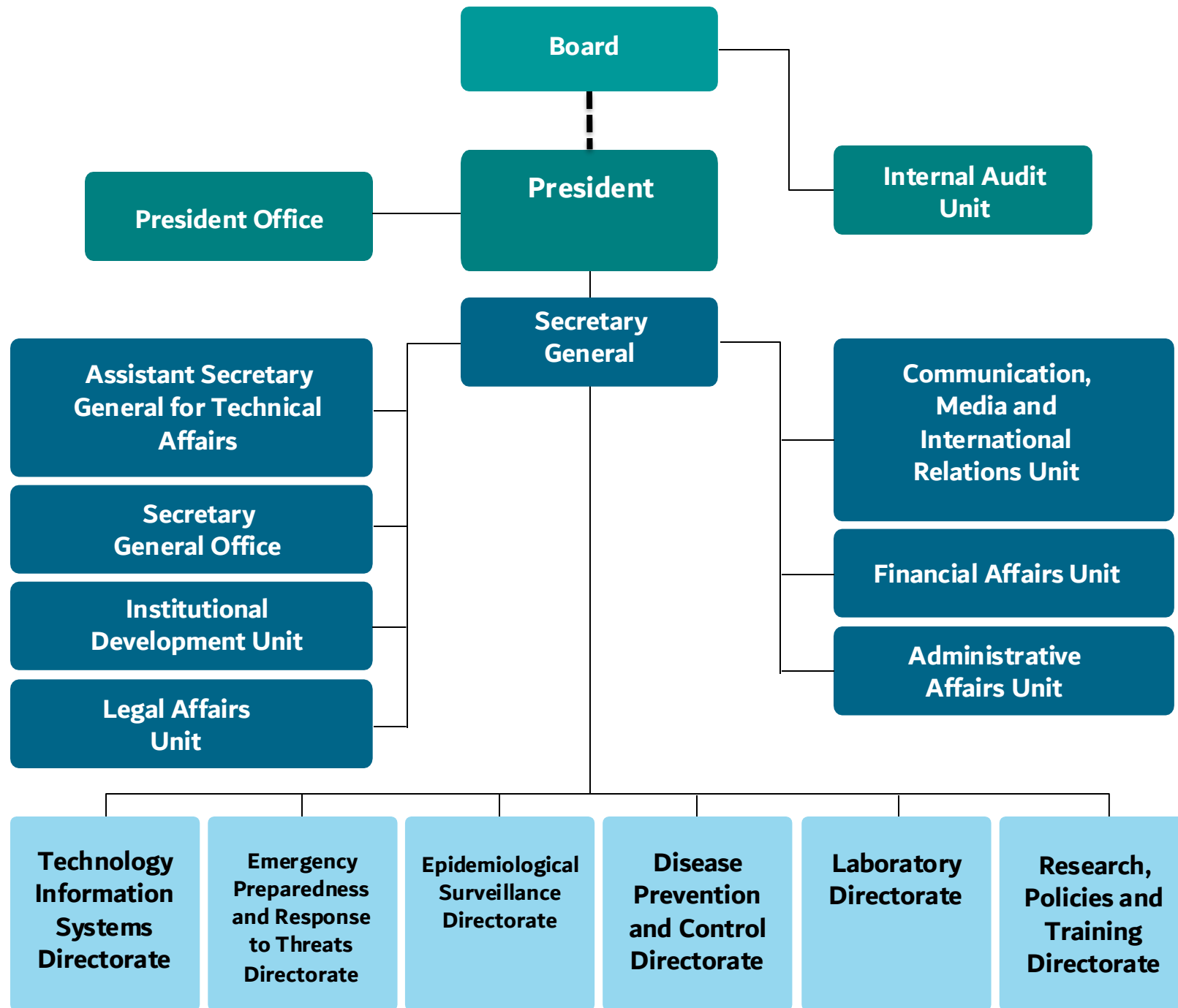
Organizational Structure and Leadership



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- JCDC is governed by a Multi-Sectoral **Board of Directors** chaired by the **Prime Minister**, whose members include, in addition to the JCDC President,
- Minister of Health
 - Minister of Agriculture
 - Minister of Water & Irrigation
 - Minister of Environment
 - Director General of the Royal Medical Services
 - Four experts (Virologist, Bioinformatics scientist, Non-Communicable Diseases Specialist, and Legal expert).
- **JCDC President** holds a ministerial rank and reports directly to the Prime Minister.

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JCDC Strategy 2023-2025

Developing the JCDC Strategy: A Collaborative Effort

- Focused on key public health domains through a One Health approach.
- Engaged stakeholders from government, private sector, academia, and international partners to ensure comprehensive input.
- Utilized stakeholder mapping, consultative meetings, and consensus-building workshops to shape the strategy.



Main Challenges Encountered by JCDC

- **Complex Integration within the existing public health structure**
- **Diverse Objectives, Limited Resources**
- **Maintaining continuous engagement amid competing public health priorities**



STRATEGIES TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES

Systematic Mapping Studies

- Conducted comprehensive mapping studies to assess the current public health infrastructure in Jordan.
- Included extensive stakeholder mapping, followed by consensus and validation workshops to agree on main gaps and recommendation

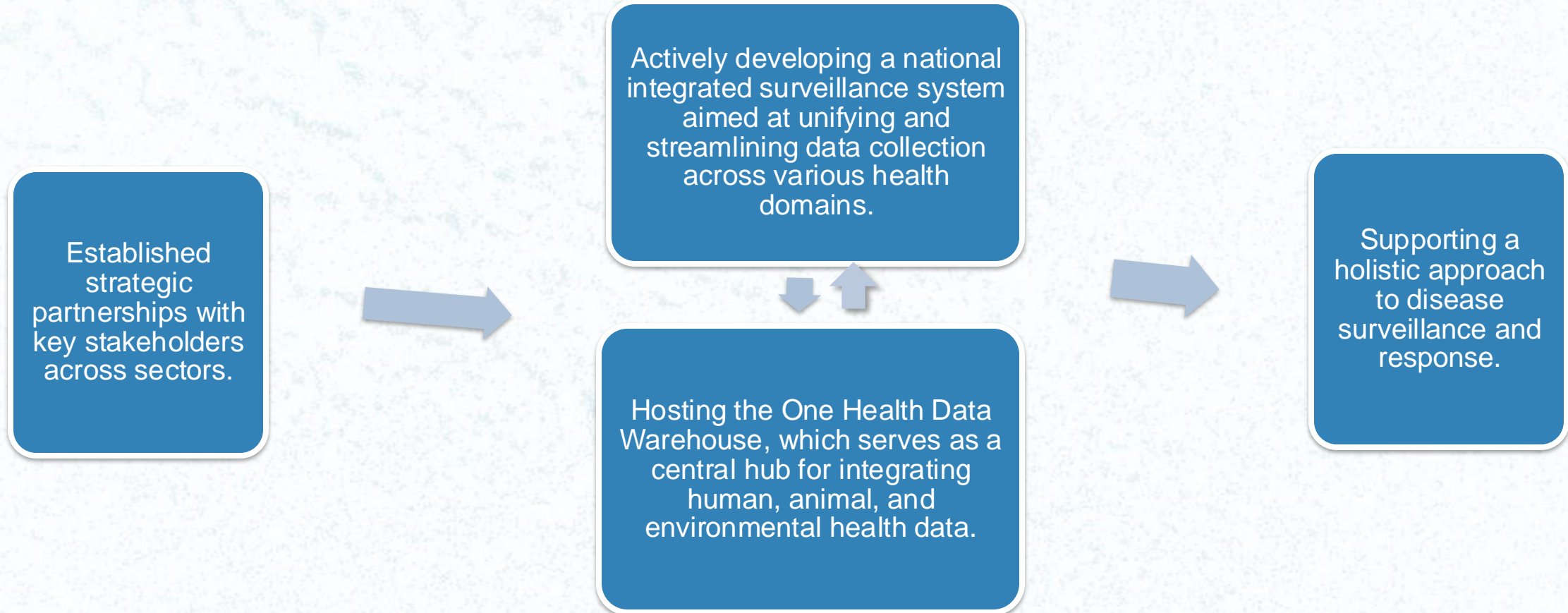
Multi-Sectoral Partnerships

- Established MoUs with national and international partners including universities, research institutions, and public health institutions e.g. US CDC.
- Initiated a twinning program with the Robert Koch Institute.
- Activated JCDC's role in existing national committees.
- Engaged regularly with partners through networks like IANPHI, AMR Multi-Stakeholder partnership platform, GOARN

Establishing Specialized Multi-sectoral Committees

- One Health Steering Committee
- RCCE committee
- AMR committees
- National Laboratory Network
- National Research Committee

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS FOR SURVEILLANCE



EXAMPLE OF A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP - CHOLERA RESPONSE

• **Title:** "Effective Collaboration: The Cholera Response in 2022"

• **Context and Challenge:**

- September 2022: Heightened risk of cholera importation due to regional outbreaks.

• **Key Actions:**

- Emergency national coordination meetings, engaging International partners.
- Rapid response planning with a focus on travel, trade, and shared water resources.

• **Collaborative Response Framework:**

- **JCDC:** Coordinated multisectoral efforts and facilitated the implementation of the National Cholera Preparedness and Response Plan
- **Ministry of Health:** Assumed leadership of health sector response.
- **Key Factors for Success:** Clear roles, pre-established relationships, and effective communication channels.

- **Outcome:** Containment of cholera spread, minimizing public health impact, and maintaining regional health security.

OUTCOMES OF THE JCDC EXPERIENCE

- Improved Stakeholder Trust and Collaboration
- Clear Role Definition and Policy Development
- Enhanced Integration of Surveillance Systems
- Strengthened International Collaborations



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