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Key questions

How effective was the surveillance, EWARS in:
- establishing a sensitive and responsive surveillance system;
- ensuring good coordination of reporting
- detecting and responding to alerts
- outbreak investigations
- instituting necessary control measures
- utilizing available resources to prepare for outbreak management and control;
- building local and national capacities
What was done well?

• in terms of appropriateness,
• adequacy,
• effectiveness,
• efficiency
• What could have been done better?
• How can the lessons learnt be translated into future health response in surveillance, for communicable diseases?
Specific issues and challenges will be addressed by the discussant.