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Dear Exhibitors and Visitors of the 65th Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair,

Following the incident of the 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) situation across the world resulting in rising concerns over travel to Thailand and participation of the 65th Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair (BGJF) to be held during 25-29 February 2020, I wish to inform you of the most up-to-date situation with regard to Thailand's handling of 2019-nCoV and BGJF's response measures as follows:

1. Thailand's Ministry of Public Health has stepped up the alert code of 2019-nCoV to level 3: avoid travel to area affected. The screening of all passengers arriving from risk areas has been carried out at Thailand's 5 international airports as well as at border areas and ports. The country has continued to strictly screen and closely conduct surveillance for the disease especially at local tourism hotspots. Kindly note that Thailand's surveillance and screening measures in disease prevention and control were ranked No. 6 out of 195 countries by Johns Hopkins University's 2019 Global Health Security Index. The ranking indicates that the country's medical and public health systems are at international standards (Attachment). Furthermore, Thailand is working closely with the World Health Organization (WHO) and other countries to ensure any infections caused by 2019-nCoV are prevented and controlled.

2. To ensure exhibitors and visitors' safety at the 65th Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair, as the Fair Organizer, DITP together with Impact Exhibition Management Co. Ltd, the venue provider has issued the following Coronavirus prevention measures:

- ❖ Provide hand sanitizers at Fair entrances, toilets and all meeting rooms.
- ❖ Install thermal-scanners as well as use infrared thermometers on ground to identify potential virus-infected persons.
- ❖ Set up a Coronavirus screening medical unit
- ❖ Increase frequencies of wipedowns and spraying disinfectant at the fairground.
- ❖ Provide masks and special waste bins for all exhibitors and visitors
- ❖ Set up Coronavirus precautions signs

3. Besides the aforementioned measures, DITP has been discussing with Thailand's Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health on the implementation of further preventive measures at the upcoming Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair. Updates on the matter will be disseminated to you in due course.

I wish to reassure you that, as the country's trade promotion agency, our trade partners' safety is our priority. Please feel free to contact DITP's Thai Trade Center for more updates of the situation. Finally, allow me to extend my appreciation to you for your continued cooperation and confidence in Thailand. I look forward to welcoming you at the 65th Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a long horizontal stroke followed by a series of loops and a final upward stroke.

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GHS INDEX

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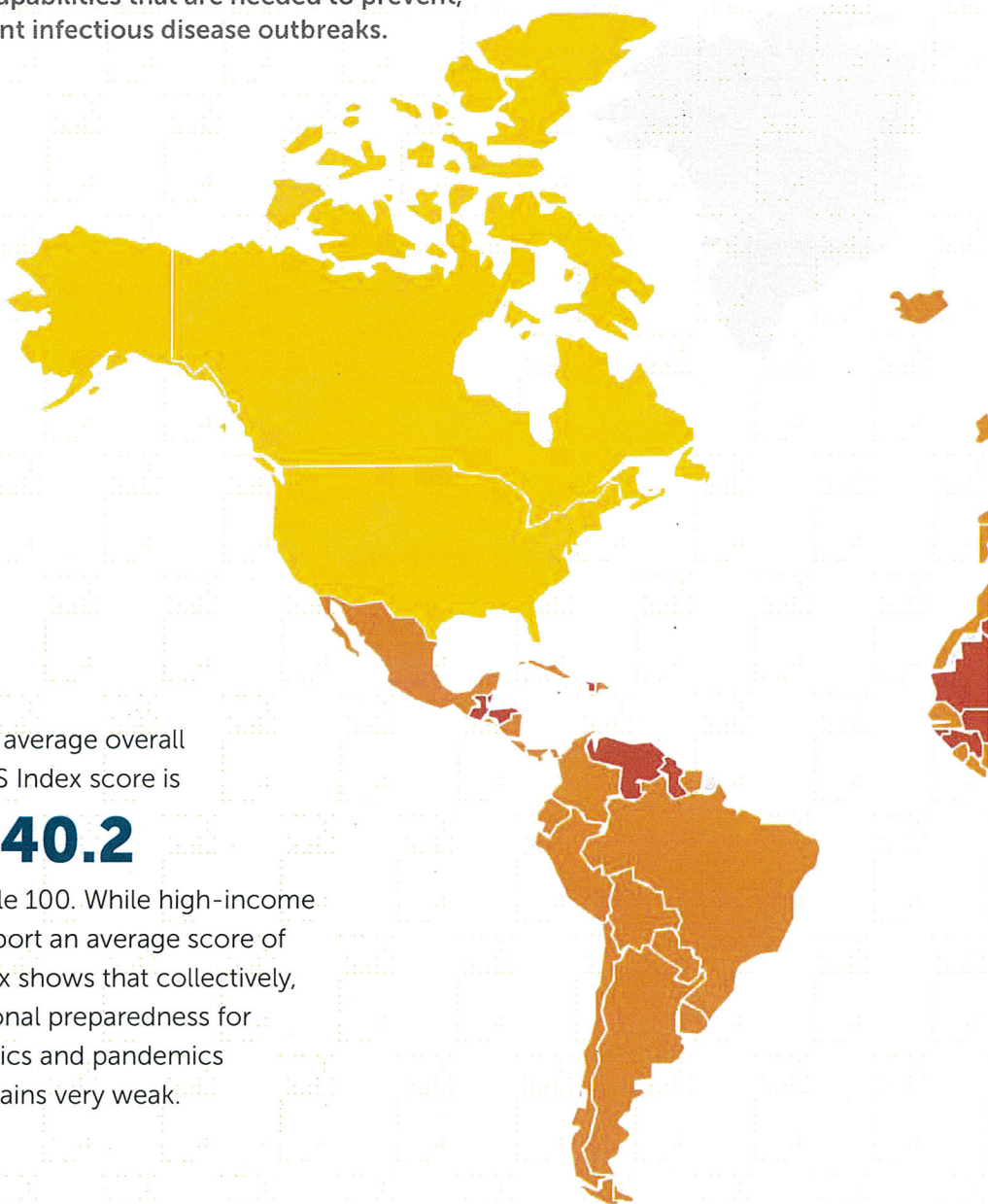


The Global Health Security (GHS) Index analysis finds no country is fully prepared for epidemics or pandemics. Collectively, international preparedness is weak. Many countries do not show evidence of the health security capacities and capabilities that are needed to prevent, detect, and respond to significant infectious disease outbreaks.

The average overall
GHS Index score is

40.2

out of a possible 100. While high-income countries report an average score of 51.9, the Index shows that collectively, international preparedness for epidemics and pandemics remains very weak.

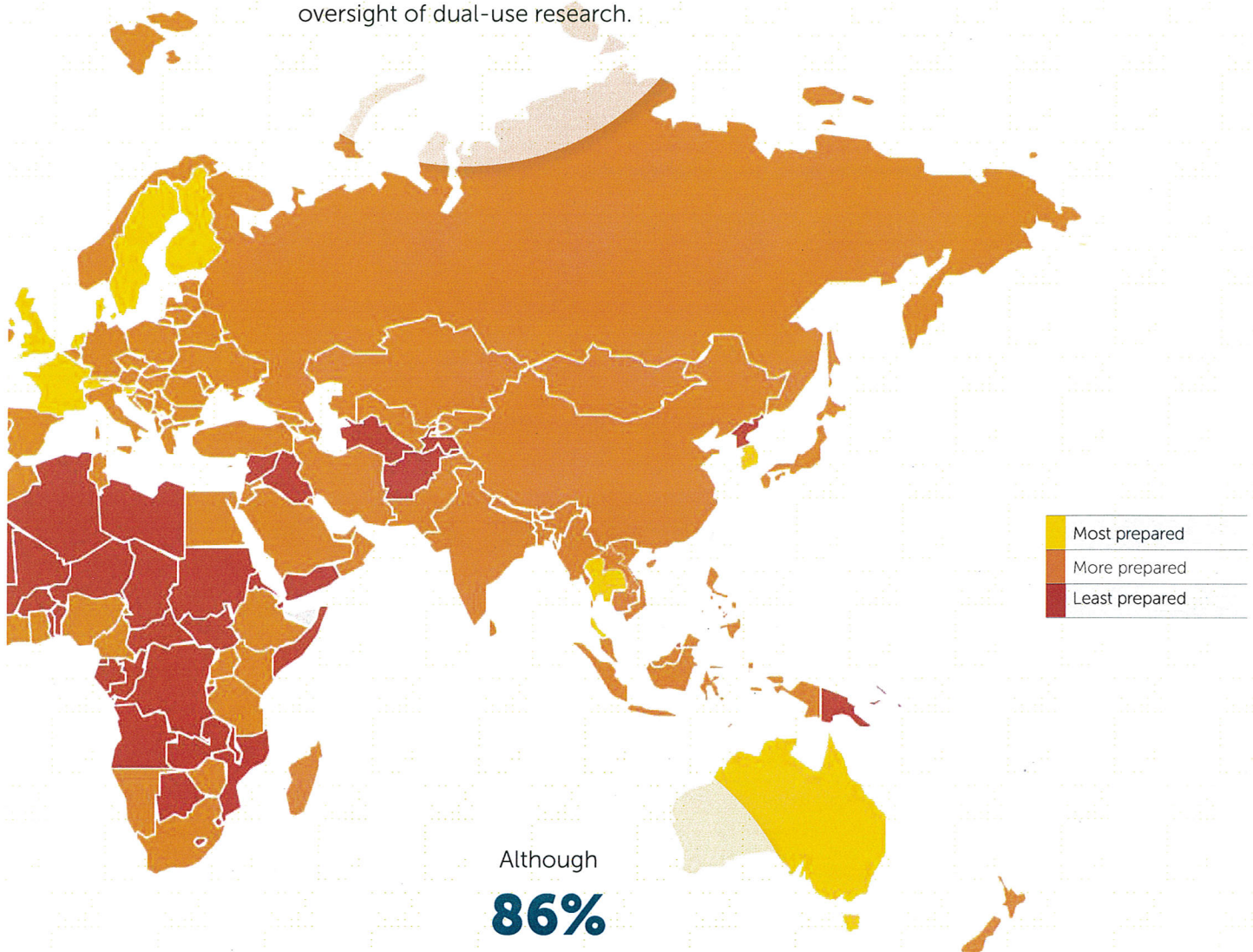


At least

75%

of countries receive low scores on globally catastrophic biological risk-related indicators, the greatest vulnerability being oversight of dual-use research.

GHS INDEX MAP



Although

86%

of countries invest local or donor funds in health security, few countries pay for health security gap assessments and action plans out of national budgets.

OVERALL SCORE

Rank	Score
1 United States	83.5
2 United Kingdom	77.9
3 Netherlands	75.6
4 Australia	75.5
5 Canada	75.3
6 Thailand	73.2
7 Sweden	72.1
8 Denmark	70.4
9 South Korea	70.2
10 Finland	68.7
11 France	68.2
12 Slovenia	67.2
13 Switzerland	67.0
14 Germany	66.0
15 Spain	65.9
16 Norway	64.6
17 Latvia	62.9
18 Malaysia	62.2
19 Belgium	61.0
20 Portugal	60.3
21 Japan	59.8
22 Brazil	59.7
23 Ireland	59.0
24 Singapore	58.7
25 Argentina	58.6
26 Austria	58.5
27 Chile	58.3
28 Mexico	57.6
29 Estonia	57.0
30 Indonesia	56.6
31 Italy	56.2
32 Poland	55.4
33 Lithuania	55.0
34 South Africa	54.8
35 Hungary	54.0
35 New Zealand	54.0
37 Greece	53.8
38 Croatia	53.3
39 Albania	52.9
40 Turkey	52.4

1. PREVENTION OF THE EMERGENCE OR RELEASE OF PATHOGENS

Rank	Score
1 United States	83.1
2 Sweden	81.1
3 Thailand	75.7
4 Netherlands	73.7
5 Denmark	72.9
6 France	71.2
7 Canada	70.0
8 Australia	68.9
9 Finland	68.5
10 United Kingdom	68.3
11 Norway	68.2
12 Slovenia	67.0
13 Germany	66.5
14 Ireland	63.9
15 Belgium	63.5
16 Brazil	59.2
17 Kazakhstan	58.8
18 Austria	57.4
19 South Korea	57.3
20 Turkey	56.9
21 Armenia	56.7
22 Hungary	56.4
23 Chile	56.2
23 Singapore	56.2
25 Latvia	56.0
26 Croatia	55.2
27 New Zealand	55.0
28 Greece	54.2
29 Ecuador	53.9
30 Slovakia	53.5
31 Georgia	53.2
32 Spain	52.9
33 Portugal	52.8
34 Switzerland	52.7
35 Malaysia	51.4
36 Czech Republic	51.1
37 Poland	50.9
38 Indonesia	50.2
39 Vietnam	49.5
40 Japan	49.3

2. EARLY DETECTION & REPORTING FOR EPIDEMICS OF POTENTIAL INTERNATIONAL CONCERN

Rank	Score
1 United States	98.2
2 Australia	97.3
2 Latvia	97.3
4 Canada	96.4
5 South Korea	92.1
6 United Kingdom	87.3
7 Denmark	86.0
7 Netherlands	86.0
7 Sweden	86.0
10 Germany	84.6
11 Spain	83.0
12 Brazil	82.4
13 Lithuania	81.5
13 South Africa	81.5
15 Thailand	81.0
16 Italy	78.5
17 Greece	78.4
18 Ireland	78.0
19 Estonia	77.6
20 Mongolia	77.3
21 France	75.3
22 Georgia	75.0
23 Argentina	74.9
24 Saudi Arabia	74.4
25 Albania	74.3
26 El Salvador	73.9
27 Slovenia	73.7
28 Austria	73.2
28 Malaysia	73.2
30 Chile	72.7
31 Croatia	72.3
32 Ecuador	71.2
32 Mexico	71.2
34 Laos	70.4
35 Japan	70.1
36 Kenya	68.6
37 Indonesia	68.1
38 Zimbabwe	65.6
39 Kyrgyz Republic	64.7
40 Singapore	64.5

3. RAPID RESPONSE TO AND MITIGATION OF THE SPREAD OF AN EPIDEMIC

Rank	Score
1 United Kingdom	91.9
2 United States	79.7
3 Switzerland	79.3
4 Netherlands	79.1
5 Thailand	78.6
6 South Korea	71.5
7 Finland	69.2
8 Portugal	67.7
9 Brazil	67.1
10 Australia	65.9
11 Singapore	64.6
12 Slovenia	63.3
13 France	62.9
14 Sweden	62.8
15 Spain	61.9
16 Malaysia	61.3
17 Canada	60.7
18 Chile	60.2
19 Denmark	58.4
20 Norway	58.2
21 New Zealand	58.1
22 Madagascar	57.8
23 South Africa	57.7
24 Micronesia	56.9
25 Uganda	56.5
26 Armenia	55.5
27 Serbia	55.1
28 Germany	54.8
29 Latvia	54.7
30 Indonesia	54.3
31 Japan	53.6
32 India	52.4
33 Hungary	52.2
34 Albania	52.0
34 Laos	52.0
36 Bosnia and Herzegovina	51.8
37 Peru	51.7
38 Morocco	51.5
39 Mexico	50.8
40 Argentina	50.6

4. SUFFICIENT & ROBUST HEALTH SYSTEM TO TREAT THE SICK & PROTECT HEALTH WORKERS

Rank		Score
1	United States	73.8
2	Thailand	70.5
3	Netherlands	70.2
4	Canada	67.7
5	Denmark	63.8
6	Australia	63.5
7	Switzerland	62.5
8	France	60.9
9	Finland	60.8
10	Belgium	60.5
11	United Kingdom	59.8
12	Spain	59.6
13	South Korea	58.7
14	Norway	58.5
15	Malaysia	57.1
16	Serbia	56.6
17	Portugal	55.0
18	Argentina	54.9
18	Slovenia	54.9
20	Sweden	49.3
21	Poland	48.9
22	Germany	48.2
23	Latvia	47.3
24	Mexico	46.9
25	Austria	46.6
25	Japan	46.6
27	Croatia	46.5
28	Iceland	46.4
29	Nicaragua	45.9
30	China	45.7
30	Turkey	45.7
32	New Zealand	45.2
33	Brazil	45.0
33	Peru	45.0
35	Saudi Arabia	44.8
36	India	42.7
37	Israel	42.2
38	Singapore	41.4
39	Bulgaria	41.0
40	Belarus	40.6

5. COMMITMENTS TO IMPROVING NATIONAL CAPACITY, FINANCING AND ADHERENCE TO NORMS

Rank		Score
1	United States	85.3
2	United Kingdom	81.2
3	Australia	77.0
4	Finland	75.4
5	Canada	74.7
6	Mexico	73.9
7	Indonesia	72.5
8	Lithuania	72.1
8	Slovenia	72.1
10	Liberia	71.5
11	Sweden	71.3
12	Thailand	70.9
13	Japan	70.0
14	Argentina	68.8
15	Estonia	67.6
16	Kenya	67.1
17	Ethiopia	65.8
18	Switzerland	65.6
19	Uganda	65.4
20	Kyrgyz Republic	64.8
21	Vietnam	64.6
22	Norway	64.4
23	South Korea	64.3
23	Turkey	64.3
25	United Arab Emirates	63.4
26	Peru	63.0
26	Portugal	63.0
28	Denmark	62.6
29	Germany	61.9
29	Italy	61.9
31	Bulgaria	61.5
32	Netherlands	61.1
32	Spain	61.1
34	Uzbekistan	60.5
35	Colombia	60.1
36	Cambodia	60.0
37	Cameroon	59.9
38	Belgium	59.7
39	New Zealand	59.4
40	Myanmar	59.1

6. OVERALL RISK ENVIRONMENT AND COUNTRY VULNERABILITY TO BIOLOGICAL THREATS

Rank		Score
1	Liechtenstein	87.9
2	Norway	87.1
3	Switzerland	86.2
4	Luxembourg	84.7
5	Austria	84.6
6	Sweden	84.5
7	Andorra	83.5
8	Monaco	83.1
9	France	83.0
10	Canada	82.7
11	Germany	82.3
12	Netherlands	81.7
13	Iceland	81.2
14	Finland	81.1
15	Singapore	80.9
16	San Marino	80.5
17	Denmark	80.3
18	Australia	79.4
19	Belgium	78.2
19	United States	78.2
21	Ireland	77.4
22	Portugal	77.3
23	New Zealand	77.2
24	Spain	77.1
25	Uruguay	74.8
26	United Kingdom	74.7
27	South Korea	74.1
28	Czech Republic	74.0
29	Slovenia	73.7
30	Estonia	73.3
31	United Arab Emirates	72.4
32	Malta	72.3
33	Malaysia	72.0
34	Costa Rica	71.7
34	Japan	71.7
36	Slovakia	71.5
37	Seychelles	71.1
38	Chile	70.1
39	Barbados	69.9
40	Cyprus	69.6

GHS INDEX RESULTS

All data are normalized to a scale of 0 to 100, where 100 = best health security conditions.

Most prepared
More prepared
Least prepared