

# Nigeria's Epidemic Preparedness ReadyScore

Nigeria has work to do to prepare for the next epidemic: The country's ReadyScore is 46 out of 100, according to the Joint External Evaluation (JEE) assessment conducted in November 2019.

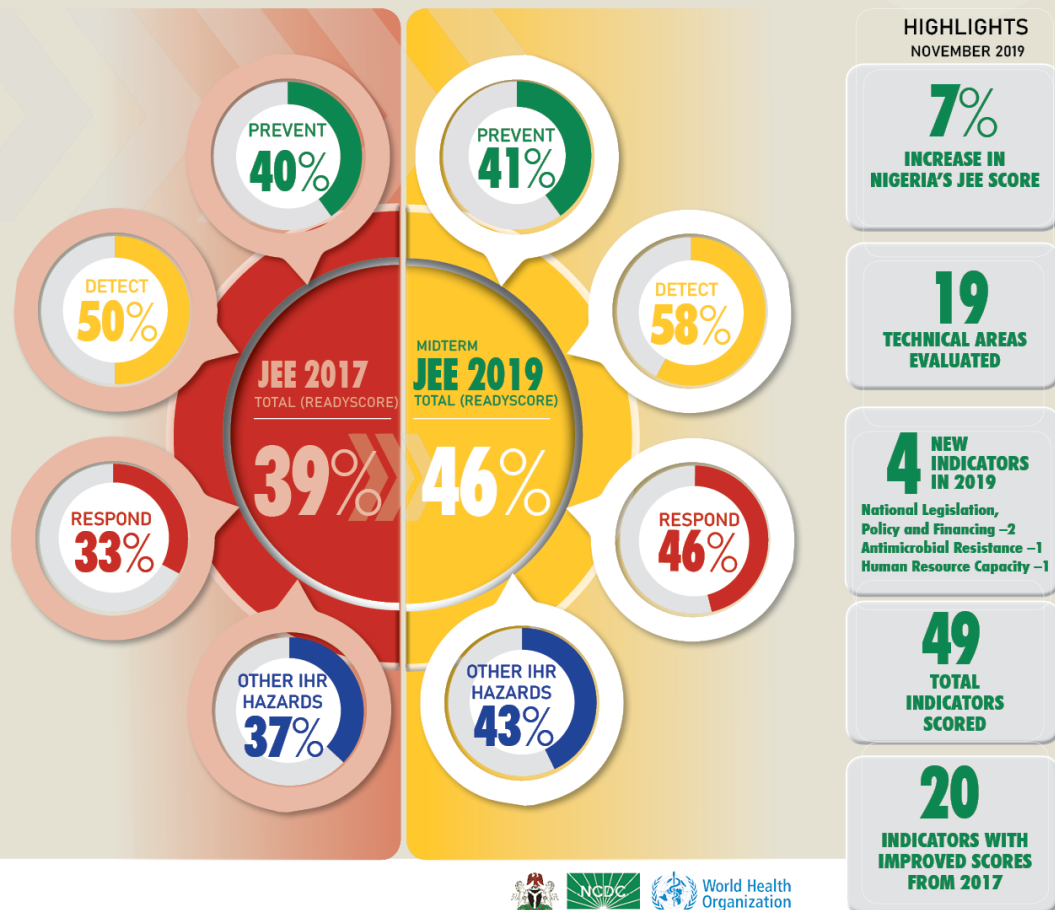
This Joint External Evaluation (JEE) is a voluntary, collaborative assessment of a country's ability to find, rapidly stop, and prevent disease outbreaks and other public health threats. The JEE is a component of the Monitoring and Evaluation framework of the International Health Regulations (IHR), a binding agreement signed in 2005 by 194 World Health Organization (WHO) member states.

Nigeria is a signatory to the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) and mandated to report on IHR compliance status on an annual basis.



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## Midterm Joint External Evaluation (JEE) of International Health Regulation (IHR) Core Capacities



**The Joint External Evaluation is a tool to identify gaps in a country's ability to detect, respond and prevent outbreaks. The 2019 mid-term JEE is a tool to catalyse action and has shown the areas that need improvement. It will be useless if more funding isn't provided for all epidemic preparedness gaps to be filled.**

Government must ensure that the costs required to enable the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) effectively lead the preparedness, detection and response to infectious disease outbreaks and public health emergencies in Nigeria, are budgeted and fully released.