

**Table 1 Chemical events planning: activities requiring the support of WHO and other partners**

Capacity	Needed support from WHO and other partners
Legislation infrastructure and coordination mechanisms	Technical advice and sharing of model legislations, plans of action and strategies. Resource mobilization and networking between IHR and other related conventions and agreements, e.g. SAICM. Advocacy and technical support for conducting multi-stakeholder meetings for implementation of legislations. Support for exposure visits and capacity-building of relevant stakeholders by appropriate international bodies.
Surveillance systems	Training on chemical surveillance systems. Guidance on risk assessment of chemical events with special focus on industries.
Risk assessment and poison centres	Training and technical support for database management. Organization of a regional consultation on strengthening poison/toxicology information centres in the Region. Provision of access to toxicological databases and information. Facilitation of twinning poison centres.
Risk communication	Training on risk communication and sharing best practices. Guidance on development of risk communication plans.
Emergency preparedness and analytical capacity	Training of all people related to response (e.g. first-responders, specialized teams, health-care personnel). Organization of a regional consultation on needed stockpiles, specifications and supplies. Assessment and selection of 1 or 2 regional reference laboratories and establishment of a collaboration mechanism with other laboratories in the Region.