

Table 2 WHO health emergencies programme grade classification

Ungraded	An event that is being assessed, tracked or monitored by WHO but that requires no WHO response at the time.
Grade 1	A single or multiple country event with minimal public health consequences that requires a minimal WCO response or a minimal international WHO response. Organizational and/or external support required by the WCO is minimal. The provision of support to the WCO is coordinated by a focal point in the regional office.
Grade 2	A single or multiple country event with moderate public health consequences that requires a moderate WCO response and/ or moderate international WHO response. Organizational and/or external support required by the WCO is moderate. An Emergency Support Team, run out of the regional office, coordinates the provision of support to the WCO.
Grade 3	A single or multiple country event with substantial public health consequences that requires a substantial WCO response and/ or substantial international WHO response. Organizational and/or external support required by the WCO is substantial. An Emergency Support Team, run out of the regional office, coordinates the provision of support to the WCO.

WCO = WHO country office.