WHO's first global report on antimicrobial resistance, with a focus on antibiotic resistance, reveals that it is no longer a prediction for the future. Antibiotic resistance - when bacteria change and antibiotics fail - is happening right now, across the world.

The report is the most comprehensive picture to date, with data provided by 114 countries.

Looking at 7 common bacteria that cause serious diseases from bloodstream infections to gonorrhoea.

High levels of resistance found in all regions of the world.

Significant gaps exist in tracking of antibiotic resistance.

Over the last 30 years, no major new types of antibiotics have been developed.

What does this mean?
Without urgent action we are heading for a post-antibiotic era, in which common infections and minor injuries can once again kill.

How can infections be prevented in the first place to reduce the need for antibiotics?

Better hygiene  Access to clean water and sanitation  Infection control in healthcare facilities  Vaccination

What you can do

✓ Use antibiotics only when prescribed by a health professional  ✓ Complete the full prescription, even if you feel better  ✓ Never share antibiotics with others or use leftover prescriptions