Timed with today's call by United Nations agencies for funds to support the humanitarian crisis in Yemen, WHO has published "Health security: is the world better prepared?" - a chapter from Dr Chan's report Ten years in public health 2007-2017.

This chapter outlines the challenges and achievements that WHO and partners have experienced under Dr Chan's tenure dealing with all kinds of health emergencies and supporting countries to be better prepared for future outbreaks and other health crises.

There is no more acute need for a guardian of health than during a disease outbreak. Lessons learned from the West Africa Ebola outbreak in 2014 were the catalyst to creating our new Health Emergencies Programme, enabling a faster, more effective response to outbreaks and emergencies. We help countries meet the International Health Regulations and enable R&D collaboration to develop new vaccines and treatments in epidemic. Subsequent outbreaks of Zika and yellow fever have shown that we are moving in the right direction but more work is needed to ensure that the world is better prepared to handle the next epidemic.