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Dr Bino coordinated surveillance, diagnostic, and response activities for pandemic influenza A (H1N1) 2009 in Albania. She is also in the national group for IHR implementation, and has been involved in IHR implementation in Southeastern Europe.

Dr.Bino has been the Regional Coordinator of the network to strengthen surveillance and control of communicable diseases in South-eastern Europe, which has fostered strengthening of early warning systems, policy development, preparedness and response, applied epidemiology training and expert and institutional collaboration in IHR implementation.

Since 2000 she has been coordinating the Immunization program and helped to establish a syndromic Early Warning System in Albania.

She has served as consultant to WHO and other UN agencies and until April 2009 was a member of Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization and later on serving in Review Committee on the Functioning of the International Health Regulations (2005) in relation to Pandemic (H1N1) 2009.

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