By the end of 2023, WHO aims to support countries in tracking antibiotic consumption data and, with the continued implementation of the AWaRe tool, help countries improve prescription practices so that 60 percent of all antibiotics used come from the Access category.

At present, 65 countries collect this data and only 29—less than half—have reached the 60 percent goal.

Of the ten most populous countries, only Brazil tracks antibiotic consumption and has achieved the 60 percent goal. The Russian Federation is also tracking consumption—a critical step in eventually achieving the 60 percent goal.

In 20 countries, antibiotics in the Access list comprise 50-60 percent of total consumption—signifying that only moderate adjustments in consumption are needed.

All other countries are not tracking antibiotic consumption, a key step in containing AMR.