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### **Federal Health Minister Lauterbach consults the World Bank on Global Pandemic Preparedness**

With the “Financial Intermediary Fund for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response”, which is being set up jointly with the WHO, the World Bank is responding to the need to strengthen pandemic prevention and preparedness at national, regional and global level. In a discussion with Managing Director Mari Pangestu and the Bank's health team, Minister Lauterbach outlined his expectation for an interlinked structure of preparedness and response capacities, also building on the "G7 Pact for Pandemic Readiness" adopted by G7 Health Ministers. In this context, he acknowledged the important role the FIF plays for implementation while highlighting the need to promote decentralized expertise based on current research that can respond specifically to outbreaks.