

An aerial photograph of a herd of cows grazing in a lush green field. The cows are scattered across the field, with a larger group in the center and a few individuals further out. The field is vibrant green with some small yellow flowers.

WOAH Plans and Activities on Animal Health in Africa

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1. WOAAH mission and mandates

Mission: Improve animal health globally, thereby ensuring a better future for all.

Mandates (1):

- Ensure transparency in the global animal disease situation
- Collect, analyse and disseminate veterinary scientific information
- Encourage international solidarity in the control of animal diseases

1. WOAHA mission and mandates

Mandates (2):

- Safeguard world trade by publishing health standards for international trade in animals and animal products.
- Improve the legal framework and resources of national Veterinary Services and
- Provide a better guarantee of food of animal origin and to promote animal welfare through a science-based approach

2. WOAAH 7th Strategic Plan

Five (5) strategic objectives out of which 3 are directly linked to animal health:

- Leveraging relevant scientific expertise to address multisectoral animal health and welfare issues
- Drive a high level of support to WOAAH Members and
- Optimising cooperation with partners to better respond to global challenges.

3. WOAAH Activities

Three main Groups:

- One Health

- GF-TADs

- Capacity Building

3. WOAHA Activities (One Health): 1

WOAHA is member of the Regional Quadripartite. During its inception meeting held in Brazzaville in 2019, the following regional priorities were identified:

Topic-Specific Systems Focus: Antimicrobial Resistance and Food Safety

Pathogen-Specific Focus: Dog-mediated Rabies, Zoonotic Influenza, MERS-CoV, Ebola/Marburg (others VHF); Zoonotic Tuberculosis; Vector borne diseases; Rift Valley fever (RVF); Lassa Fever and Monkey pox.

3. WOAHA Activities (One Health): 2

More Specifically

- AMR: Support are provided to 10 Members through AMR-MPTF funding, Fleming Funds; The Substandard and Falsified Veterinary Product Project and Joint awareness QPT activities are being implemented.
- Rabies: Rabies Elimination Project in Namibia (2016 – 2026) and Rabies Elimination project in Cameroon (2022 – 2026). Donation of rabies Vaccine: more than 10 millions so far.

3. WOAAH Activities (One Health): 3

- **WOAH is implementing EBO-SURSY Project** with the objective to improve the capacities of wild animal surveillance systems in West and Central Africa. It covers Five Viral hemorrhagic fever diseases (Ebola, RVF, Marburg, Crimea Congo, Lassa Fever) and SARS-COV-2.

-**PROVNA:** Prototyping and Earth-Observation Surveillance of Vector Borne Diseases in North Africa

3. WOAHA Activities (GF-TADs): 1

The Regional GF-TAD identified 5 priority diseases among which 3 are of global concern (ASF, FMD and PPR) and 2 are specifically regional namely Rift Valley Fever and CBPP.

- **PPR:** WOAHA supports global initiative aiming at eradicating PPR by 2030. With FAO, WOAHA provides support to its members countries in the implementation of the PPR eradication program: Development of national PPR control plans/strategies including provision of guidelines on applications for free status.

3. WOAAH Activities (GF-TADs): 2

- In West Africa: PRAPS project (Regional Pastoralism Support Project in Sahel) targeting two TADs: PPR and CBPP.

- WOAAH PPR vaccine bank (at the request of its member states), which can be used on voluntary basis.

- **FMD**: WOAAH Supports Global initiative aiming at contributing to the control of the disease by 2027. More specifically WOAAH provides support to Members on developing their FMD control plans/ programmes to progressively control FMD.

3. WOAHA Activities (GF-TADs): 3

- WOAHA Ref Labs provides support to diseases surveillance, intelligence and advanced diagnostics.
- Twinning programmes to improve Africa's diagnostic capacity of FMDV. Also we worked with AU-PANVAC on quality control through the UK twinning project.
- Standing Group of Experts for CBPP and ASF : To promote regular exchange of information and best practices among concerned national veterinary authorities, international and national experts, and the private sector.

3. WOAHA Activities (Capacity Building)

- Development of Workforce: Professionalization of Veterinary Paraprofessionals (P3V).
- WOAHA is carrying out PVS missions on members request; National Bridging Workshops and Joint External Evaluation jointly with WHO.
- Strengthening the diagnosis capacities of laboratories using its Laboratory twinning programme: Specifically for Rabies, Viral Hemorrhagic Fever Diseases.

4. Concluding remarks

- Cooperation Agreement with AU-IBAR covering topics: strengthening of the VS, veterinary education, standard setting, standards implementation and trade, data and information sharing, animal welfare, advocacy and policy guidance in the VS among others.
- Value the coordination with partners which does not mean that all needs to be done jointly, each organisation having its strength.
- Acknowledge Launching of the Pan African Coordination Unit for PPR eradication by AU-IBAR during the last WOAHA GS strengthen the regional collaboration

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