

Implementation of the One Health approach

The 'One Health' approach recognises that human, animal and plant health are interdependent and bound to the health of the ecosystems they inhabit. The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE) promotes this concept through its own work and initiatives with other international organisations. Through its Annual Report, the **Observatory** intends to provide an overview of the uptake of the One Health approach by WOAH Members.

A significant number of diseases notified to WOAH are zoonotic

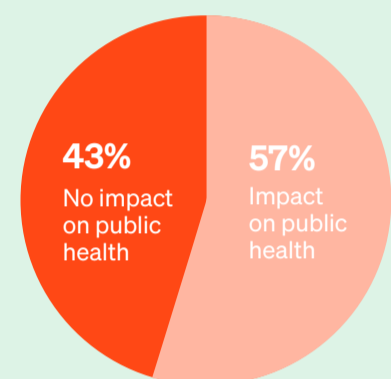
38% of all immediate notifications of WOAH-listed diseases are for zoonoses

The annual percentage between 2005 and 2021 ranges from **25% to 47%**, with peaks coinciding with major episodes of avian influenza.

Almost **1/3** of WOAH-listed diseases are zoonoses

Source: WAHIS immediate notifications, 2005-2021

Most emerging diseases reported to WOAH are considered to have an impact on public health



Breakdown of the **166 immediate notifications of emerging diseases** reported between 2005 and 2021.

In 2021, all immediate notifications for emerging diseases with a public health impact were related to SARS-CoV-2 infections in animals.

Source: WAHIS immediate notifications, 2005-2021

Collaboration between the public health and animal health sectors has improved

1/5 of Members have organised IHR-PVS* National Bridging Workshops (NBW) between 2014 and 2021 to assess and enhance multisectoral collaboration



Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual number of workshops organised is increasing.

*IHR-PVS: International Health Regulations (WHO) – Performance of Veterinary Services (WOAH)

Number of IHR-PVS National Bridging Workshops organised in WOAH regions
Source: IHR/PVS NBW data, 2014-2021

Members have capacity to coordinate resources and activities under the One Health approach

Based on recent Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) Pathway missions,

79% of Members reached or exceeded the minimal capacity for the Critical Competency related to external coordination capability, including the One Health approach. This notably shows their capacity to work with other government authorities involved in the health sector.

Source: PVS Evaluation or Follow-up missions for 43 Members, 2016-2021 – Analysis of the Level of Advancement for Critical Competency II.6.B. from the 6th edition of the PVS Tool.

Recommendations

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- Promote the need, interest and best practices to collect more information on the implementation of the One Health approach.
- Monitor Members' progress with Critical Competencies over time as an indicator of the impact of WOAH's support.

Members

- Progressively expand and implement the One Health approach and multisectoral coordination to all relevant activities.
- Understand the benefits of organising an IHR-PVS National Bridging Workshop to develop a national roadmap for intersectoral coordination.

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