



Immediate technical assistance for animal health systems to address emerging and priority zoonotic diseases and health threats in the Lao People's Democratic Republic



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TARGET AREAS All 18 provinces



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Objective

To improve capacities in animal disease outbreak prevention, preparedness and response using the One Health approach in order to reduce the risks and impacts of emerging infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance and biothreats.

Activities implemented

- Conducted nine One Health Technical Consultation Workshops to strengthen One Health collaboration at the provincial level, with the participation of stakeholders from all 18 provinces in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.
Performed a landscape assessment of One Health programmes, partners and intersectoral coordination approaches and identified knowledge and evidence gaps to pinpoint potential One Health investment areas.
Trained 33 staff members from the National Animal Health Laboratory and the National Center for Laboratory and Epidemiology to strengthen their capacities in animal disease surveillance, outbreak investigation and response.
Provided technical and procurement support for the operationalization of emergency stockpiling and distribution systems at the central and provincial levels.
Sensitized 294 district animal health professionals, teachers and officials on African swine fever prevention and response in 12 provinces.
Supported the National Animal Health Laboratory in conducting risk-based avian influenza surveillance, particularly through the promotion of biosecurity improvements for poultry in live bird markets.



Results

- Facilitated stronger multisectoral collaboration among animal health stakeholders, particularly with regard to One Health collaboration at the provincial level.
- Improved the knowledge, preparedness and response capacities of animal health services staff, as well as those of livestock owners and traders, to prevent and address animal health threats.
- Enhanced laboratories’ capacities to meet international standards for quality assurance, quality control, biosafety and biosecurity and to perform laboratory diagnostics for emerging zoonotic diseases.
- Contributed to safer cattle trade by supporting trainings for animal health officers, village veterinary workers, animal traders and villagers.

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