

Strengthening Livestock Health Systems to enhance food security and nutrition

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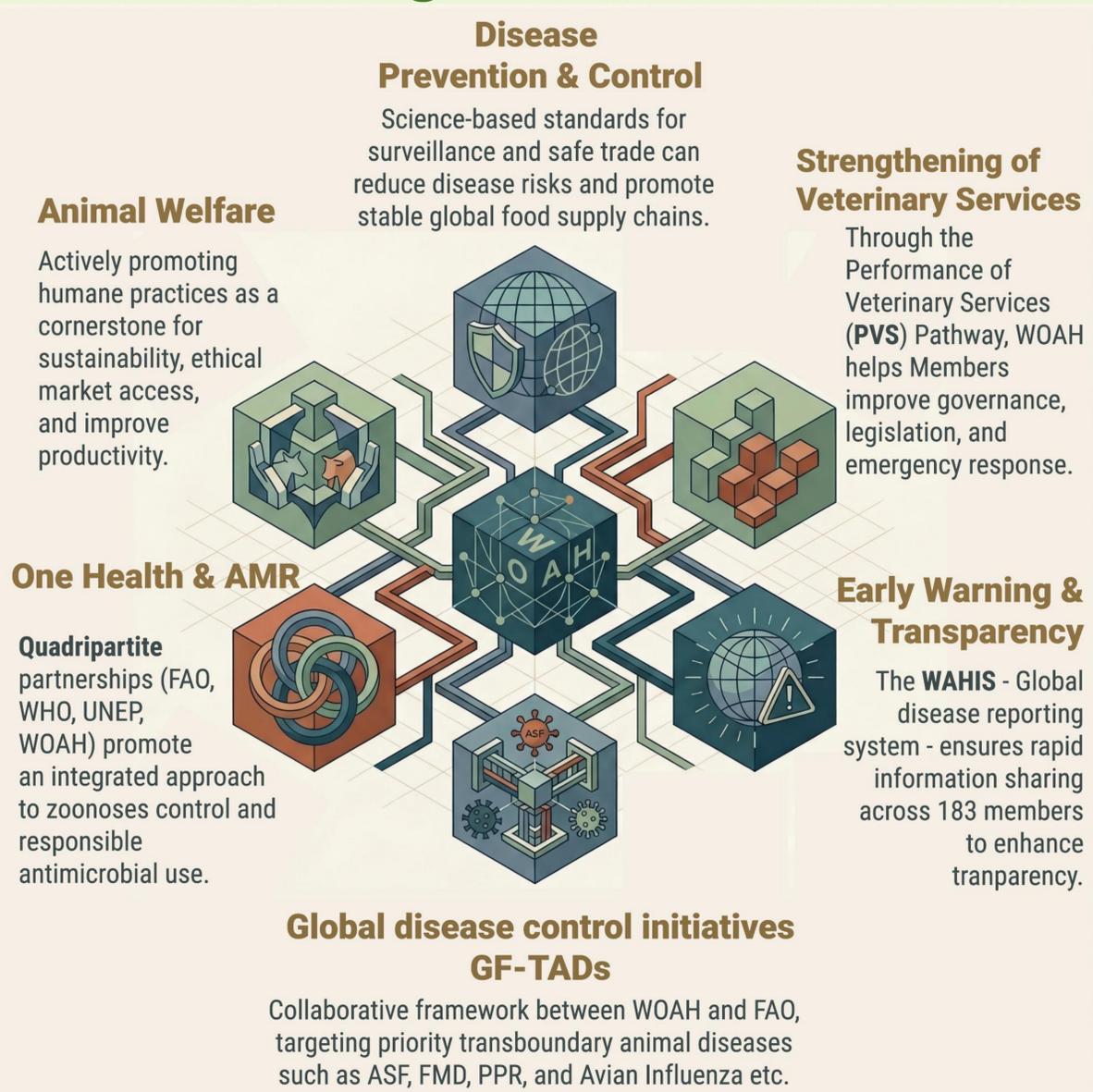
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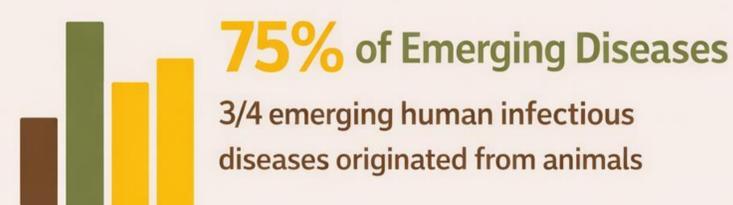
Problem statement

- Livestock are vital to food security, nutrition, rural livelihoods, and economic stability in Asia and worldwide.
- However, transboundary animal diseases (TADs), weak veterinary systems, and antimicrobial resistance threaten livestock productivity and food system stability.

WOAH's Strategic Contribution



Global Impact Statistics



Key results/impacts

- Strengthened Veterinary Services and improved national capacity for disease prevention, detection, and response.
- Enhanced transparency and early warning through timely disease reporting and information sharing.
- Greater alignment with international standards, facilitating safe trade and reducing unjustified sanitary barriers.
- Improved regional collaboration to address transboundary animal diseases, zoonoses, and antimicrobial resistance.

WOAH Partners

- 183 WOA Members
- ~75 Partner organisations with collaboration agreements, including Regional Economic Communities (ASEAN, SAARC, SPC)
- WOA Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres
- Other International Partners, development agencies, and philanthropic foundations

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Scalability and regional relevance

- WOA's science-based standards provide a stable and internationally recognised framework for safe and fair trade while guiding disease prevention and control.
- In Asia and the Pacific, many Members have strengthened their Veterinary Services through the WOA PVS Evaluation Tool, which offers targeted recommendations for capacity development.
- Regional transparency and early warning are supported through the WOA World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS), where Members report priority diseases and events.
- In line with the global strategies, WOA support the development and implementation of regional TADs strategies (ASF, FMD, PPR, LSD).
- Through the Quadrupartite collaboration, WOA and partners support Members in addressing emerging diseases at the human-animal-environment interface, including antimicrobial resistance.

