

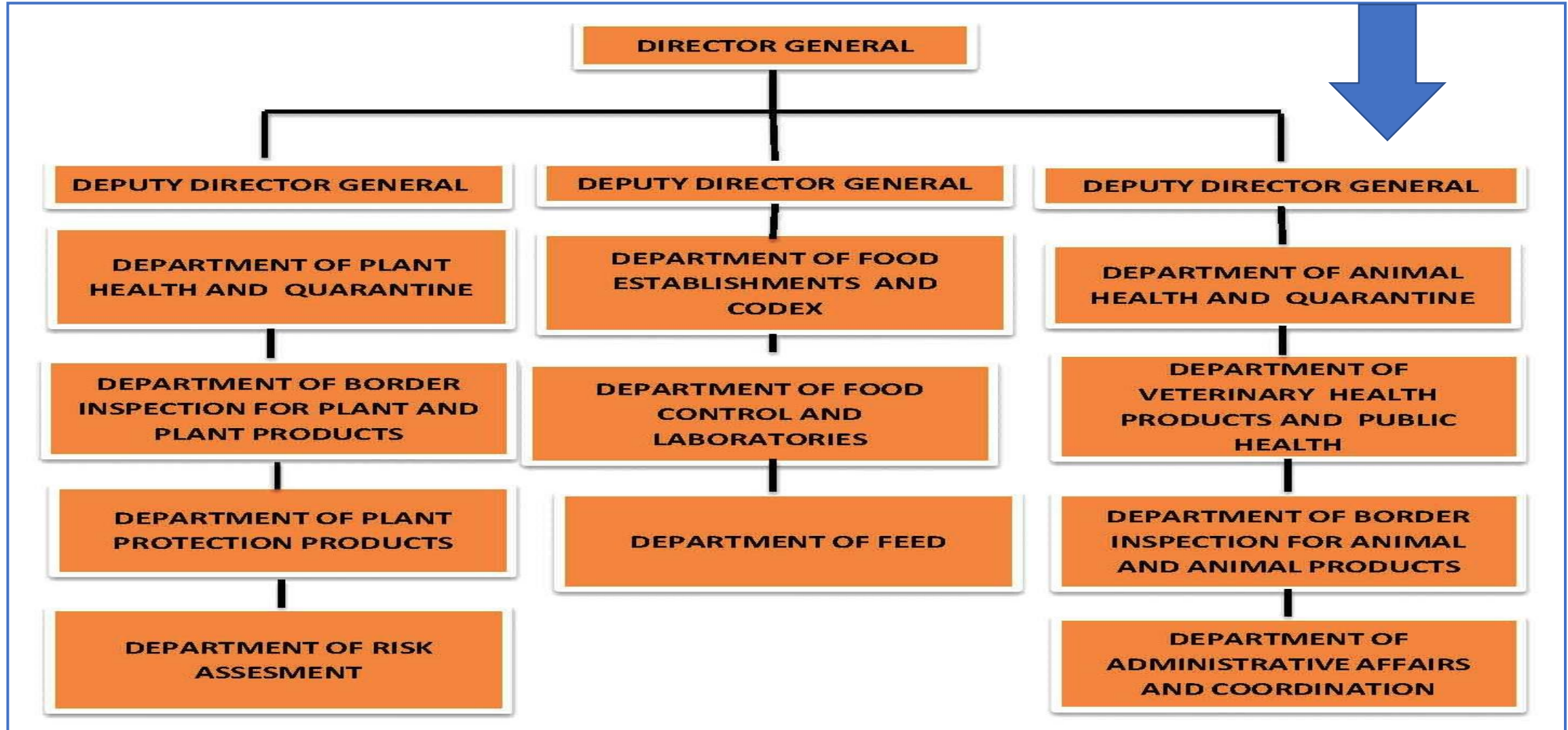
A photograph of three fishermen in traditional orange clothing and conical hats, using large circular nets to fish in a pond with lily pads. The scene is captured from an elevated perspective, showing the fisherman in the foreground on the left, the one in the middle, and the one on the right. The water is dark, and the lily pads are scattered across the surface. The fisherman in the middle is holding a large circular net, and the one on the right is also holding a similar net. The fisherman on the left is holding a smaller net. The background shows more lily pads and the edge of the pond.

Recent PVS Achievements in the Republic of Türkiye

PVS Sub-regional Orientation Training – Middle East - 2023



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Strengths

- a structure of the veterinary service covering the whole country with the official veterinary structure in 81 provinces and more than 900 districts, and 8 regional institutes that conduct diagnosis and research, app. 9000 official veterinarians
- good communication network between field, institutes and center
- there is a updating veterinary strategy document including animal diseases, welfare, I&R and movement control
- well-structured and constantly updated registration and notification IT systems
- Compensation policy

Weaknesses

- Decrease education and number of VPPs
- Insufficient wildlife studies because it is under the control of a different unit
- Challenges of interaction with the other institutions
- No efficient performance evaluation system for staff
- Challenges of work with small-size (family type) establishments
- Workload on the field veterinary services

The main priorities for the next 5 years of the Veterinary Services

- Establishing an early warning system for vectorial diseases (vector traps placed in adequate and strategic areas)
- Recognition of freedom for PPR in Thrace and cessation of vaccination in Anatolia
- Establishment of biological product collection areas and then a vaccine strain bank
- Animal records can be with mobile phones and notification via SMS for movement traceability
- Switching to herd earrings in small ruminants going to slaughter
- Increasing the number of laboratories at BSL2 and BSL3

The main achievements and outcomes following the recommendations of the PVS Evaluation

- After the evaluation and gap analysis carried out in 2007 and 2009, we used this data to get approval of 2 WB projects on animal diseases
- These results were used to make an EU project for the "preparation of the veterinary strategy document", which includes 15-year (short-medium-long-term) plans for animal diseases, welfare, identification and registration of animals and control of their movements.
- We have made progress in certain disease diagnosis laboratories with laboratory twinning projects. We missed the opportunity on rabies and brucella, but our mycoplasma laboratory in Istanbul became the WOAHA reference laboratory.

The main benefits and impact that the PVS Evaluation on VS

- We provide these reports to our trading partners. We even state that it is published on the WOAHS web page and that they can be reached
- We have seen that we are in compliance with international standards in terms of criteria. With the gap analysis, we saw the areas that we need to improve.