

# AMR Strategy & Regional Leadership Vision

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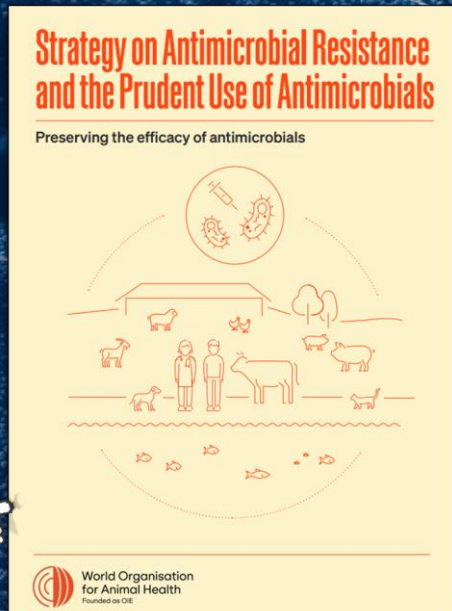


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WOAH's strategy on AMR supports the objectives established in the Global Action Plan on antimicrobial resistance and reflects our mandate, through four main objectives:



Improve awareness and understanding



Strengthen knowledge through surveillance and research



Support good governance and capacity building



Encourage implementation of international standards



## WOAH strategy's oversight is ensured by an international group of experts: The AMR Working Group

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Selection process ongoing to bring in further regional representation from  
the African and the American Regions



# Major Highlights

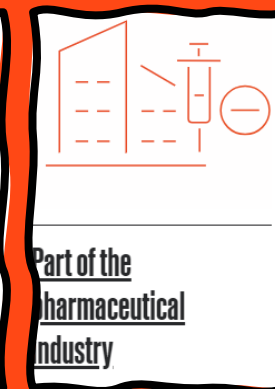
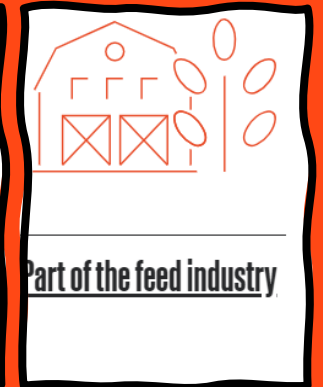
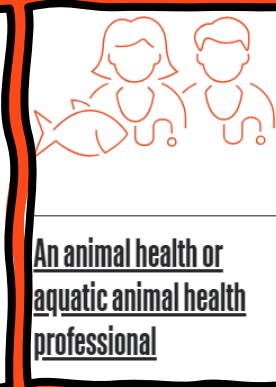




# AMR Webportal



- ❑ Completely renovated, with guidelines for all key stakeholders



- ❑ Including concerned citizens

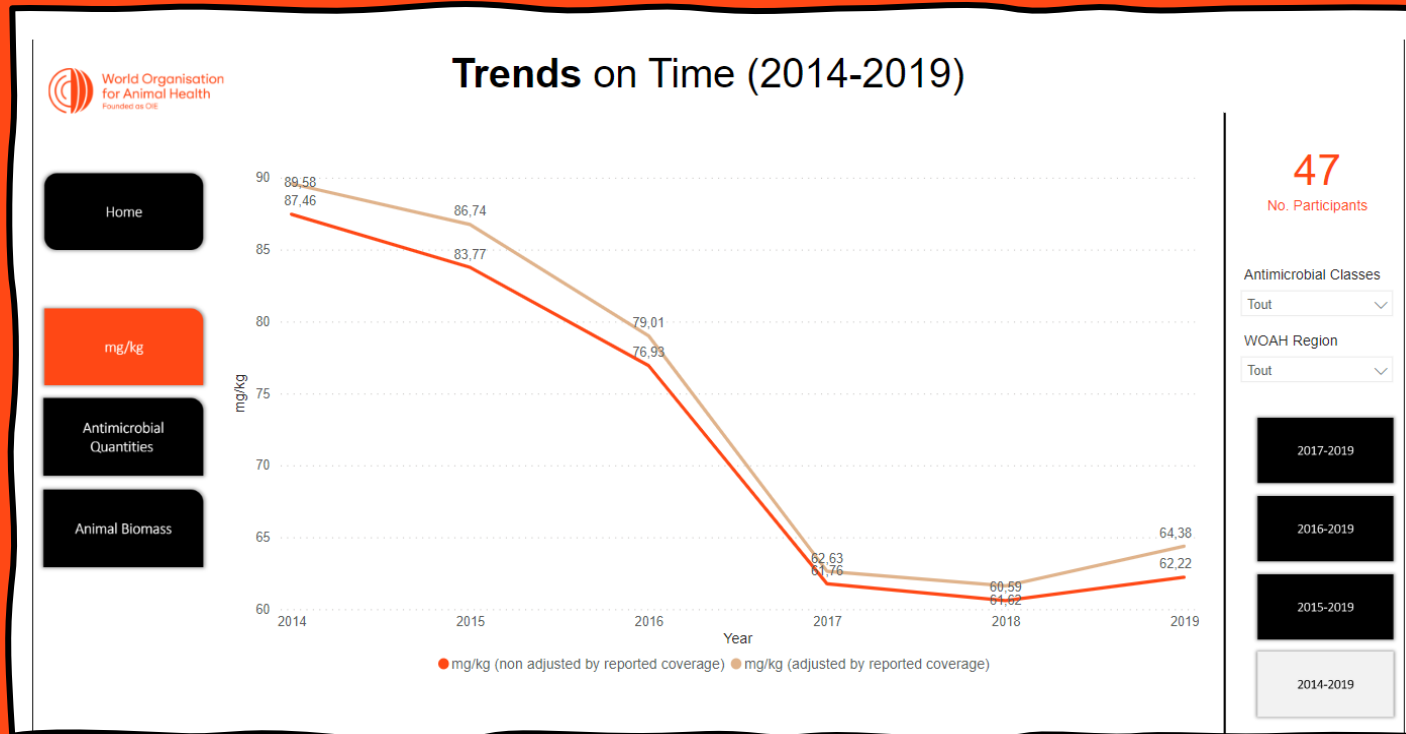
## Why antimicrobial resistance concerns you

Imagine a world where infections and diseases in animals, humans and plants cannot be treated. This worst-case scenario could become a reality as some microbes develop resistance to the drugs we use to fight them. Antimicrobial resistance, or AMR, has become one of the most pressing health issues of our time.



## 2. Strengthen knowledge through surveillance and research

# ANIMUSE



- Your platform !
- Monitor antimicrobial use and progress towards Muscat Manifesto targets
- Data transparency showing leading example to the world





# Vaccines & Research



- ❑ 2018 report prioritising diseases where vaccine development will lead to reduction in the use of antimicrobials
- ❑ Only 10% of funds allocated to R&D go to animal health
- ❑ Advocate and lead the change !





# 3. Support good governance and capacity building

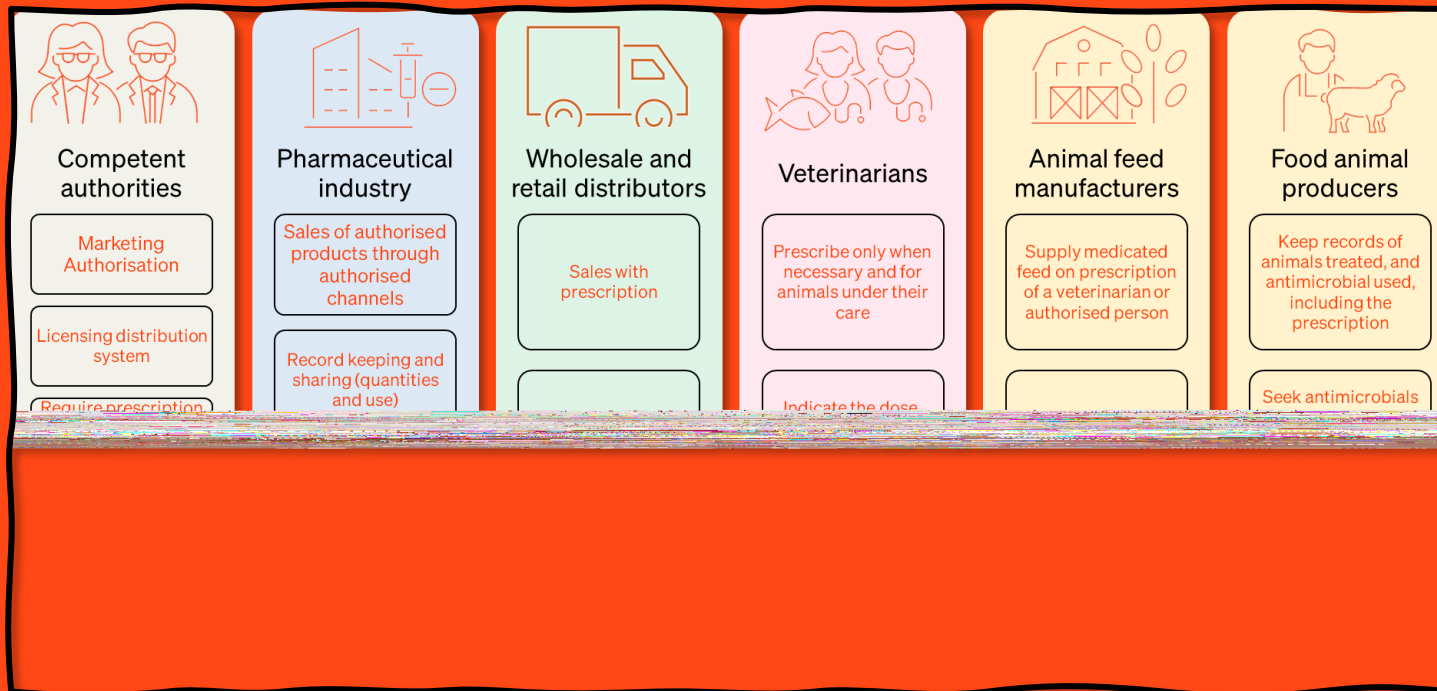


- Trainings continue on aquatic animals, antimicrobial use and veterinary products.
- Definition of outcome driven programs, setting quantitative objectives to be achieved in a given time frame .
- Since 2019, the PVS program and its AMR Competency is implemented, a useful tool, complementary
- to the AMR cross-sectoral legal tool, developed in collaboration with Quadripartite.
- Support further cross-sectoral dialog among regulators, as a follow up of first Joint Regulatory Summit held in May 2023,





# Responsible Use



- Chapter 6.10 under review
- Describes responsibilities of main stakeholders
- Coming to you for second round of comments
- Express the change you'd like to see in the world !





# Regional Leadership Vision





- AMR is now one of the priorities in the Region, Towards the Healthiest and Safest Region, for health security.
- Accelerate the implementation of the national and regional Action plans on AMR through a set of operational shifts and new ways of working.
- To strengthen existing regional mechanisms.
- Develop risk management plans to track antibiotics in the supply chain and Enforce standards on antibiotic residues for pharmaceutical and hospital waste.
- Implement national intersectoral antimicrobial stewardship.
- Advance the One Health approach and principle as a platform for multisectoral collaboration and governance of AMR actions.
- Strengthen or develop laboratory capacity to include a network of laboratories to assist diagnosis and surveillance of infections



# Thank you!

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