

Overview of OH JPA: Vision, Structure & Action Tracks

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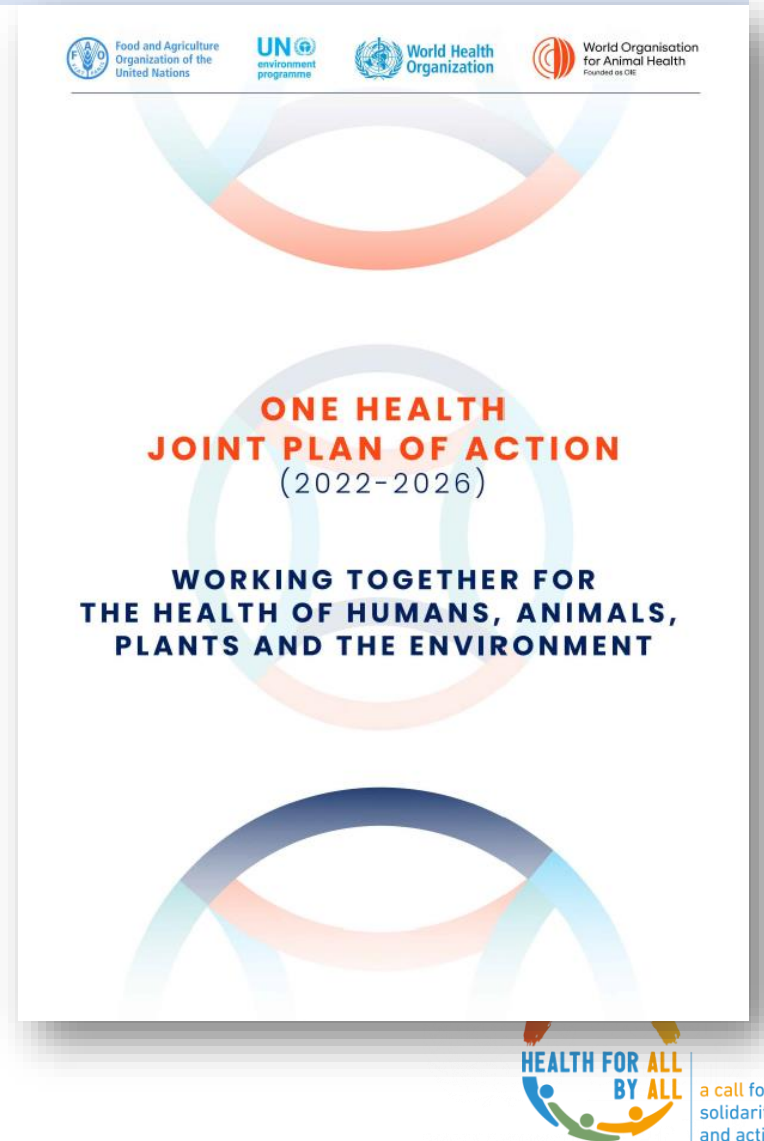
One Health Concept

- **OHHLEP:**
 - an integrated unifying approach which recognizes that the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants and our ecosystems are closely linked and inter-dependent.
- **Collaborative Approach**
 - promotes multisectoral collaboration among health, veterinary, and environmental professionals for better health outcomes.
- **Addressing Global Health Issues**
 - One Health is crucial for tackling emerging diseases, antimicrobial resistance, and food safety challenges worldwide.

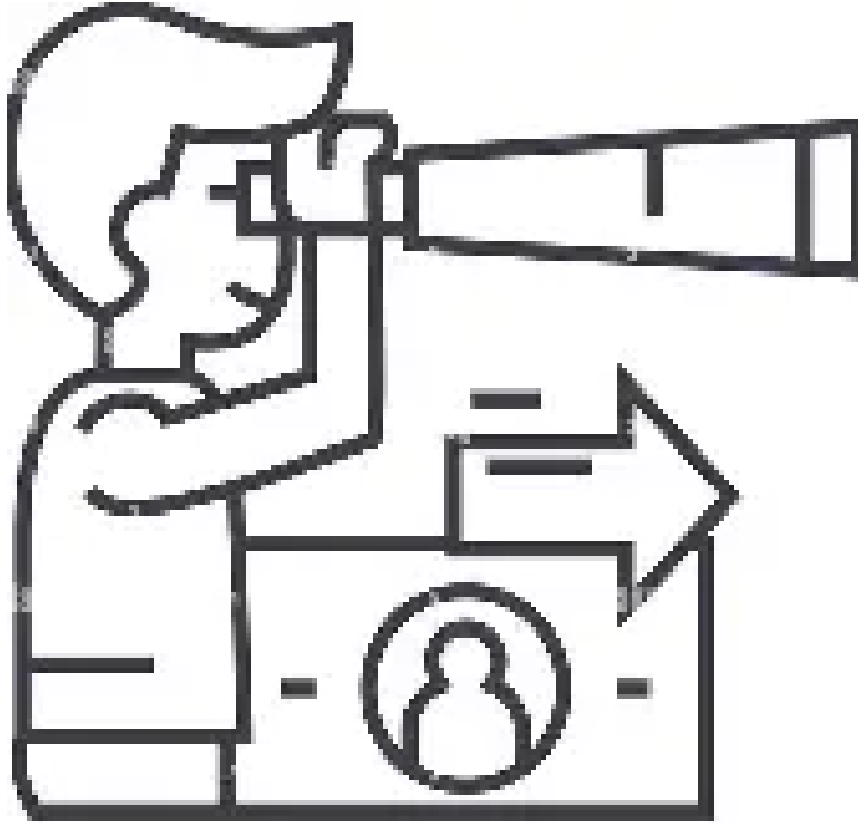


What is OH JPA?

- Is a technical document informed by evidence, best practices and guidance from the QPT.
- **OH JPA scope**
 - Guided by the inclusive OH approach to addressing health threats at the human-animal-environment interface



OH JPA vision



is a world better able to prevent, predict, detect and respond to health threats and improve the health of humans, animals, plants and the environment while contributing to sustainable development.

Goal

- Long-term outcome 1:
 - Improved health of humans, animals, plants and the environment while identifying sustainable system-wide One Health solutions that allow our ecosystems to thrive in harmony.
- Long-term outcome 2:
 - Reduced risk and impact of health threats at the human– animal–plant–environment interface using a One Health approach efficiently, effectively and equitably.

Operational objectives

- ✓ **Provide a framework for collective and coordinated action** to mainstream the One Health approach at global, regional, national and community level to work towards the vision described above.
- ✓ **Provide upstream policy and legislative advice and technical assistance** to help set national targets and priorities across the sectors for the development and implementation of One Health legislation, initiatives and programmes.
- ✓ **Promote collaboration, learning and exchange** within and between nations, sectors, disciplines and groups of society for the collective generation of knowledge and solutions and to promote equitable access to current and future technologies and tools.
- ✓ **Take stock of existing cross-sectoral global and regional** initiatives around One Health, identify and advise on synergies and overlaps, and support coordination.
- ✓ **Mobilize and make better use of resources** across sectors, disciplines and stakeholders.

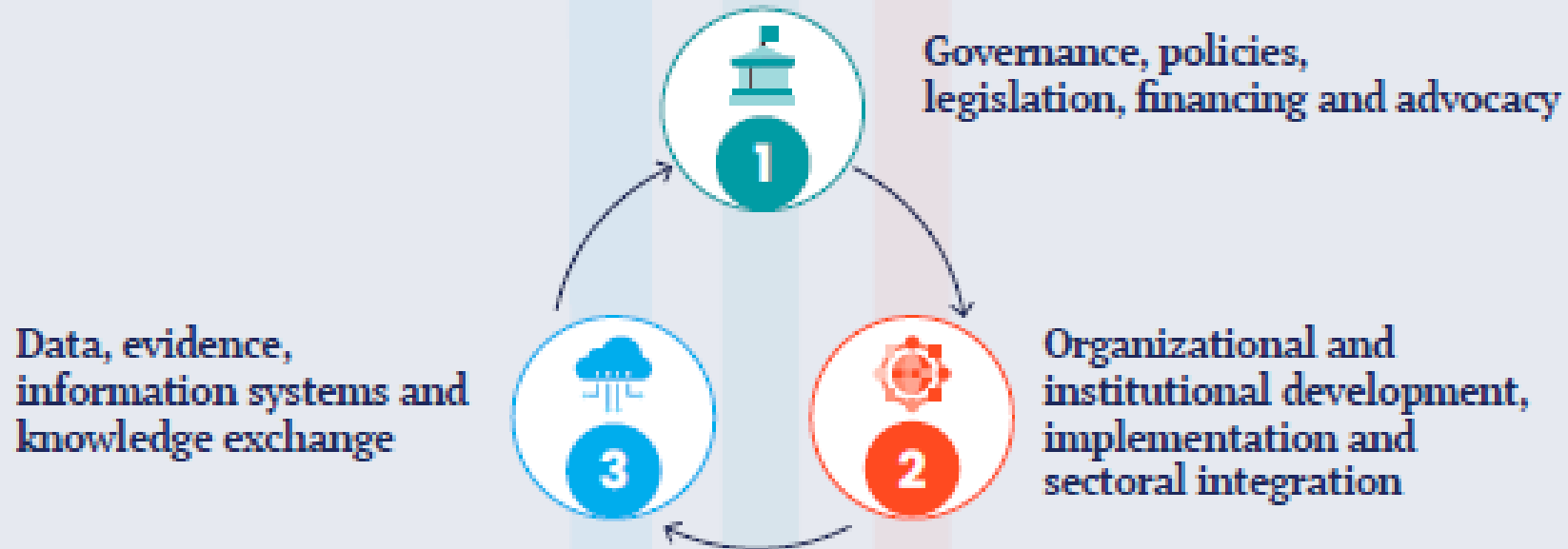
The OH JPA builds and complement existing and ongoing initiatives

- [Global Action Plan on AMR](#) (WHO, 2015a)
- [Road Map for Neglected Tropical Diseases 2021–2030](#) (WHO, 2021a)
- [Zero by 30: the global strategic plan to eliminate human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030](#) (WHO, FAO and OIE, 2018)
- [Quadripartite Strategic Framework for collaboration on antimicrobial resistance](#) (FAO, UNEP, WHO, WOAHA 2022)
- [Roadmap for Zoonotic Tuberculosis](#) (WHO, FAO and OIE, 2017)
- [Convention on Biological Diversity](#) (United Nations, 1992)
- [WOAH/OIE wildlife health framework](#) (WOAH, 2021)
- [Global framework for progressive control of transboundary animal diseases \(GF-TADs\)](#) (FAO and WOAHA, 2021)
- [Preventing the next pandemic - Zoonotic diseases and how to break the chain of transmission](#) (UNEP, 2020)
- [WHO global strategy on health, environment and climate change](#) (WHO, 2020a)
- [Draft WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety \(2022-2030\)](#) (WHO, 2021b)
- Joint FAO/WHO food safety monitoring framework
- [International Health Regulations-Performance of Veterinary Services \(IHR-PVS\) National Bridging Workshops \(NBWs\)](#)
- [The Tripartite operational tools of the Tripartite Zoonoses Guide](#) (WHO, FAO and OIE, 2020)

The theory of change

PATHWAY AND THEME

The three pathways of the theory of change



One Health Joint Plan of Action (OHJPA)

Action Track 1: Enhancing One Health capacities to strengthen health systems

Action Track 6: Integrating the Environment into One Health

Action Track 5: Curbing the silent pandemic of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)



Action Track 2: Reducing the risks from emerging and re-emerging zoonotic epidemics and pandemics

Action Track 3: Controlling and eliminating endemic zoonotic, neglected tropical and vector-borne diseases

Action Track 4: Strengthening the assessment, management and communication of food safety risks

Action track 1: Enhancing One Health capacities to strengthen health systems

- ✓ 1.1. Establish the foundations for One Health capacities
- ✓ 1.2. Generate mechanisms, tools and capacities to establish a One Health competent workforce and the frameworks/processes to facilitate One Health work
- ✓ 1.3. Generate an enabling environment for the effective implementation of One Health

Action track 2 : Reducing the risks from emerging and re – emerging zoonotic epidemics and pandemics

- 2.1 . Understand the drivers of emergence , spillover and spread of zoonotic Pathogens
- 2.2 . Identify and prioritize targeted , evidence - based upstream interventions to prevent the emergence , spillover and spread of zoonotic pathogens
- 2.3. Strengthen national, regional and global One Health surveillance, early warning and response systems

Action track 3: Controlling and eliminating endemic zoonotic, neglected tropical and vector-borne diseases

3.1. Enable countries to develop and implement community- centric and risk- based solutions to endemic zoonotic , neglected tropical and vector- borne disease control using a One Health approach involving all relevant stakeholders.

3.2. Ensure the harmonized application of One Health principles at all levels by implementing practical measures to Strengthen local, national, regional And global policy frameworks for the control And prevention of endemic zoonotic, neglected tropical and vector-borne diseases.

3.3. Increase political commitment and investment in the control of endemic zoonotic , neglected tropical and vector- borne diseases, by advocating for and demonstrating the value of a One Health approach .

Action track 4 : Strengthening the assessment, management and communication of food safety risks

- 4.1 . Strengthen the One Health approach in national food control systems and food safety coordination
- 4.2 . Utilize and improve food systems data and analysis, scientific evidence and risk assessment in developing policy and making integrated risk management decisions
- 4.3 . Foster the adoption of the One Health approach in national foodborne disease surveillance systems and research for the detection and monitoring of foodborne disease and food contamination

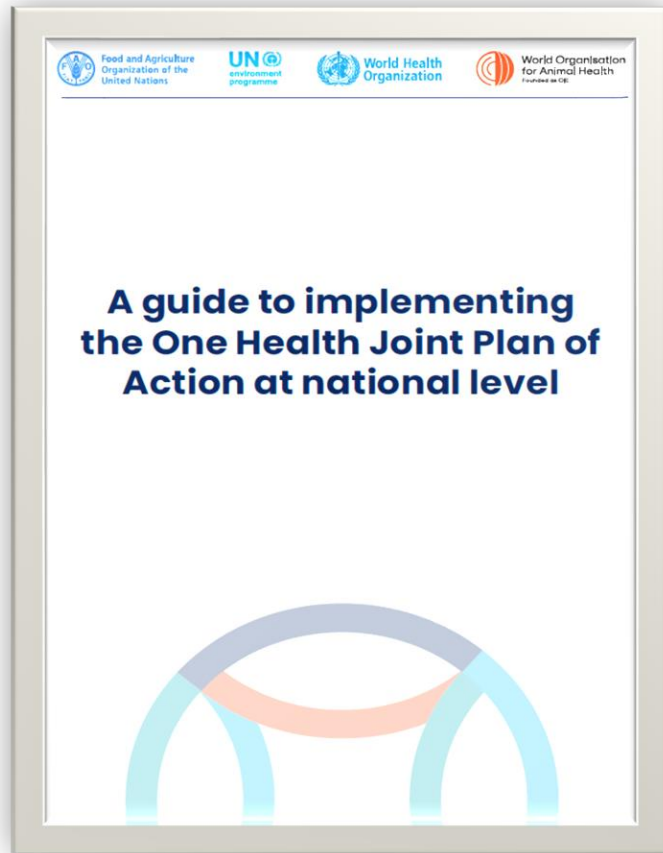
Action track 5: Curbing the silent pandemic of AMR

- 5.1. Strengthen the capacity and knowledge of countries to prioritize and implement context-specific collaborative One Health work to control AMR in policy, legislation and practice
- 5.2 . Reinforce global and regional initiatives and programmes to influence and support One Health responses to AMR
- 5.3. Strengthen global AMR governance structures.

Action track 6: Integrating the environment into One Health

- 6.1 . Protect, restore and prevent the degradation of ecosystems and the wider environment
- 6.2. Mainstream the health of the environment and ecosystems into the One Health approach
- 6.3 . Integrate environmental knowledge , data and evidence into One Health decision- making
- 6.4. Create an interoperable One Health academic and in-service training programmes for environmental, medical, agricultural and veterinary sector professionals

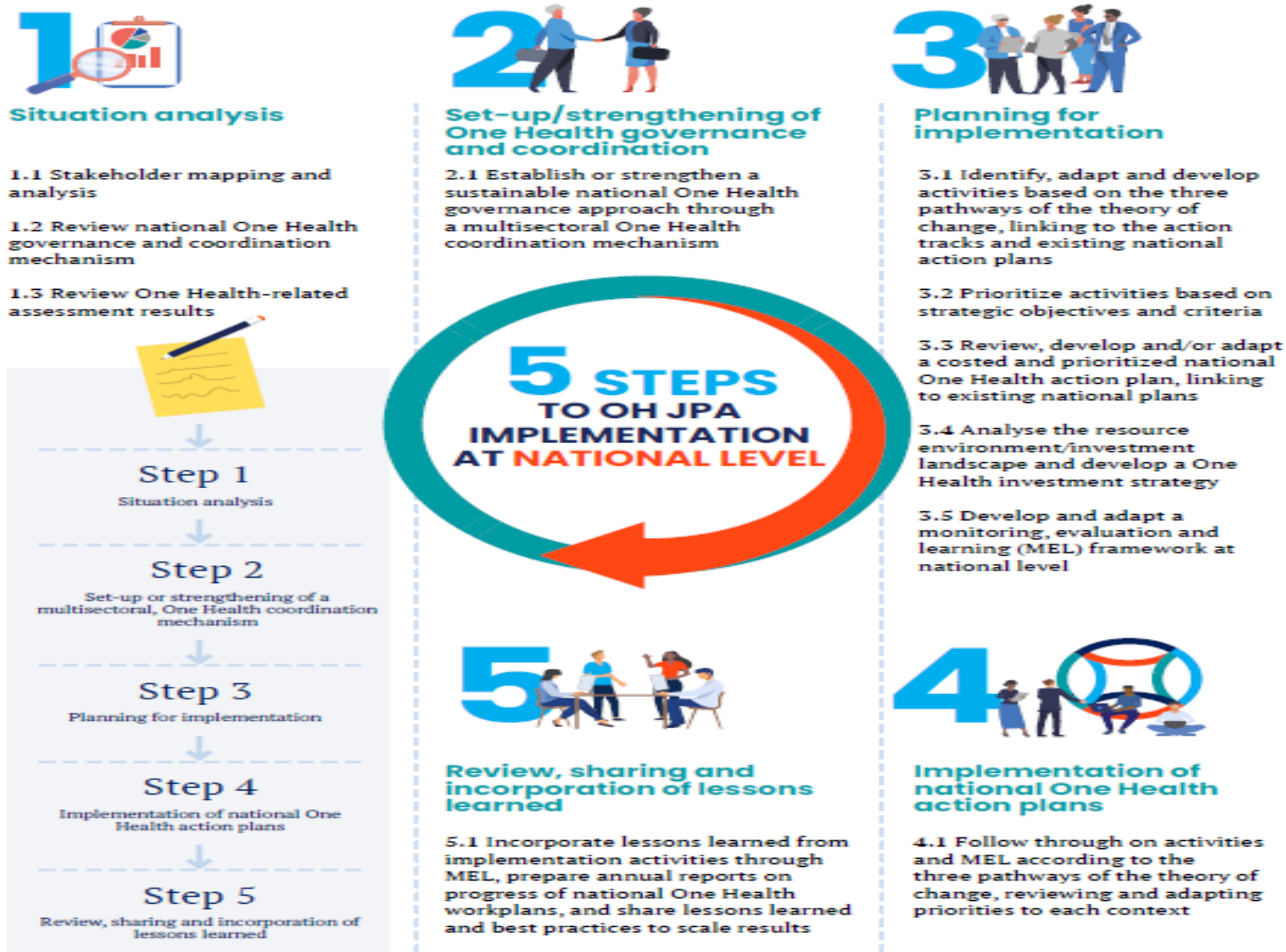
OH JPA implementation



5 steps to implement OH JPA

1. Situation analysis
2. Set-up a coordination mechanism
3. Planning for implementation
4. Implement national OH action plans
5. Review, sharing and incorporation of lessons learned

FIG. 6: A STEPWISE APPROACH TO OH JPA IMPLEMENTATION



Annex 1. Template for a national One Health action plan for [Country]

This template for the national One Health action plan and associated workplan Excel file can be downloaded using the following links:
[Country-specific template for a national One Health action plan](#), WHO, 2023.
[Template for a national One Health workplan](#), WHO, 2023.

I. Executive summary

Summarize main aspects of the national One Health action plan for [Country] in the context of the One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA) and the OH JPA guide.

II. Introduction and background

a. Country context and rationale

Summarize the country context for One Health, including the relevant ministries and stakeholders as well as the current major health threats faced by the country at the human–animal–plant–environment interface. Briefly state the rationale and why there is a need for a One Health approach to address these threats, list the relevant regional and global agreements and partnerships, and the Quadripartite collaboration for One Health.

b. Progress on national One Health implementation to date

Summarize progress, milestones and lessons learned from national One Health implementation to date. (Details of existing mechanisms, strategies, plans, frameworks and activities should be covered in the situation analysis in section IV below.)

c. Institutionalization of the national One Health action plan

Describe the approach to institutionalizing the national One Health action plan in terms of how its sustainability is characterized (i.e. funding, human resources, time frames) and measured.

d. Purpose and scope of the national One Health action plan

The purpose of this national One Health action plan is to strengthen the existing plan or to develop a new national One Health action plan in line with the OH JPA, integrating and building on existing work related to One Health.

Describe the scope of the national One Health action plan in terms of the sectors and levels involved (i.e. national to subnational levels) and the time frames within which the action plan is intended to be undertaken. Describe how this national One Health action plan is aligned with the global Quadripartite OH JPA.

III. Sharing of lessons learned

Describe the process for sharing outcomes, outputs and lessons learned from national One Health implementation with other stakeholders as a cross-cutting activity.

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