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Update on One Health regional Quadripartite (QPT) achievements

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One Health and SDGs

One Health approach is reflected in many SDGs, mainly in:

- SDG 1 (No Poverty).
- SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being),
- SDG 15 (life on land) and others



FAO Regional Conference NERC 36

Jan 2022



- At the 36th FAO Regional Conference for the Near East (NERC 36),
 - called upon regional organizations to strengthen interagency collaborations in support of countries' efforts to implement the One-Health approach.
 - the participants welcomed the creation of a Regional One-Health Platform



69th Session of the Regional Committee for WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region

Oct 2022

countries expressed their agreement and underlined the importance of a regional One Health approach. A OH technical paper was approved and endorsed by the 22 ministers of health of EMR countries besides a OH resolution to implement OH regional framework and establish a regional QPT coordination mechanism.



First high-level regional quadripartite One Health meeting

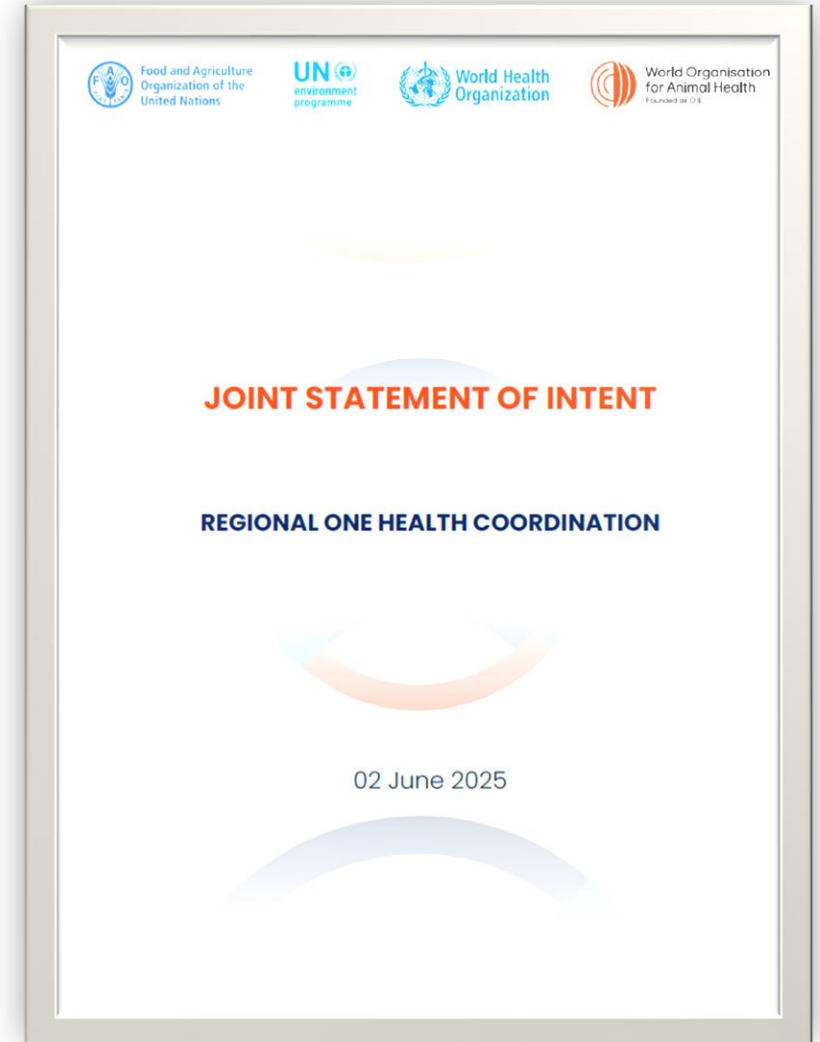
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The main recommendations

- Establish a regional mechanism to bring together all relevant stakeholder networks, institutes, main civil society organizations, etc
- Develop a regional QPT action plan
- Provide resources and technical support to countries to adapt and implement One Health plans
- Develop a standardized One Health training package for roll out in countries in collaboration with universities and technical institutions.
- conduct a One Health meeting annually to review progress and accelerate the implementation of regional One Health activities



Regional One Health Mechanism and action plan 2025-2027





Regional leaders unite to strengthen One Health approach in historic agreement



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Endorsement of the Joint Statement of Commitment among the Regional Directors/ Representatives of the Quadripartite

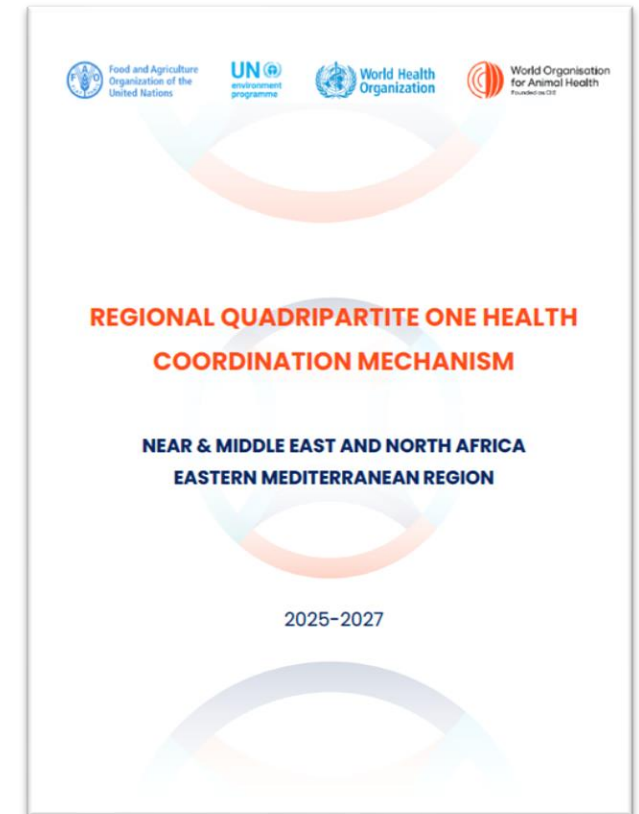
OH governance structure at regional level

QPT :

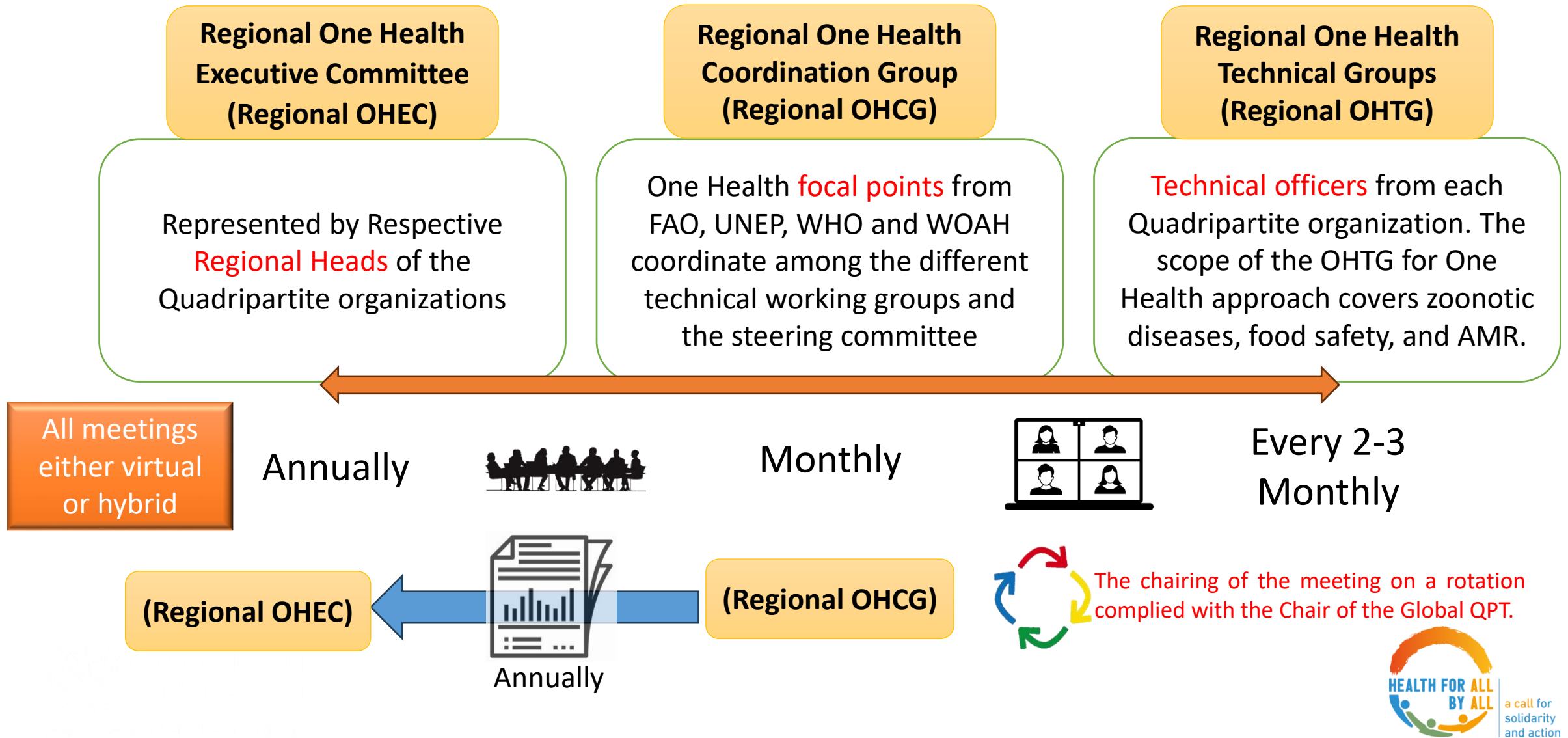
- FAO (RNE & SNE & SNG)
- WHO (EMRO)
- UNEP (ROWA & ROA)
- WOA (RR-ME & SRR-AG & SRR-NA)

Regional Organizations: Potential for Future Collaboration :

- League of Arab States
- Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
- Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)
- Regional Centers of Excellence (ICARDA?) / Universities/ research institute (to be identified)
- AOAD
- CAMENET
- ...



Structure of the regional One Health Mechanism



Regional QPT OH Action Plan 2025-2027

Purpose

To advance the OH implementation at regional and national level, to prevent, detect, and respond to health threats at the human-animal-environment interface using the One Health approach through collaborative efforts.

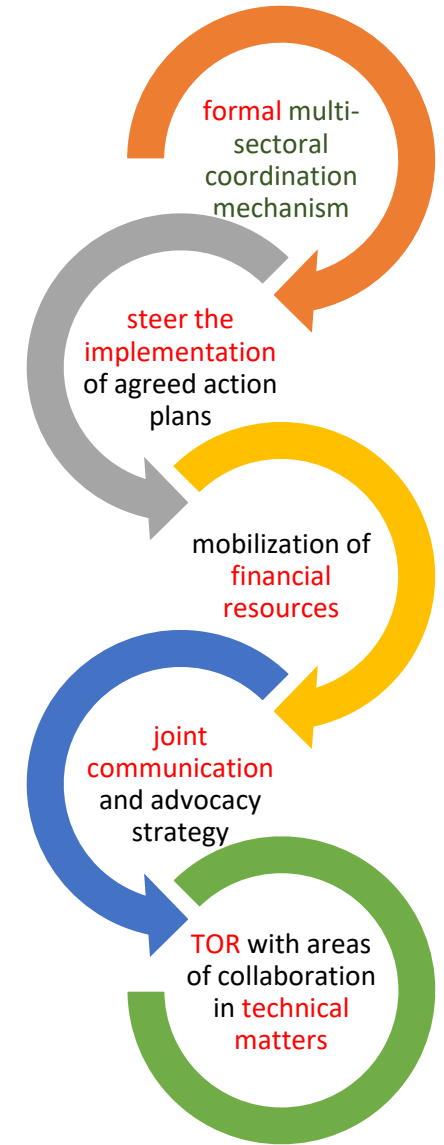


ONE HEALTH REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

Activities	Sub-Activities	Leading org.	Contributing org.	2025				2026				2027			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Outcome 3: Improved Joint Practices and Data Integration															
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Output 3.1 - Enhanced institutional surveillance, early warning, risk assessment, preparedness, and response to health threats risks at human-animal-	Establish or strengthen a One Health multi-sectoral coordinated surveillance and information sharing (SIS) system for zoonotic diseases*	WHO WOAH FAO	Other QPT organizations					✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
	Strengthen the role of Agriculture and Fisheries in OH structure	FAO	Other QPT organizations									✓	✓		
	Support countries in														

Operational objectives

- Implement a comprehensive regional mechanism
- Efficiently and effectively use the OH approach in the prevention and control of health threats at the human-animal-environment interface
- Promote the use of technology and tools for joint OH practices, enhancing data integration and information-sharing across sectors



Regional One Health Platform focused on medium-term outcomes by 2026

Outcome 1:

- **Regional One Health QPT Coordination Mechanism formalized and sustained**

Outcome 2:

- **Strengthened National Cross-Sectoral coordination**: Strengthened national cross sectoral capacity for development of OH mechanism and equitable multi-level workplans and strategies in line with OH principles and the OH JPA.

Outcome 3:

- **Improved Joint Practices and Data Integration**: Improved the OH joint practices and actions at national and regional level using various tools and technology that integrate data and knowledge, enhancing surveillance, response, and prevention efforts across sectors..

Main OH Regional Achievements

- **Strengthening the Regional Coordination Mechanism**
 - Regular monthly meetings institutionalized.
 - Active participation of all Quadripartite partners (FAO, WHO, WOA, UNEP).
- **Establishment of Regional One Health Technical Working Groups (TWGs)**
 - Three TWGs defined: **Zoonotic Diseases, Food Safety, and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)**.
 - Draft **Terms of Reference (TORs)** developed and refined incorporating:
 - Clear roles and deliverables aligned with the endorsed Regional One Health Mechanism.
 - Balanced representation from **academia, laboratories, and field experts**.
 - Emphasis on **voluntary participation and transparent selection criteria**.
- **Advancing the Regional Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Framework**, incorporates:
 - **Result chain and indicator matrix (2025–2027)**.
 - **Activity monitoring and learning component (MEL)**.
 - Alignment with the **tripartite OH M&E Tool** and **OH-JPA standards**.

Main OH Regional Achievements

- **Strengthening National One Health Focal Point Networks**
 - Agreement to establish both **regional and national focal points** to improve coordination, information flow, and visibility of country-level activities.
- **Coordination of Regional and National One Health Activities**
 - Regular updates and mapping of ongoing activities to identify synergies.
 - Proposal to create a **dashboard or newsletter** to enhance visibility of actions at national level.
- **Support to AMR Global Initiatives**
 - Regional input to **Global AMR Stakeholder Mapping** and **Independent Panel on Evidence for Action against AMR (IPEA)**.
 - Follow-up on **AMR Multi-Partner Trust Fund proposals** from Egypt and Lebanon.
 - Egypt's proposal expected to be accepted.
 - Lebanon's proposal under revision with FAO/WOAH support.
 - Ensures regional visibility and alignment with the **updated Global AMR Action Plan**.

Progress and achievements



Situation Analysis

PVS pathway :

- Recent examples: UAE, Qatar, Yemen, Mauritania

NBW:

- Bahrain, Tunisia, Libya, Lebanon, Mauritania, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan, Somalia

OHZDP tool :

- UAE-Jordan-Sudan - Somalia

JRA:

- UAE-Qatar-Jordan-Egypt- Iraq- Sudan- Pakistan- Afghanistan

OH training event:

- Jordan- Egypt



Set-up/Strengthen of One Health governance and coordination

Regional One Health Coordination Mechanism

- Facilitated cross-sectoral collaboration (human, animal, and environmental health).
- Improved coordinated response to reduce the risk and impact of health threats using a One Health approach efficiently, effectively, and equitably.

Regional One Health Action Plan

- Strengthened regional and national governance for coordinated decision-making.
- Focus on prevention, preparedness, and response to health threats at all levels.
- Enhanced communication channels for timely information sharing and joint action.

Joint Statement of Intent for Regional OH Coordination



Planning for implementation

2025-2027 activities timeline

M&E (Work in progress) to follow up effectively and efficiently



Implementation of national One Health action plans

One Health Framework – Qatar Egypt

National OH action plan being developed and implemented:

Egypt
Jordan
Qatar
Yemen



Review, sharing and incorporation of lessons learned

A QPTs regional meeting was organized in May 2023 with participation of 140 staff from the three sectors from all member states to share lessons learned with countries and keep them informed about OH JPA, regional one health framework and all guidance and tools as TZG & its OTs

Challenges and future priorities

Challenges:

- **Political instability:** Ongoing instability hinders progress, leaving countries vulnerable to increased risks and delays in JPA adoption besides countries are not committed to implement agreed activities and developed One Health plans
- **Sectoral silo:** Weak coordination between health, agriculture, and environmental and no mechanism for joint planning of studies, surveillance, data sharing and analysis among sectors undermines integrated approaches to One Health.
- **Governance gaps:** limited capacity and representation of key Ministries in certain countries reduce collaboration and coordination for one health implementation (e.g.- Ministry of Environment).
- **Legal gap:** no common legislation providing for reporting, monitoring and response to coordinate the identified health threats. The laws do not address aspects of human, animal and environmental health in a coordinated manner.
- **Low Awareness and Prioritization:** A lack of understanding and prioritization of One Health principles among decision-makers and the public obstructs widespread adoption and implementation.
- **Resource Constraints:** Insufficient funding and resources restrict the effective implementation of One Health initiatives and the reoccurrence of outbreaks that withdraw sectors' resources.
- **Competence gaps:** limited technical and functional knowledge, skills, and competencies needed by One Health field epidemiologists working at all administrative levels

Challenges and future priorities

Future directions and priorities :

- **Status and Readiness Assessment:** Support countries a comprehensive analysis of each country's readiness to adopt the JPA and the regional One Health framework.
- **Targeted Interventions:** Focus on countries with strong institutional frameworks and tailor interventions to specific national needs.
- **Advocacy and Engagement:** Promote the action plan at regional platforms and events to secure decision-maker support.
- **Stakeholder Database:** Undertake a regional stakeholder's analysis to improve collaboration and coordination with partners and seek possible collaboration.
- **Strategic Alignment:** Align strategies with organizations like the OIC and Arab League to ensure cohesive action.
- **Context-Specific Approaches:** Adapt interventions to fit the political, cultural, and economic contexts of each country.
- **Flexible Solutions:** Advance One Health goals using adaptable approaches that meets countries context despite political challenges.
- **Inclusive Engagement:** Develop strategies to engage countries with limited access to Quadripartite organizations.
- **Success Stories and Investment:** Showcase regional success stories and investment opportunities to attract global funding.

Thank you!