

Updates on regional activities, recommendations, work plan 2026

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Regional Coordination Meeting on HPAI Situation in the Middle East & Action Plans Guided by the Global HPAI Strategy 17-19 December 2024, Amman Jordan



Recommendations:

- Strengthen surveillance and reporting programs
- Secure consensus among decision-makers to create a structured regional network
- Engage experts within these sections to identify challenges, propose solutions, and draft actionable recommendations
- Develop and refine national emergency preparedness plans to address HPAI
- The establishment of a Standing Group of Experts on HPAI
- Develop National Control Strategies inline of the Global HPAI Strategy

Workshop on Brucellosis Surveillance, Diagnosis, Control and Prevention in Arab Countries

11–14 November 2024, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



Recommendations:

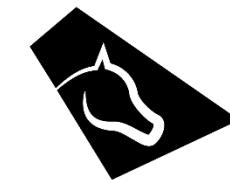
- Establishing a Regional Brucellosis Control and Eradication Network
- Improve laboratory capacity for accurate and timely diagnosis with the support of the WOAH reference laboratories
- Invest at the national level in robust surveillance systems to monitor the prevalence and distribution of brucellosis
- Adopt a One Health approach to address the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health

WOAH-IHSC Subregional Workshop Facilitation of Temporary International Horse Movement GCC, Jordan & Syria 24 February 2025, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



Recommendations:

- Adaptation of one Electronic Health Certificate
- Facilitation of Equine movement (Green Path of KSA)



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Joint Workshop of the GF-TADs Middle East FMD & PPR Regional Roadmaps

27–30 April 2025, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



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European Commission for the Control
of Foot-and-Mouth disease



Recommendations:

- New RAG and update countries PCP-FMD and PMAT
- Advocate for increased investment in FMD prevention and control and PPR eradication
- Increase the awareness of stakeholders along the value chain
- Continuously improve capacity in technical expertise
- Harmonize systems across neighbouring and epidemiologically linked countries
- Establish a regional system for vaccine procurement and quality assurance to support sustainable vaccination programs
- Improve livestock identification systems to enable traceability
- Implement structured post-vaccination monitoring and sero-surveillance



RRME activity during 2024-2025

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92nd General Session – Meeting of the Regional Commission for the Middle East

Session 1 (Virtual), 14 May 2025

Session 2 (In Person) 25 May 2025, Paris





RRME activity during 2024-2025

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30th JPC/REMESA

Co-chair: Mauritania - Malta

Nouakchott, Mauritania 02 - 03 July 2025



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations

Session 01: Update on major diseases events

Session 02: Update on animal health activities and projects

Session 03: Management of the REMESA



Recommendations

- Prioritize the technical recommendations to be followed up in the upcoming JPC, as some of them may not be feasible for member countries to implement. This prioritization will help ensure realistic and effective follow-up;
- Organize virtual meeting gathering REMESA CVOs to draft key Governance recommendations to be endorsed at the 31st JPC meeting;
- Promote the use of Artificial Intelligence to support veterinary services in prevention, prediction and control of TADs;
- REMESA countries should make use of existing tools and resources to improve rabies surveillance (including data collection, reporting, and cross-sectoral data sharing) and to implement national strategic plans;
- REMESA countries should monitor and evaluate progress towards 'Zero by 30' in line with the Global Strategic Plan and M&E framework, including submission for relevant international milestones. The REMESA Secretariat should support countries in applying for these milestones.
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Regional One Health Workshop Strengthening One Health Implementation through the Joint Plan of Action

14–16 October 2025, Manama, Bahrain



Recommendations:

- **Strengthening One Health coordination**
- **Zoonotic disease prevention and control:** surveillance integration, early detection, and joint outbreak response.
- **Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR):** promoting intersectoral stewardship and harmonized surveillance systems
- **Implementation of the One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA)** exploring how global and regional priorities can be translated into national strategies.
- **Capacity building and data sharing:** improving laboratory networks, risk communication, and cross-sector information exchange.



AQMENET Technical & Steering Committee Meeting and National Focal Point Training for Aquatic Animals

26–29 October 2025, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Recommendations/outcomes:

- Updated AQMENET strategic plan and action plan endorsed.
- Strengthened collaboration between NFPs, technical experts, and SC/TC members.
- Enhanced technical capacity of participants in aquatic disease management and WOAH reporting mechanisms.
- Regional Training Programme to be developed.
- Reinforced regional governance for sustainable aquaculture
- Elected new chairperson for the Technical Committee (Dr Sherain Al Subiai)



Disease notification training, including the use of World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS)

11-13 November 2025, Abu Dhabi, UAE



- Enhance understanding of the linkage between disease notification, transparency, international trade, and global health security
- Promote harmonisation of data quality, consistency, and timeliness in disease notification processes



Mers Cov Vaccine Use Case Webinar

18-19 November 2025

One Health session, convened by CEPI in collaboration with FAO, WHO and WOAH, to take first steps to explore the feasibility, cost-effectiveness, and public health value of vaccinating dromedary camels against Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) to prevent spillover to humans.

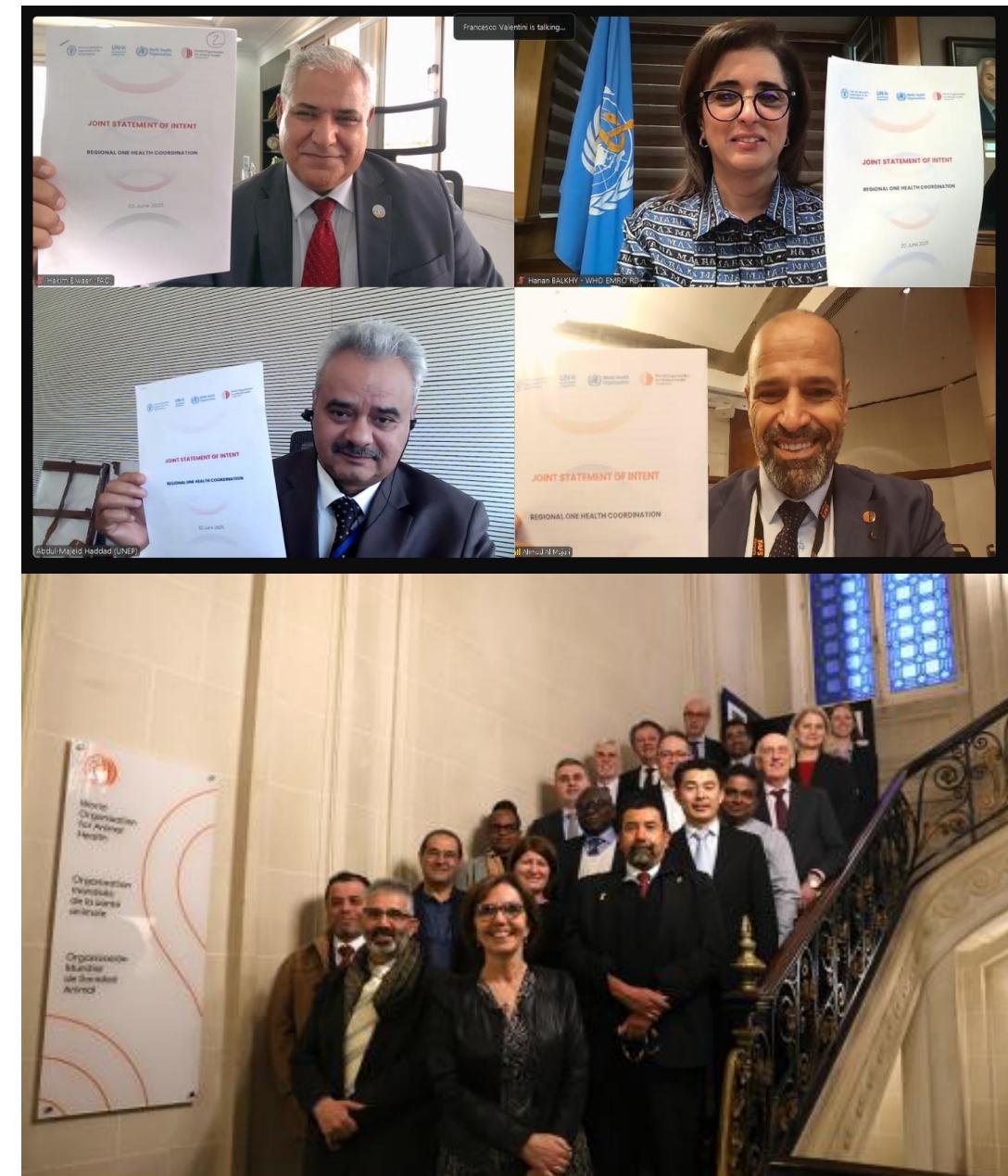
Objectives

1. Assess impact, feasibility, and cost-effectiveness of dromedary camel vaccination as a public health measure to prevent MERS-CoV spillover to humans.
2. Identify current knowledge gaps and prioritize data needs to inform a future, comprehensive workshop on the camel vaccination use case.
3. Engage cross-sectoral stakeholders (public health, veterinary health, academia, regulators, and funders) in a One Health dialogue to align perspectives and next steps.

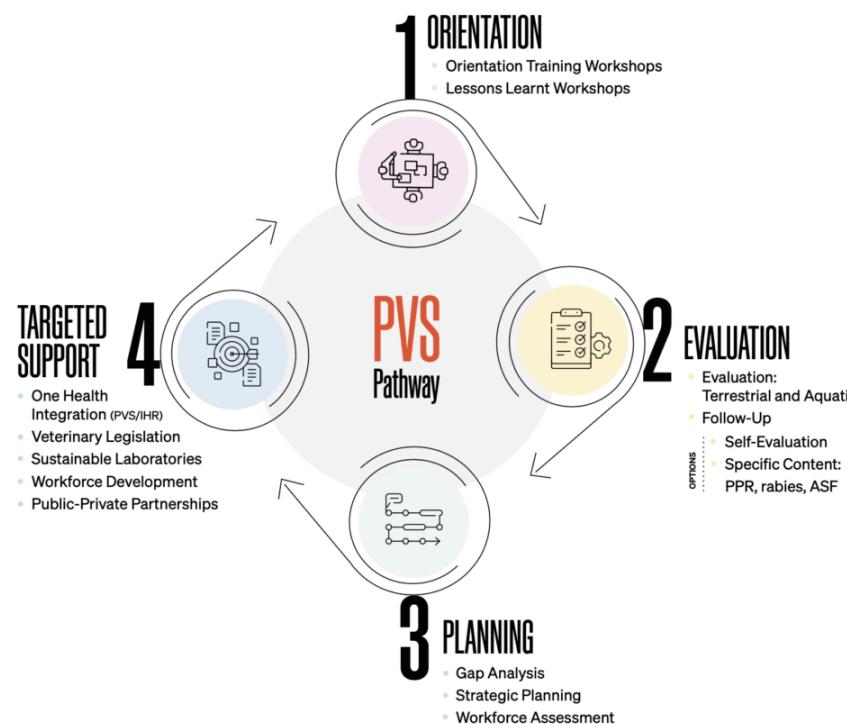
CEPI

Middle East
respiratory syndrome
Coronavirus (MERS-
CoV) vaccine use case
workshop pre-read

- Webinar: FMD update and regional approach for reducing impact (with Center Laboratory for Evaluation of Veterinary Biologicals, a WOAH collaborating center “CLEVB”) on 26 Feb 2025.
- Signed a Quadripartite Joint Statement of Intent on the regional level.
- Three seminars to get updates on GRC work (special thanks to ME GRC member committee)
- Two virtual meetings/workshop on the 8th Strategic Objective of WOAH
- Several Regional Core Group Meetings
- Representing the DG at the Global Congress on Population, Health and Human Development, Cairo



PVS Missions



- Jordan: Veterinary Legislation Support Programme (VLSP) Veterinary Legislation Identification mission (VLIM) 13 to 17 October 2024 (Completed)
- State of Palestine: PVS Gap Analysis, support through the Pandemic Fund (Remote Evaluation) Completed (July 2025)
- Lebanon: In preparation (through the Pandemic Fund) in collaboration with FAO Representation in Lebanon

Time	Activity	Comments
Q1-26	Animal Welfare and other animals (Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario (WJS) workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East and North Africa).	Multi-regional SRR in Brussel, SRRNA, RRME
	National workshop: Implementation of JPA at the national level	In Lebanon (may invite 2 from neighbor countries)
	Strengthening the Emergency Response and Preparedness Against Zoonosis	Regional
Q2-26	Harmonization of aquaculture related medicines and biologicals registration in the Middle East to reduce AMR and products falsification (BTB RSC).	AQMENET members
	Capacity building for laboratory staff on PPR Diagnostics & Proficiency testing	Multi-regional
Q3-26	Regional Commission meeting (virtual and in Person)	93ed GS in Paris
	State of progress and follow up of dog-mediated rabies control programs and self-declaration of rabies freedom for the Middle East.	Regional
Q4-26	Follow-up on the roadmaps for FMD and PPR b2b with 11 th Regional Steering Committee meeting	Regional under GF-TAD
	Increase awareness, process, and follow-up on Disease status self declaration and free status	Regional



6 Webinars on significant camel disease :

1. Parasitic Diseases of Camels: An Overview
2. Towards Improving Camel Brucellosis Diagnosis and Control
3. Pox and Pox-like Diseases of Camels
4. Camel Trypanosomiasis.
5. MERS-COV epidemiology and control approaches.
6. camel calve diarrheaha.



3 Webinars on Animal welfare issues:

1. Animal Welfare Standards and Measures.
2. Assessment of dromedary camel welfare and welfare issues
3. One Health...One Welfare



Others:

1. Veterinary Legislation. Importance of veterinary Legislation Evaluation
2. The future of Vetrinary Education.





Awareness & Capacity Buildings Activities 2024-2025

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Rabies Sub-Regional workshop

- Dog mediated rabies control and elimination, and improvement of dog population management

22 - 23 April 2024, Doha - Qatar

الورشة الإقليمية الفرعية لداء الكلب

- المستجدات في مكافحة داء الكلب والقضاء عليه

22 - 23 أبريل 2024، الدوحة - قطر



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KISR Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations World Organisation for Animal Health

مؤتمر الإبل والأمن الغذائي
Camel and Food Security Conference

2024 أكتوبر 30-29
29-30 October 2024

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CAMELIDS 2024

كامينيت CAMENET شبابي المعرفة لـ Camel: The East Masters
الجمعية الكويتية لـ الإبل وص��ها الشفافين The Kuwaiti Camel Association for its Breeding Center

Camel2024@kISR.edu.kw

BITING VECTORS

Mosquito, Tick, Biting fly, Flea, Mite

WOAH-Subregional Representation for the Arabian Gulf workshop

Towards improved understanding & control of Vector-Borne Diseases in GCC & the Arabian Peninsula.

29-30 July 2024 - UAE

3rd Annual KSA IDWeek
16-19 November 2024
Crowne Plaza Riyadh RDC Hotel & Convention, KSA

International Symposium:
Supporting the Development of the Camel Milk Sector

24 - 25 September 2024 - Abu Dhabi

Al Ain Farms, NCC, IUFoST, GFRSS, UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention, Abu Dhabi Health Authority, and Advanced Technology





Awareness & Capacity Buildings Activities 2024-2025



CAMENET Annual meeting 2025



Accomplished



In-progress





**SRRAG took part in the (First National Dialogue for Veterinary Medicine:
“Enhancing the capabilities of veterinary services in the UAE”**

Explore the challenges faced by the veterinary profession in the country and propose solutions. Identify key challenges specific to the UAE. The objective is to devise strategies that create opportunities for advancement and sustainability in this field.



**UAEU– College of Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine New students
White Coat Ceremony.**

Maintain and strengthen partnership relations share with college staff and students WOAH's growing concern on equipping young veterinarians with high quality education and training, acquiring the needed competencies to efficiently perform their duties as a basic element in the one health system, and development and safeguarding the animal wealth sector in the country.

Providing technical assistance to **Qatar University** study project on Dog population management (DPM) applying **Mark and Recapture methodology** to estimate the population of unowned dogs free roaming dogs.



Collaboration with Partners

هيئة أبوظبي للزراعة والسلامة الغذائية
ABU DHABI AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
SAFETY AUTHORITY



Cooperation and providing supporting insights to **Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (ADAFSA)** efforts &activities regarding the development of **One Health program** ,commenced by the establishment of **AD One Health Committee** to lead the implementation.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
National Emergency Crisis and
Disaster Management Authority



Closely coordinate with partners in UAE on the upcoming steps to developing and finalizing the **UAE national strategy for CBRN** in collaboration with **WHO-EMRO, FAO**, the UAE Ministry of Health (MoH), and **NCEMA(National Emergency Crisis & Disaster Management Authority)**.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & PREVENTION



Collaborating with the Ministry of Climate Change in UAE in the ongoing project of **Assessment and strategic Analysis of the Food Control System** in UAE using **FAO/WHO Food Control System Assessment Tool**.

Target collaboration for impact through meaningful partnerships Dedicated engagement and commitment in addressing OH challenges to optimize health outcome and achieving beneficial results .



World Health Organization



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for Animal Health
Founded as OIE



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Contribution to Near & Middle East and North Africa/Eastern, Mediterranean Quadripartite Regional one health joint efforts in developing :

The Regional Quadripartite One Health Coordination Mechanism.
The Regional Quadripartite One Health Action Plan 2025-2027.



Workshop on VBD and Zoonotic Diseases in the GCC Region Dubai -UAE : organized by **MNGHA: Ministry of National Guard Health Affairs-KSA**. Organized by to discuss ways to strengthen the OH approach and frameworks to improve Key VBD-control and study their impact on the region.



Collaborate with the Public Health Emergencies department in the (GCDC-KSA): Aiding in updating the Gulf **CDC** Rapid Risk Assessment (RRA) periodic report on the **HPAI H5N1**

Broaden the Organization's approach to animal health systems as a high-priority collaboration with all key stakeholders to combating major health threats at the human-animal-environment interface under **ONE HEALTH** approach



EMPHNET

The Eastern Mediterranean
Public Health Network

The 8TH Regional Conference of the East Mediterranean Public Health Network (Emphnet):

To promoting **engagement with the Network** as a significant regional partner with a high profile in training and capacity-building expertise in the aspect of OH& contribute to round table session activity on AMR, to better implement the **OH joint plan of action JPA**.



A health initiative by FAO, WHO, WOAH, ECDC, CDC, APHL

Working closely with the Abu Dhabi Agriculture & Food Safety Authority UAE in hosting the **GLLP the Global laboratory leadership program** that encapsulates 9 core competencies for coordination &experience sharing between labs to optimize response to outbreaks and health emergencies across the OH sectors.



Convention on
Migratory Species
CMS Abu Dhabi Office
معاهدة المحافظة على الأنواع المهاجرة - مكتب أبوظبي



RAPTORS
MOU

Cooperating with the convention on migratory species **CMS** office in Abu Dhabi & International Union for Conservation of Nature (**IUCN**) vulture Specialist, to discuss collaboration prospects with WOAH to combat and prevent vultures' exposure to **diclofenac and other known toxic NSAIDs** across Asia including the Middle East .

Optimizing cooperation with partners to ensure mutual synergy &better response to health challenges & targeting long-term political support from policy-makers.



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THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE
ARAB STATES OF THE GULF

WOAH Gulf Cooperation Council Capacity Building Program

a comprehensive capacity-building program tailored to the GCC region, developed based on consultations with the delegates of the six member states. The program focuses on three priority areas:

- Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs): Strengthening surveillance, vaccination strategies, and emergency preparedness.
- One Health: Enhancing cross-sectoral collaboration to address zoonotic diseases and health risks at the human-animal-environment interface.
- Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR): Promoting responsible antimicrobial use, surveillance, and policy frameworks.



Proposed action plan for 2026

Topics	Initiatives	Activities
Transboundary Animal Diseases	Reinforcement of National Capacities Through Surveillance	Workshop: Risk assessment & Risk-Based Surveillance
	Twining & Community of Practice for Reference Labs	KSA: PPR and RVF UAE: Quality management and camel disease surveillance.
	Capacity Building	Webinars: HPAI, Camel Diseases, PVS platform
	Harmonized GCC Vaccination Policies and Strategies	Workshop: Optimizing Vaccination: National Strategies, Campaign Design, and Economic Considerations
	Support Equine and Camel Event Participation	Proposal: Unified Animal Health Certificate
One Health & AMR	Training and Development	Webinar: JRA
		Workshop: Strengthening National Strategies for Antimicrobial Resistance: A One Health Approach



Proposed action plan for 2026

Topics	Activities
Aquaculture	Webinar: Aquaculture National Strategies
Animal welfare	Workshop: Strengthening Animal Welfare Governance: From Global Strategy to National Action

Thank you!

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