

Emergency Management at WOAAH – Standards and the IMS

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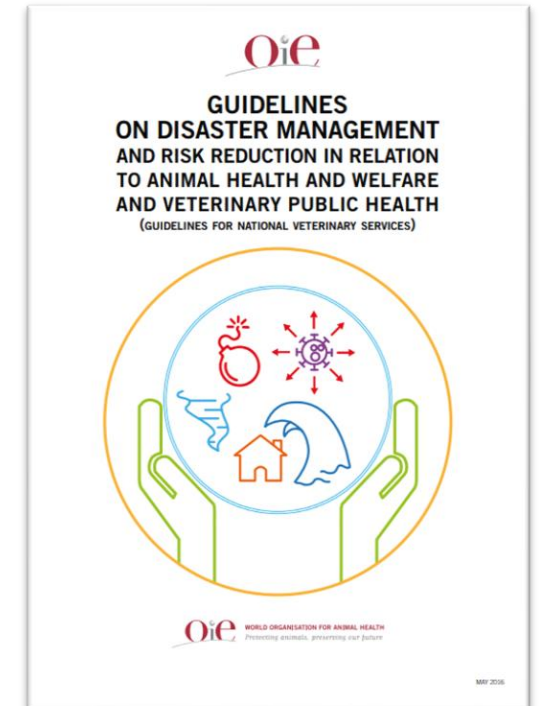
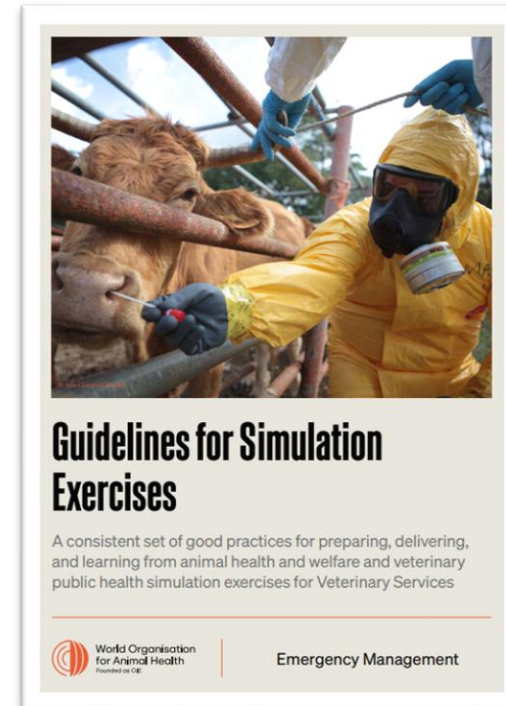
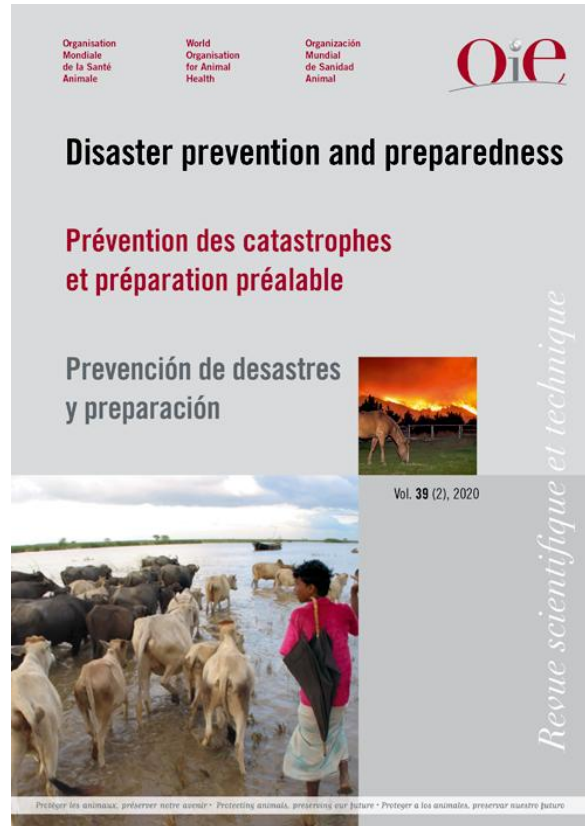


Emergency Management support for Members



Emergency Management at WOAAH

- Research, evidence base
- Guidelines
- E-learning
- Standards (Code and Manuals)
 - References such as official control programmes, contingency plans, crisis communication, risk assessments, etc.
- PVS Critical Competencies: I-9 Emergency Funding and II-5 Emergency Preparedness and Response (not supported by Chapter(s) in the Codes)
- Health-security interface



A Cost–Benefit Analysis of Preparing National Veterinary Services for Transboundary Animal Disease Emergencies

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The gulf between emergency plans and the resources needed: a global review

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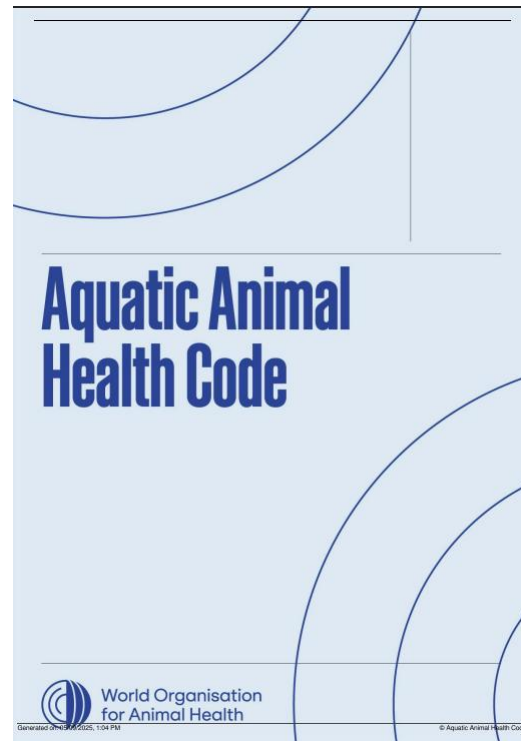
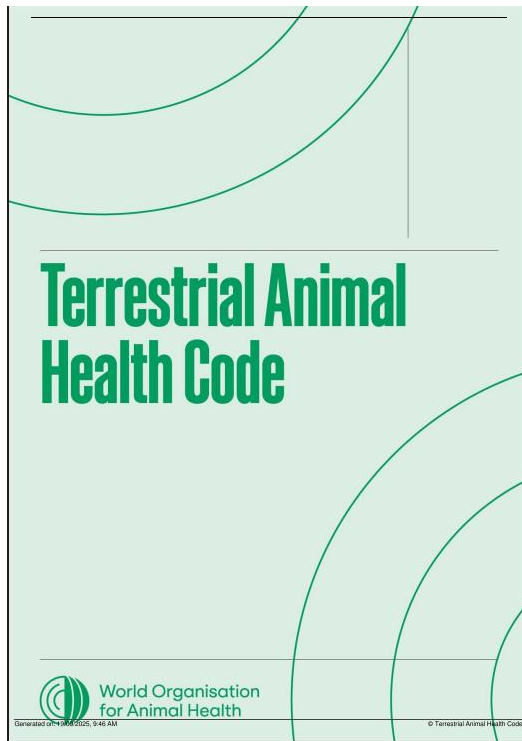
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Emergency Management...current gaps

WOAH Codes and Manuals



Missing a comprehensive set of recommendations on the principles of emergency management

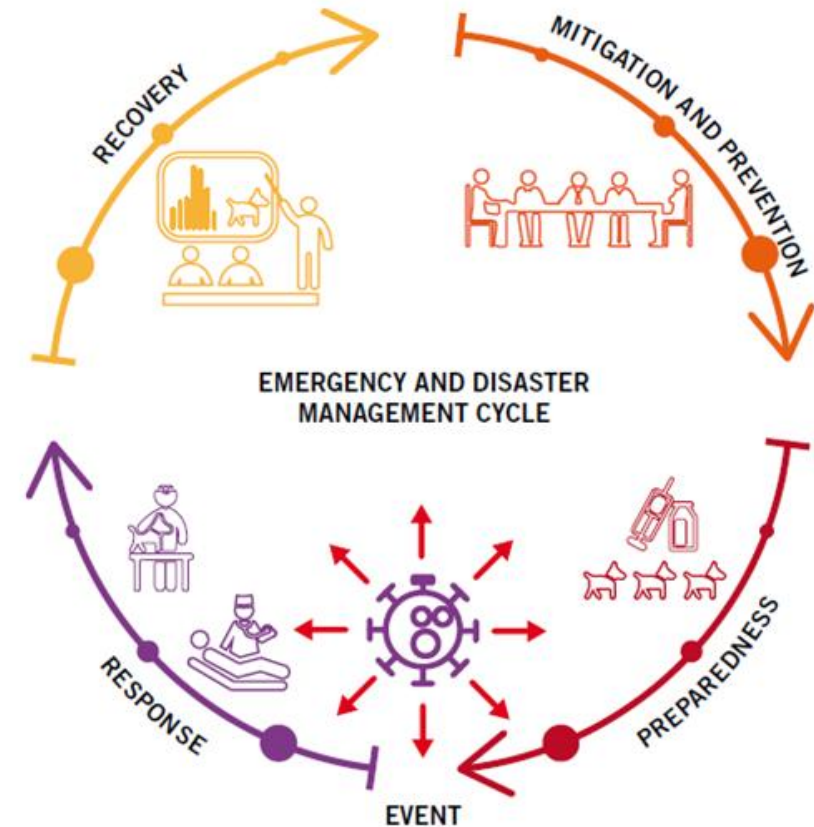


- TAHSC accepts proposal for an AHG in September 2023
- 3 meetings of the AHG
- Chapter now out for review



The Chapter - Purpose

- Provide recommendations for **preparing** for and **managing emergencies arising from any hazard**, whether natural or artificial, accidental or deliberate, that affects animal health, animal welfare or veterinary public health. The chapter addresses **key components** of emergency management, including **prevention, preparedness, detection, response and recovery**.





The Chapter - Objectives

Guide Members in developing emergency management structures, processes and supporting systems within a whole-of-government framework

Define essential capacities and capabilities required to respond effectively

Emphasise the need for sustainable resourcing to increase the resilience of Veterinary Services

Advocate for planning, training and simulation exercises to improve readiness for emergencies

Encourage a commitment to continuous improvement in emergency management.



WOAH's Incident Management System



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Services engagement in global, regional and national emergency management systems**

6. The OIE develops an internal Incident Management System (IMS), building on past experience, to better support OIE and its partners, and OIE Members during international emergencies. The OIE should explore possibilities to support its Members in the development of their own IMS;

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

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*Incident management consists of
processes, decisions and actions aimed at
resolving incidents
and supporting recovery*

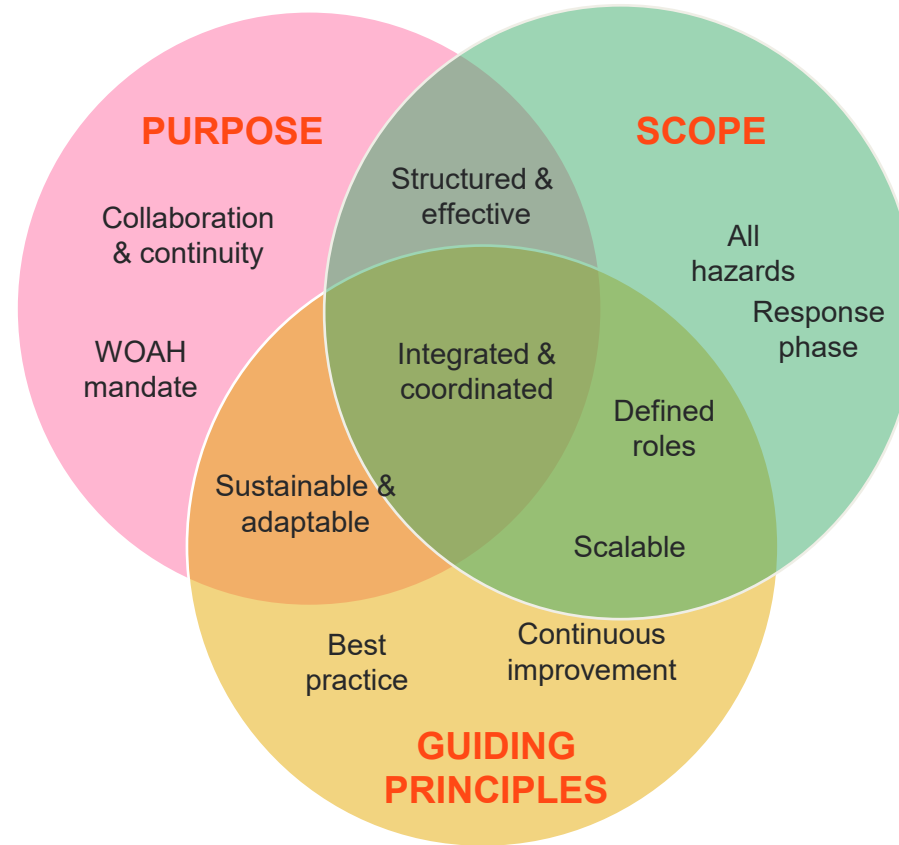
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Organisational policy framework

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Incident Management System:
Responding to significant incidents

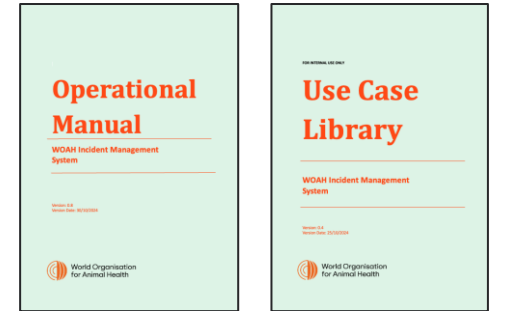
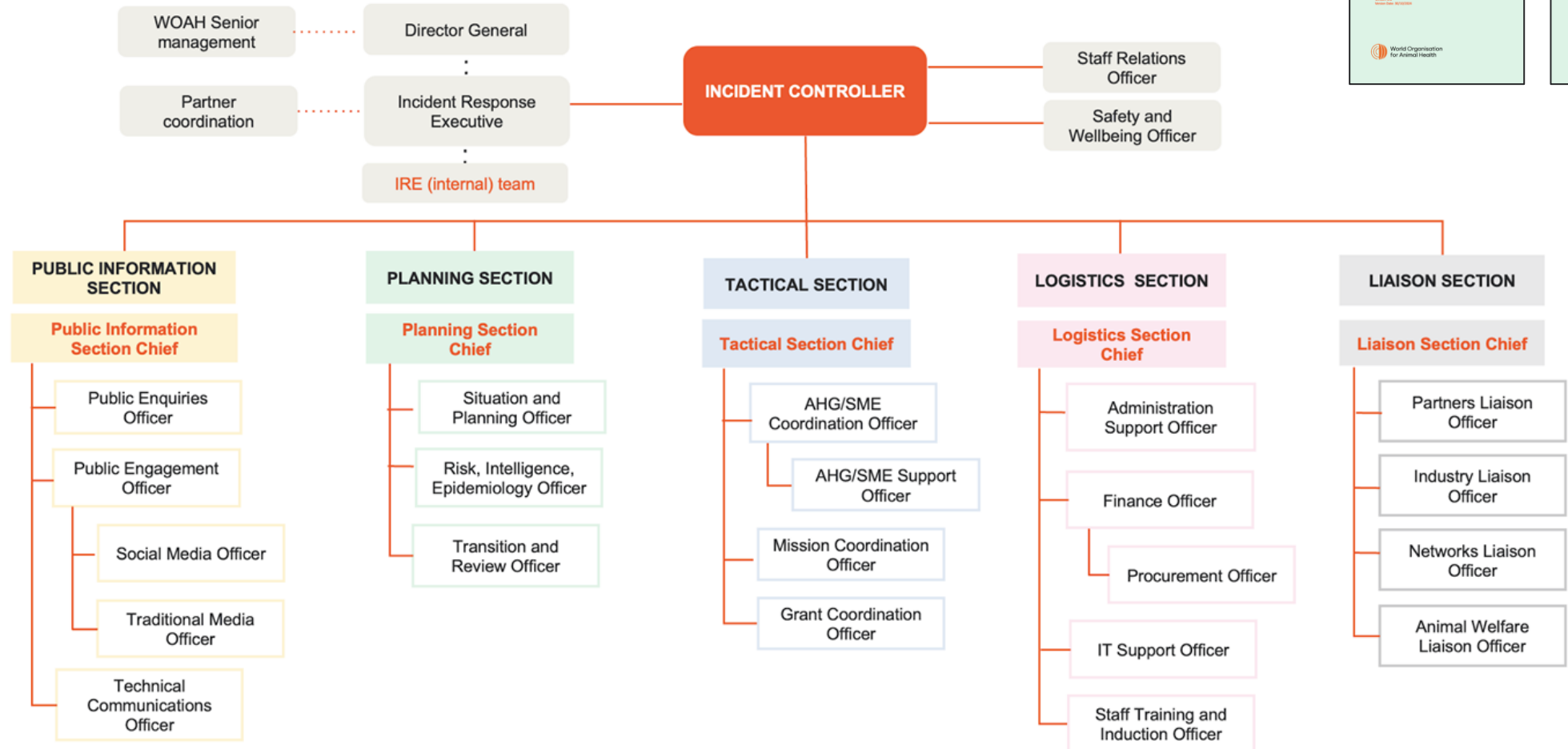
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The WOAHS IMS takes an **all-hazards approach**, **builds on past experiences** and **supports WOAHS**, **its Members and Partners** during international emergencies

Our response efforts will always fall **within** **WOAH's mandate** and scope

IMS Design



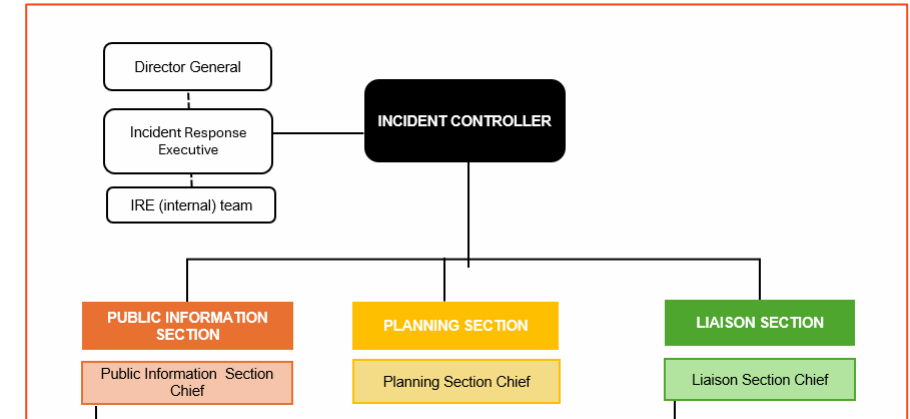
Schematic of full WOAH Incident Response Team

Real application of IMS procedures

FMD Hungary and Slovakia – March 2025

- **IMS tools and principles applied**

- Activation of limited response level approved by DG
 - Incident management team assigned
 - **Actions:**
 - FMD-free statuses suspended and letter signed by DG
 - DG contacted Hungarian and Slovakian Delegate and EC offering WOAHA support
 - Continuous **monitoring** of situation (Epidemiological situation; Impacts – Trade Bans and Border Controls; Potential for Mis/Disinformation or Communication Concerns)
 - **Coordination** with partners and affected Members (EU-FMD, European Commission, INTERPOL)
 - **Q&A and Situation Report** developed and published on WOAHA Regional website
 - Communication materials produced



- **Value-added for WOAHA and Membership with the IMS**

- Coordinated and responsive communication from the Organisation
- Items produced for situational awareness and action
- Enhanced readiness as the incident spread and evolved



Real application of IMS procedures

Value-added for WOAH and Membership with the IMS

- Coordinated and responsive communication from the Organisation
 - Including news monitoring, managing mis/disinformation
- Items produced for situational awareness and action
 - FAQ, sit reps, up-to-date scientific information, reference point for the public
- Enhanced readiness as the incident spreads and evolves
 - Gathering expert groups, joining field operations, etc



What's next?

Emergency Management Chapter:

- Review and comments from Members
 - Revision, further review as needed
- Supporting training, targeted capacity building founded in Chapter principles

IMS:

- Continued refinement of WOAHA's procedures and responses
- Ad hoc group for National IMS
 - Principles of IMS or other response frameworks for National Veterinary Services
 - Guidelines
 - Training, targeted capacity building

Thank you

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