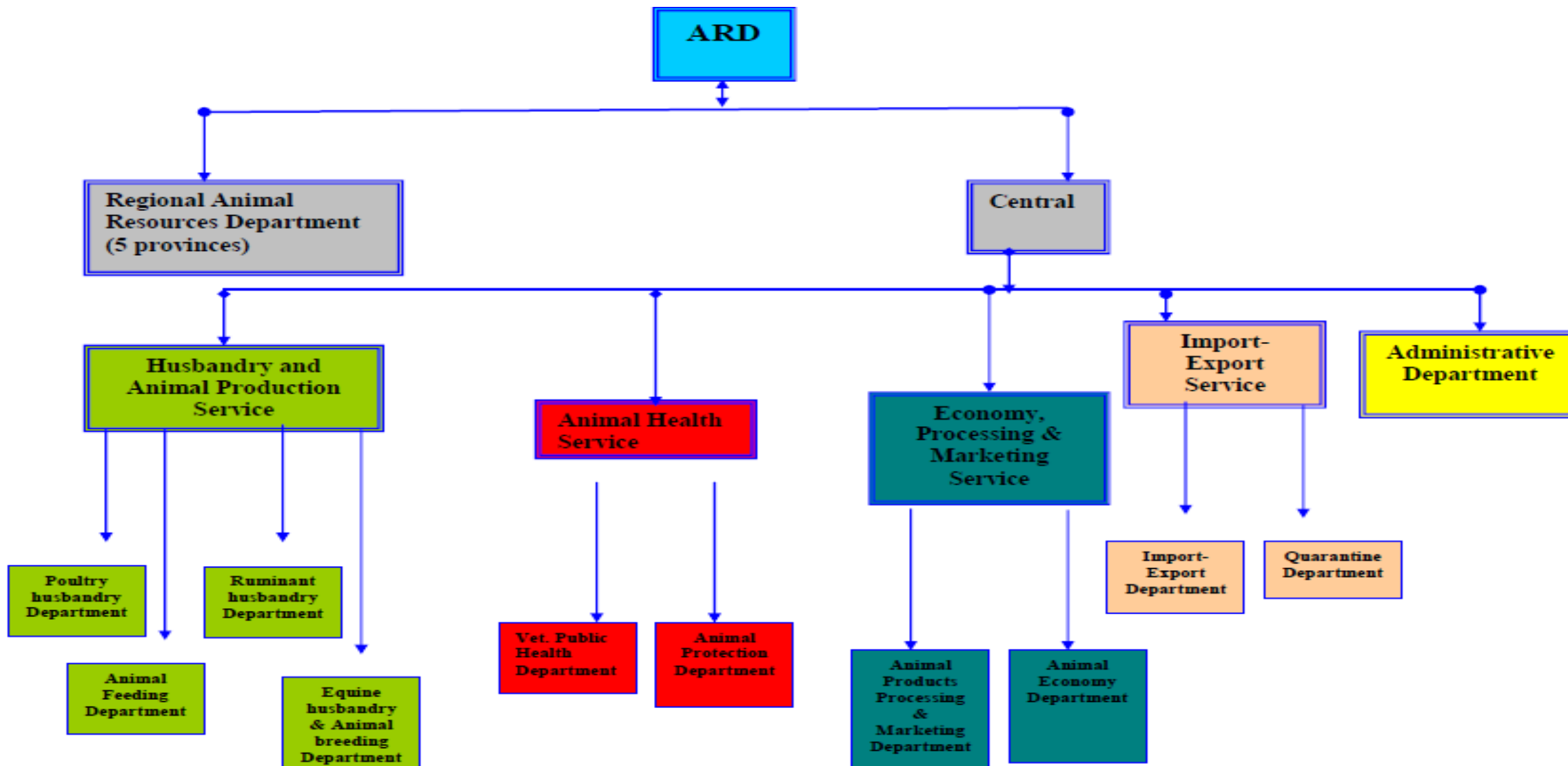


A photograph of three fishermen in traditional orange clothing and conical hats, using large circular nets to fish in a pond with lily pads. The scene is captured from a high angle, showing the fisherman in the foreground on the left, the one in the middle, and the one on the right. The water is dark, and the lily pads are scattered across the surface. The fisherman in the middle is holding a large circular net, and the one on the right is holding a larger, more complex net. The fisherman on the left is also holding a net. The background shows more lily pads and the edge of the pond.

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structure/organisation of the Veterinary Services in Lebanon



Please describe the main strengths and weaknesses of the Veterinary Services in Lebanon

Strengths

- High number Issue of regulatory texts and technical decisions
- unique competent Authority for AH & welfare
- At central & local (regional) levels
- Existing of veterinary syndicate

Weaknesses

- **Human & Financial resources**
- **Training & Communication**
- **Alignement of Legislation with international standard**
- No multi-year budget for priority animal diseases surveillance, control & eradication plan
- Lack of accredited reference AH lab

Please describe the main priorities for the next 5 years of the Veterinary Services in Lebanon

1. International recognition : SPS and EU standards (new drafted veterinary law)
2. Reorganization of the ARD
3. Consumers' trust / trust in food and animal trade
4. Economic development of husbandry /zoonosis decrease
5. Moderate increase of human resources and of money (multi-year budget)
6. Develop good cooperation with other relevant authorities and Ministries
7. « From farm to fork » concept

Please describe the main achievements and outcomes following the recommendations of the PVS Evaluation (or any other PVS activities (if any) of the Veterinary Services in Lebanon

- Increase in number of necessary staff
- regular training for ARD staff, private veterinarians was prepared and achieved
- An IT system & data base was set up
- Financial Resources was increased
- several relevant Food / feed safety / animal health legislation in force was reviewed;
- Drafting of selected legislation.

Please describe the main benefits and impact that the PVS Evaluation (or any other PVS activities (if any) had on your VS in Lebanon

- EU twining project was implemented for Strengthening the Veterinary Services and Food Safety Capacities of the Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture
- Strengthen VS position with all relevant stakeholders regarding AH issues as veterinarians, AH Labs, slaughterhouses, food industries,
- At Political level drawn the attention to the role of the veterinary profession and the VS