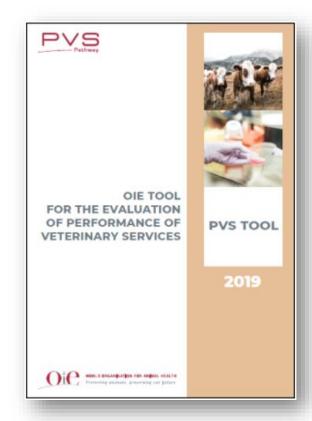


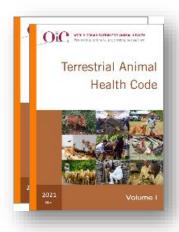
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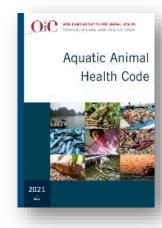
- The PVS Tool is designed to assess the performance of the VS by:
  - Evaluating
    - VS against TAHC standards
    - AAHS against AAHC standards
  - Identifying gaps and weaknesses in complying with WOAH International Standards
  - Working with interested parties to develop a shared vision
  - Identifying strategic initiatives and establishing priorities





 TAHC, AAHC, Terrestrial and Aquatic Manuals provide standards for animal health and welfare

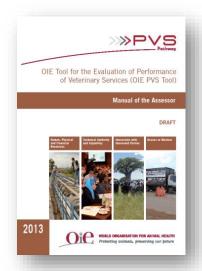








- A standardised methodology
  - Reliable
  - Accurate
  - Comparable
- Manuals
  - The Tools
  - For the Assessors





#### **Independent Evaluation**

- Provides national and international support of the VS
- Performed using highly-qualified Experts

#### **Bilateral Negotiations**

- Evaluates an exporting country's VS to assist in trade negotiations
- Undertaken by mutual agreement

#### **Self-Evaluation**

- Assesses country's own VS performance
- Undertaken by national experts with input by external Experts, if requested









### **Veterinary Services\***

Governmental and Non-Governmental Organisations that implement

- Animal health and welfare measures
- Other standards and recommendations, as in the TAHC and AAHC
- Are under the overall control and direction of the Veterinary Authority
- Private sector veterinarians and organisations including Veterinary para-professionals, Aquatic animal health professionals
  - Normally accredited by the Vet. Authority

#### **Veterinary Authority\***

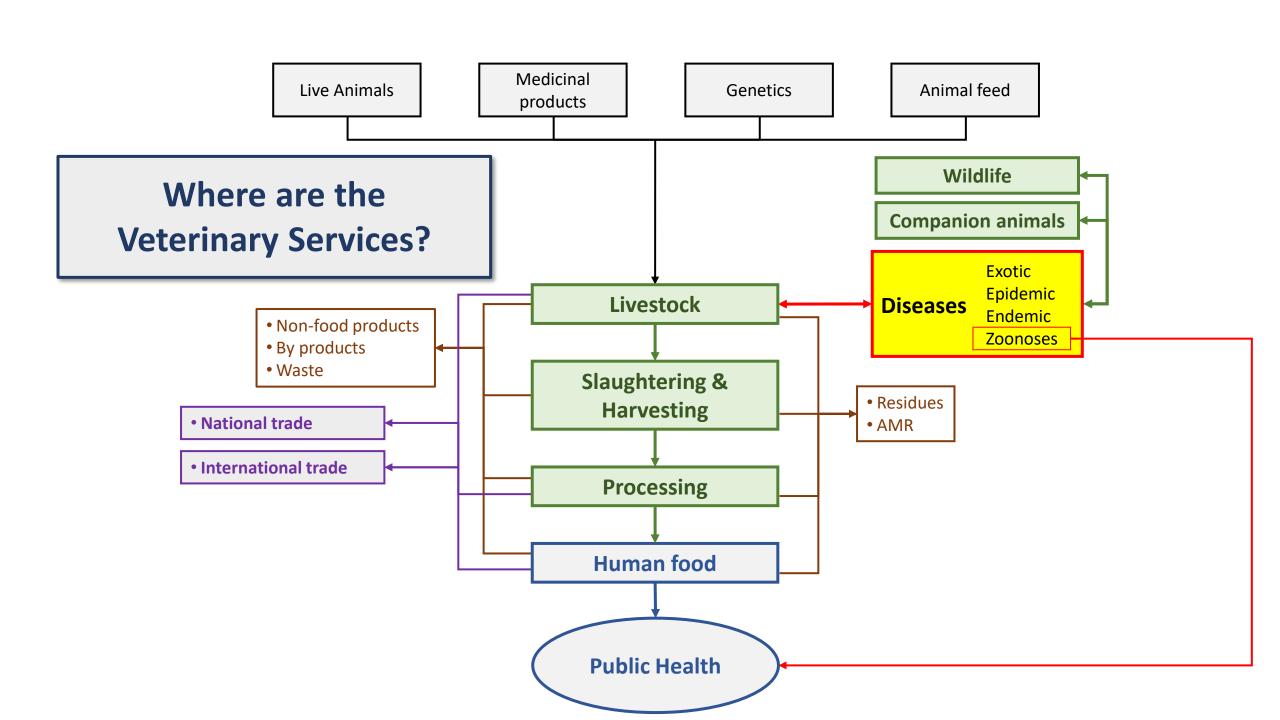
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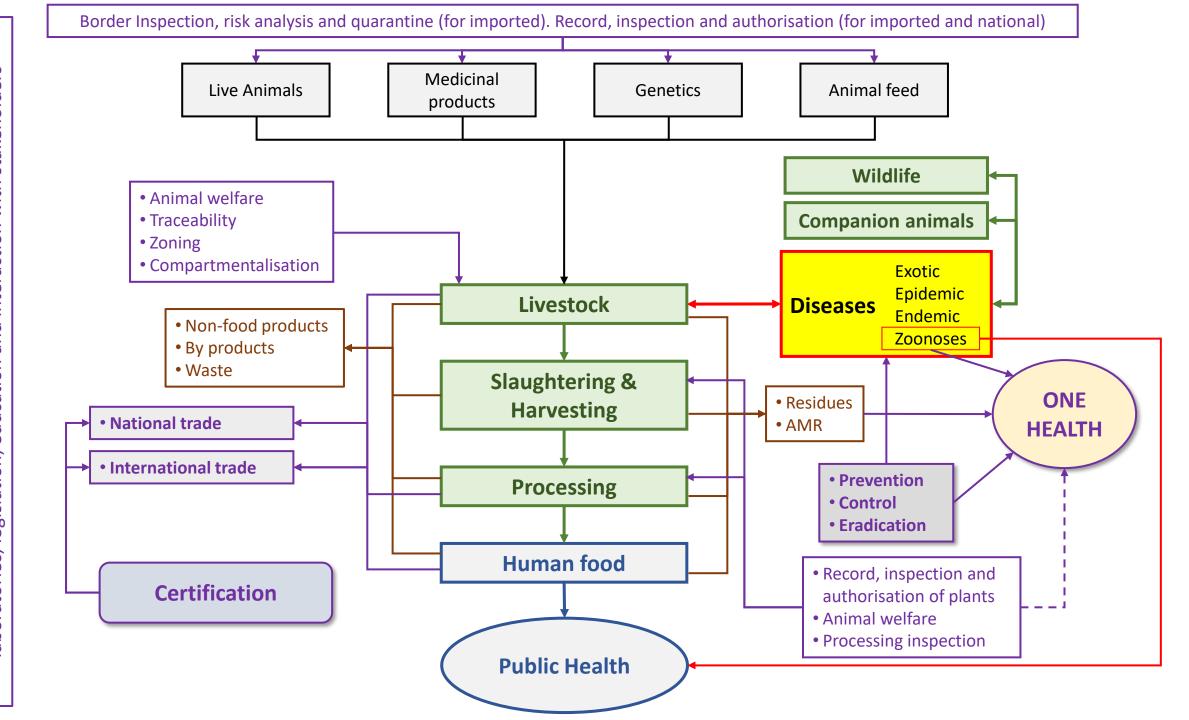
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- International veterinary certification
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#### **Competent Authority\***

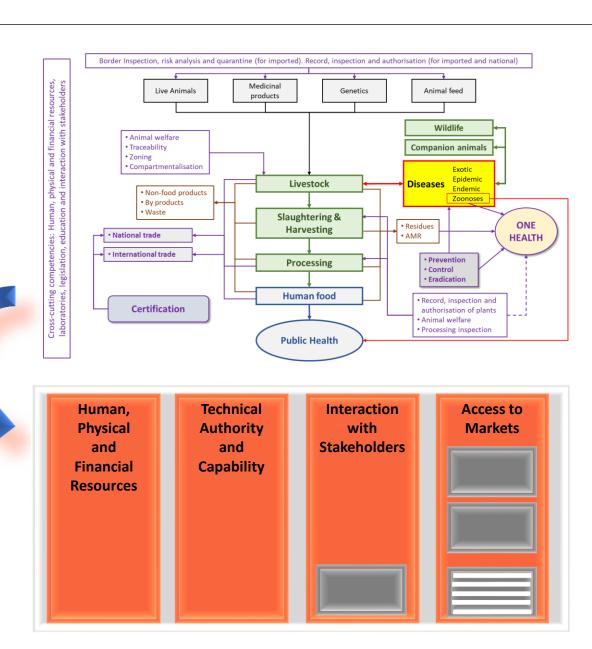
The Veterinary Authority, or other Authority, with responsibility for

- The implementation of animal health and welfare
- International veterinary certification
- Other standards and recommendations of the TAHC and AAHC



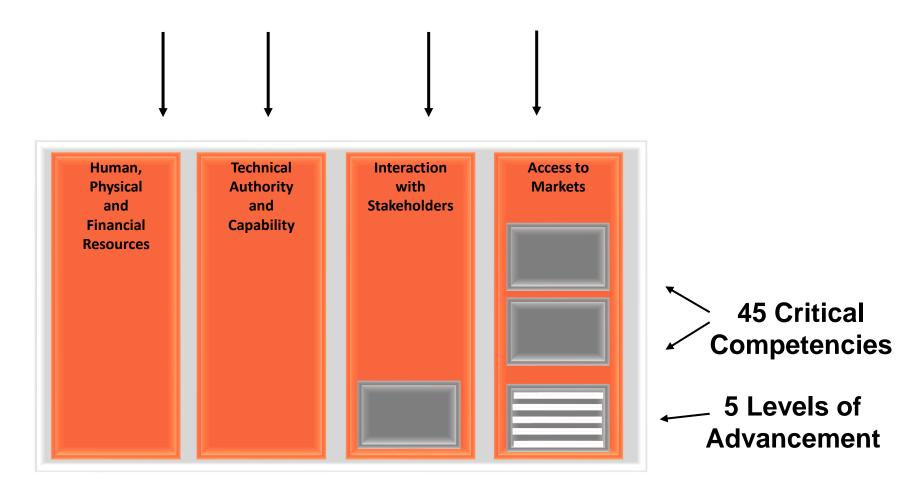


- Complex
- Develop categories and assessment criteria for the Veterinary Domain
  - √ 45 'Critical Competencies'
  - ✓ 4 'Fundamental Components'





#### **4 Fundamental Components**



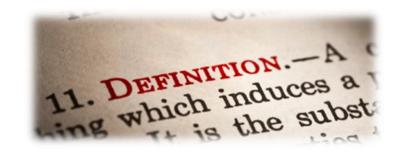


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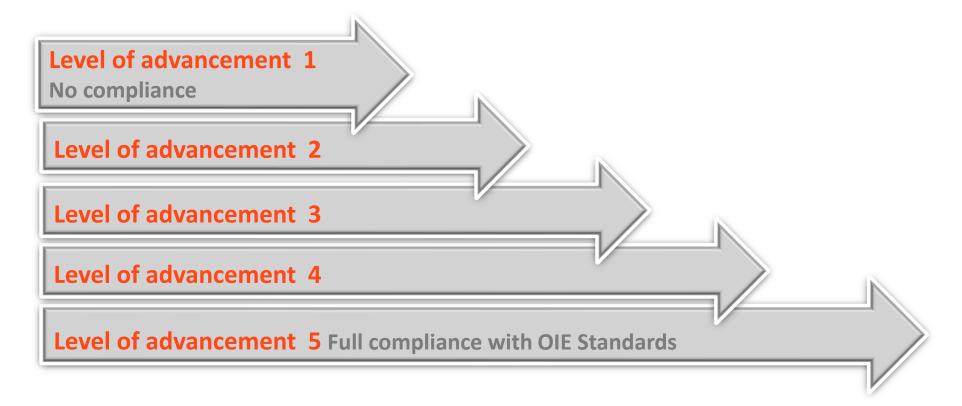
'a specific competency required for the VS to comply with WOAH standards'

#### For example: 1.7 Physical resources and capital investment

The access of the VS to functional and well-maintained physical resources including buildings, transport, information technology (e.g. internet access), cold chain, and other necessary equipment or structures. This includes whether major capital investment is available.



- 5 Levels of Advancement for each Critical Competency
- □ Progressive: a higher Level assumes **compliance with** <u>all</u> **preceding levels**
- Increasing compliance with WOAH Standards

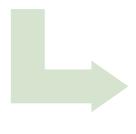


# Gather Information

- Documents
- Field/site visits Observations
- Interviews

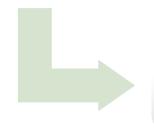
Identify Relevant Information

- Some elements relate to many CCs
- Present as 'Findings'



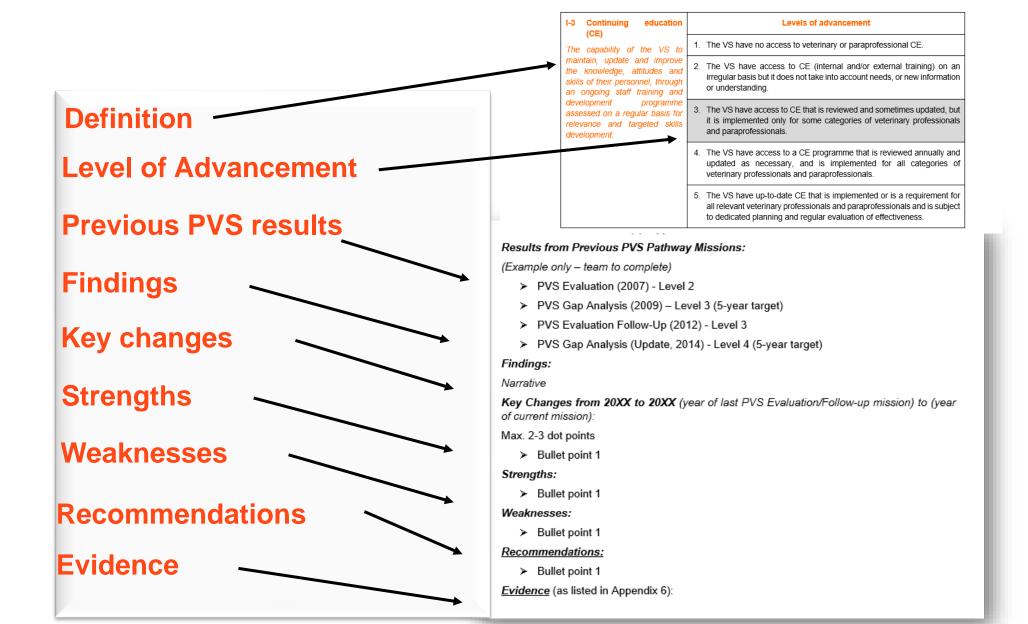
Assign the appropriate Level of Advancement

 Identify and reference the evidence to support the level



Identify key
Strengths,
Weaknesses and
Recommendations









- I. Human, Physical and Financial Resources
- II. Technical Authority and Capability
- III. Interaction with Stakeholders
- IV. Access to Markets







## I. Human, Physical and Financial Resources

CC I-1	Professional and technical staffing of the Veterinary Services	
CC I-2	Competency and education of veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals	
CC I-3	Continuing education	
CC I-4	Technical independence	
CC I-5	Planning, sustainability and management of policies and programmes	
CC I-6	Coordination capability of the Veterinary Services	
CC I-7	Physical resources and capital investment	
CC I-8	Operational funding	
CC I-9	Emergency funding	



CC I-1A&B Staffing: Veterinary and other professionals (university qualified)

/ veterinary paraprofessionals

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paraprofessionals

CC I-3 Continuing education







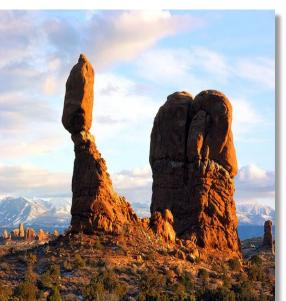
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CC I-6A&B Coordination capability of the Veterinary Services

internal coordination (chain of command)/ external coordination (including the One Health approach)



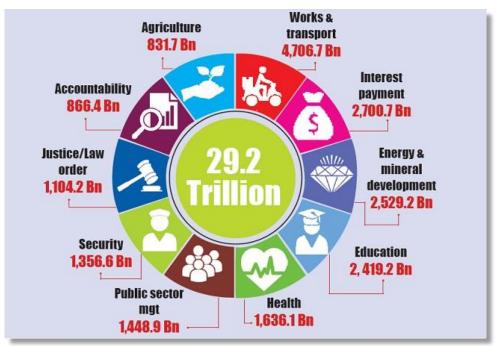


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CC I-8 Operational funding

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### **II. Technical Authority and Capability**

CC II-1	Veterinary laboratory diagnosis
CC II-2	Risk analysis and epidemiology
CC II-3	Quarantine and border security
CC II-4	Surveillance and early detection
CC II-5	Emergency preparedness and response
CC II-6	Disease prevention, control and eradication
CC II-7	Animal production food safety
CC II-8	Veterinary medicines and biologicals
CC II-9	Antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial use
CC II-10	Residue testing, monitoring and management
CC II-11	Animal feed safety
CC II-12	Identification, traceability and movement control
CC II-13	Animal welfare

CC II-1A CC II-1B CC II-1C Access to veterinary laboratory diagnosis Suitability of the national laboratory system Laboratory quality management systems (QMS)









CC II-2 Risk analysis and epidemiology

CC II-3 Quarantine and border security







CC II-4A Surveillance and early detection – passive surveillance, early detection and epidemiological outbreak investigation

CC II-4B Surveillance and early detection – active surveillance and

monitoring

CC II-5 Emergency preparedness and response

CC II-6 Disease prevention, control and eradication







CC II-7A Regulation, inspection, authorisation and supervision of

establishments for production and processing of food of

animal origin

CC II-7B Ante- and post-mortem inspection









CC II-9 Antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial use

CC II-10 Residue testing, monitoring and management







## CC II-11 Animal feed safety







CC II-12A Premises, herd, batch and animal identification, tracing

and movement control

CC II-12B Identification, traceability and control of products of animal

origin









## CC II-13 Animal welfare









#### **III. Interaction with Stakeholders**

CC III-1	Communication
CC III-2	Consultation with stakeholders
CC III-3	Official representation and international collaboration
CC III-4	Accreditation / Authorisation / Delegation
CC III-5	Regulation of the profession by the Veterinary Statutory Body
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#### IV. Access to Markets

Section IV-1 Veterinary legislation

Section IV-2 International harmonisation

Section IV-3 International certification

Section IV-5 Equivalence and other types of sanitary agreements

Section IV-6 Transparency

Section IV-7 Zoning

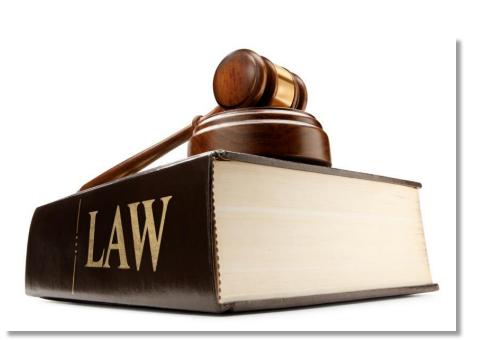
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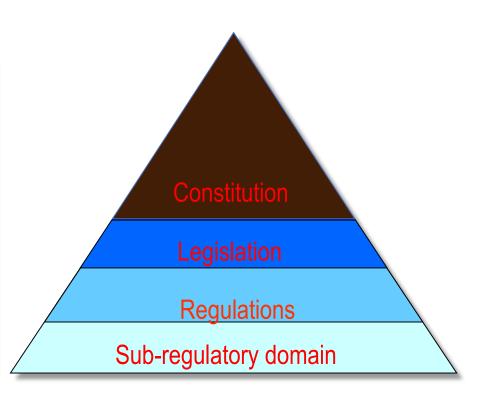
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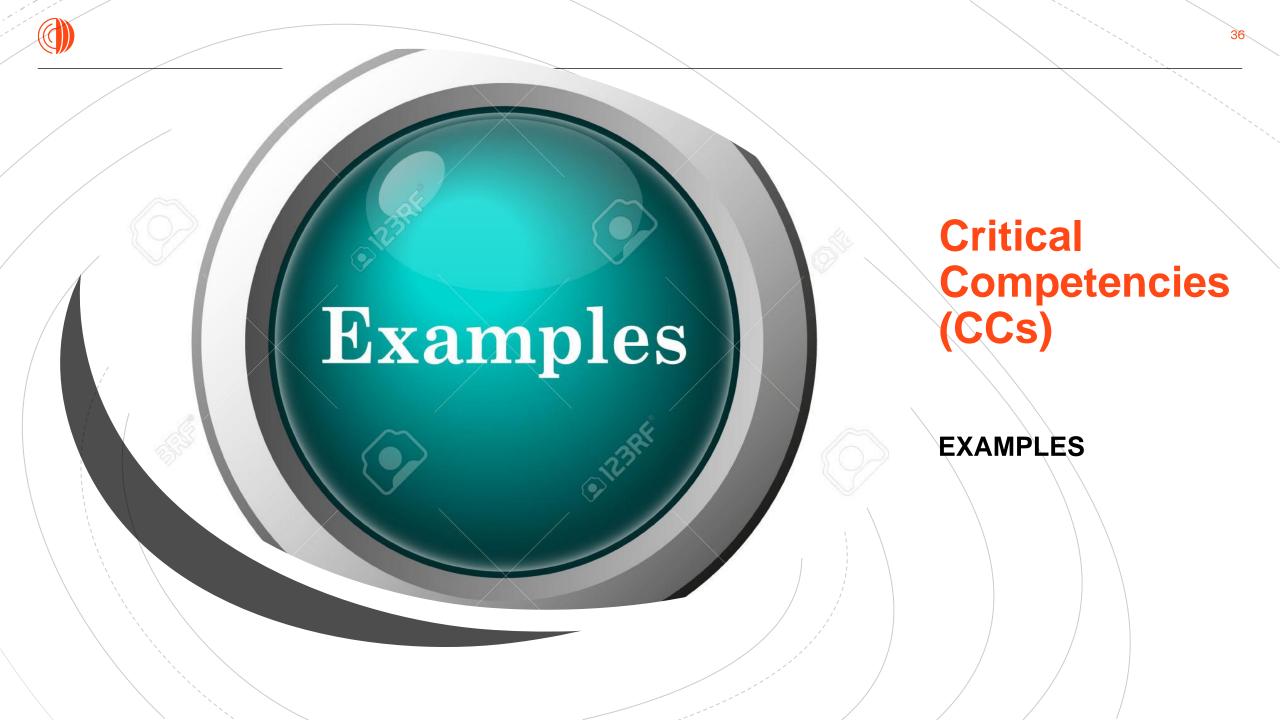
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  - **B.** Active surveillance and monitoring





#### II-4. SURVEILLANCE<sup>10</sup> AND EARLY DETECTION

#### **DEFINITION**

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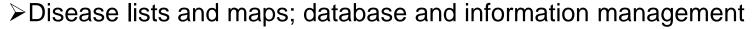
#### LEVELS OF ADVANCEMENT

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#### **Sources of verification** → **Evidence**





- ➤ Priority and notifiable disease lists
- ➤ Animal populations and distribution
- ➤ Disease knowledge including zoonoses, epidemiology skills
- ➤VS network and field services/officers; abattoirs, markets, etc.
- ➤ Private sector systems, reports, integration
- >Reports/records of disease investigations, surveys, communications
- ➤ Sample collection and lab testing
- ➤ Legislation
- ➤ Animal ID and traceability
- ➤ Knowledge of OIE standards
- ➤ Audits, M&E



**Waterfowl** 





**Traders** 

**Epi studies** 

Farm biosecurity





Wild birds



## **Findings**

- ➤ Good animal population data and maps based on updated census
- ➤ List of notifiable diseases
- ➤ Epidemiologists with Masters/PhDs at HQ
- > Field epi training courses run for all veterinary staff
- ➤ Passive surveillance data captured through SMS system from field officers
- Samples commonly collected and tested in labs; lab data combined with field data in AHIS
- ➤ Transport available and appropriate budget
- Few private vets; government officers at abattoirs and main markets
- ➤Good awareness amongst livestock owners to report; reporting back to producers can be delayed; few reports on poultry disease
- ➤Good information sharing with the human health services but no joint investigations



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### **Strengths**

- Passive disease surveillance programme with use of diagnostic testing
- Good support from private sector
- Good coordination with public health services
- Effective AHIS (animal health information system)
- Specialist epidemiologists available

### **Weaknesses**

- Reporting back to producers is often lacking or delayed
- Limited information on the poultry industry or its health status







# EXAMPLE

#### Recommendations

- Ensure the results of all samples tested are provided back to the owner/producer, in good time; the significance of these results should also be interpreted for the livestock owner
- Engage with the poultry industry and develop surveillance programmes of mutual benefit
- There is also the opportunity to work more closely with public health in joint investigations





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A. Passive surveillance, early detection and epidemiological outbreak investigation



B. Active surveillance and monitoring





#### Sources of verification → Evidence



- ➤ Animal premises, populations and distribution
- ➤ Disease control programmes and information management
- >Resources to run surveys: design, technical and field staff, equipment, materials
- ➤ Risk analysis used for survey design/targetingpopulations
- ➤ Private sector communications and support, joint programmes
- ➤ International support
- ➤ Evidence of surveys undertaken —annual, sporadic
- ➤ Survey reports
- ➤ Knowledge of OIE standards
- ➤ Audits, M&E and critical review





#### II-4. SURVEILLANCE AND EARLY DETECTION

#### **DEFINITION**

# B. Active surveillance<sup>12</sup> and monitoring

Surveillance targeting a specific disease, infection or hazard to determine its prevalence, measure progress in disease control or support the demonstration of disease freedom (with passive surveillance), most often in the form of pre-planned surveys with structured sampling and laboratory testing.

#### LEVELS OF ADVANCEMENT

- **1.** The VS have no active surveillance programme.
- 2. The VS conduct active surveillance for one or a few diseases, infections or hazards (of economic or zoonotic importance), but the surveillance is not representative of the population and the surveillance methodology is not revised regularly. The results are reported with limited analysis.
- 3. The VS conduct active surveillance using scientific principles and OIE standards for some diseases, infections or hazards, but it is not representative of the susceptible populations and/or is not updated regularly. The results are analysed and reported to stakeholders.
- 4. The VS conduct active surveillance in compliance with scientific principles and OIE standards for some diseases, infections or hazards which is representative of all susceptible populations and is updated regularly. Results are routinely analysed, reported and used to guide further surveillance activities, disease control priorities, etc.
- 5. The VS conduct ongoing active surveillance for most significant diseases, infections and hazards and apply it to all susceptible populations. The results are routinely analysed and used to guide disease control and other activities. The active surveillance programmes are regularly reviewed and updated to ensure they meet country needs and OIE reporting obligations.





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