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The OIE could not achieve its objective to improve animal health worldwide, without effective solidarity between rich and poor Member countries. Mandatory contributions of OIE Members are mainly dedicated to fundamental standard setting activities. The OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund was created in May 2004 by Resolution of the OIE World Assembly “for the purpose of projects of international public utility relating to the control of animal diseases, including those affecting humans and the promotion of animal welfare and animal production food safety”, to support programmes mainly linked to this solidarity principle.

Within the general governance of the OIE, the World Fund operations are handled through its Management Committee, chaired by the President of the World Assembly of the OIE, an Advisory Committee, and a coordination unit at OIE Headquarters.

The activities supported by the World Fund are as follows, priority is given to good governance of Veterinary Services:

- OIE global studies and advocacy strategic notes with key international partners;
- The PVS Pathway: Initial qualitative Evaluation of Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS); quantitative PVS Gap Analysis, update of country strategic plans, PVS follow-up evaluations, and support to the modernisation of country veterinary legislation using the OIE guidelines on veterinary legislation;
- Capacity Building activities include global conferences and regional training seminars for country Delegates and National OIE focal points on animal health information systems; animal production food safety; veterinary medicinal and biological products; aquatic animal diseases; animal welfare; and wildlife;
- The OIE Laboratory twinning programme;
- Global and regional Vaccine Banks (initially on Avian influenza) for all developing countries, with recent specific arrangements in Asia which cover Foot and mouth diseases and Rabies;
- Further development of the OIE/FAO Network of Expertise on Animal Influenza (OFFLU); and of the FAO/OIE/WHO - Global Early Warning and Response System for Major Animal Diseases, including Zoonoses (GLEWS).



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