

Do you know

THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH?



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Protecting animals, preserving our future

DISCOVER...



STANDARDS

IMPROVING ANIMAL HEALTH,
ANIMAL WELFARE AND
VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH
WORLDWIDE



TRANSPARENCY

SHARING, IN REAL TIME,
RELIABLE INFORMATION
ON THE ANIMAL DISEASE
SITUATION WORLDWIDE



EXPERTISE

COLLECTING, ANALYSING
AND DISSEMINATING
VETERINARY SCIENTIFIC
INFORMATION WORLDWIDE



SOLIDARITY

DEVELOPING
INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY
TO ACHIEVE BETTER
CONTROL OF ANIMAL
DISEASES IN THE WORLD

OUR CORE MISSIONS

The OIE's international standards on **animal health and welfare** are prepared and updated by recognised scientific experts and are democratically adopted at annual General Sessions of the World Assembly of Delegates of the OIE. Each national Delegate of the **181 Member Countries** is entitled to one vote.

Recognised as reference by the World Trade Organization (WTO), these standards are designed to prevent and control animal diseases, including zoonoses, ensure the sanitary safety of world trade in terrestrial and aquatic animals and animal products, and improve animal welfare.

Nowadays, through the effects of globalisation, infectious diseases can often spread at lightning speed. **60% of the pathogens that affect humans are of animal origin.** Effective surveillance, enabling early detection of these diseases at their source in animals, is therefore crucial so that they can be quickly controlled, thereby protecting animal and human populations.

Since its creation, one of the OIE's historic missions has been to ensure transparency and improve knowledge of the **global animal disease situation**, including zoonoses. This mission is fulfilled on a daily basis thanks to a unique tool, the OIE **World Animal Health Information System, WAHIS.**

The OIE collects and analyses the latest **scientific information** on prevention and control of animal diseases. This information is then made available to Member Countries so that they can apply the most effective methods.

The work of the OIE is supported by a **worldwide network of expertise** that has expanded and consolidated over the years. The regular increase in national Focal Points and OIE Reference Centres, the permanent exchange of information and the constant strengthening of the scientific and technical competencies of the members of this network all help to ensure the scientific excellence of the OIE worldwide.

The OIE supports its Member Countries and helps them **strengthen and improve the structure of their national animal health systems** in line with the Organisation's intergovernmental standards, notably by acting on the quality of the national Veterinary Services, diagnostic laboratories and veterinary education.

To help developing and emerging countries deal effectively with health threats, the OIE provides support through a range of programmes, notably within the framework of the **PVS (Performance of Veterinary Services) Pathway**, aimed at consolidating national animal health systems by providing customised assistance. These programmes are partly financed from contributions received by the OIE **Animal Health and Welfare World Fund.**

OUR WORLDWIDE NETWORK

181  Member Countries

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322  Reference Centres

THE OIE IS AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION WITH 181 MEMBER COUNTRIES, WHICH HAVE GIVEN IT A MANDATE TO IMPROVE ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE WORLDWIDE

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