Multi-stakeholder partnership with the OIE to promote the welfare of working equids

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100 million working horses, donkeys and mules provide invaluable support to daily life for an estimated 600 million people in some of the poorest places in the world, through haulage, transportation and production. Healthy working horses, donkeys and mules help to put food on their tables, send their children to school and build better futures for themselves and their families.
Role of working equine animals in Families’ livelihoods
Development of the standards
Challenges

• Raise awareness of the standards by the majority of stakeholders who should be directly involved in their implementation;
• Make available funding for the dissemination and implementation of standards;
• Share agenda around the implementation of OIE standards, especially for French-speaking countries;
• Include animal welfare standards in national agendas’ priorities.
National implementation example
Recommandations

- Strong and effective partnership between OIE and Non-Government Organisations;
- Development of joint Action Plan for dissemination of the Standards;
- Support to OIE Regional Offices to identify training needs, to plan and budget training;
- Training of all Chief Veterinary Officers and OIE Animal Welfare Focal points;
- Development of accessible materials and communication tools around Equine Welfare Standards;
- Collaboration with Legal Entities in countries, to develop laws and regulations for Equine Welfare.
Merci

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