Rinderpest, also known as cattle plague, is a highly contagious viral disease affecting cloven-hoofed animals (mainly cattle and buffalo).

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**Know what to do if you suspect a case of rinderpest**

1. **Report immediately to the National Veterinary Authorities.**
2. The National Veterinary Authorities should implement their national contingency plan immediately.
3. Samples should be collected and dispatched to one of the appointed OIE Rinderpest Reference Laboratories.
4. Provide supporting information and assist in identifying the possible source and spread of the virus.

**Deaths & economic losses**

- Death of millions of cows
- Famine and food insecurity
- FAO estimates the total costs of control at USD 610 millions

**Let's make sure rinderpest stays history**

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- Erosive lesions in the mouth
- Discharge from the nose and eyes
- Profuse diarrhoea and dehydration
- Often leading to death within 10 to 15 days

**WHAT IS RINDERPEST?**

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**Veterinary Education Establishments teach & inspire**

- Include rinderpest in the veterinary curricula
- Ensure that information on rinderpest is transmitted to the next generation of veterinarians

**Laboratories eliminate**

- Do not store the virus
- Ensure its safe destruction
- If needed, safely transfer it to a Rinderpest Holding Facility approved by the OIE and FAO

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