Global Early Warning System for Animal Diseases, Including Zoonoses (GLEWS)

Coordinating & Combining Alert Mechanisms for Priority Zoonotic Disease Threats

Description	The Global Early Warning and Response System (GLEWS) is a joint system that builds on the added value of combining and coordinating the alert and response mechanisms of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) for the international community and stakeholders to assist in prediction, prevention and control of animal disease threats, including zoonoses, through sharing of information, epidemiological analysis and joint field missions to assess and control the outbreak, whenever needed. The three organizations use complementary and partly overlapping sources of information to identify infectious disease events.
Purpose	The overall aim of GLEWS is to improve the early warning and response capacity to animal disease threats of the three sister organizations for the benefit of the international community.
Scope	Global
Primary Funders	See participants and key collaborators.
Participants & Key Collaborators	OIE, FAO, WHO.
Definition of One Health	None. GLEWS is based on the idea that infection does not recognize geographical nor species borders. For its zoonotic component it takes a stand in the shift in paradigm from independence to interdependence of agencies and professions involved in zoonotic control.
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	(unknown)
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