World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

Improving Animal Health Worldwide

Description	The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is the intergovernmental organization responsible for improving animal health worldwide. The OIE is recognized as a reference organization by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and works to: ensure transparency in the global animal disease situation; collect, analyze and disseminate veterinary scientific information; encourage international solidarity in the control of animal diseases; safeguard world trade through sanitary safety by publishing health standards for international trade in animals and animal products; improve the legal framework and resources of national Veterinary Services; and provide a better guarantee of food safety (of food of animal origin) and to promote animal welfare through a science-based approach.
Purpose	To improve animal health, veterinary public health and animal welfare world-wide through: prevention of spread of animal diseases; prevention and control of animal diseases transmissible to humans (zoonoses); reduction of risks from infectious diseases at the animal–human–ecosystems interface; improved animal production food safety measures; and improvement of animal welfare.
Scope	Global
Primary Funders	The OIE's financial resources are derived principally from compulsory annual contributions backed up by voluntary contributions from member countries.
Participants & Key Collaborators	The OIE is comprised of 178 member countries, maintains permanent relations with 45 other international and regional organizations, and has regional and sub-regional offices on every continent.
Definition of One Health	The OIE's strategic plan describes the application of the "One Health" concept for the reduction of risks of high impact diseases at the animal–human–ecosystems interface. This will require consideration of work in certain non-traditional areas, such as infectious diseases in wildlife, working animals, competition and companion animals, in addition to food-producing animals.
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	The OIE has adopted a five-year strategic planning cycle. After the adoption of the Fifth (current) Strategic Plan, an initial Program of Work will be prepared (that gives effect to the objectives in the Plan) followed by annual Programs of Work that will take into account resource requirements (which will be adjusted if needed to meet objectives). There will be a mid-term review of progress. The OIE has also implemented an evaluation and gap analysis process for its support programs to member countries that are financed by the OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund.
Sources of Information	OIE's Website: http://www.oie.int/
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