Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Leading International Efforts to Achieve Food Security for All

Description	The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is in the process of integrating One Health into its organizational culture, focusing strategically on issues common to the domains of human, domestic animal, and wildlife health. Key issues the FAO is focusing on include surveillance and disease intelligence at the three health domains, the need to improve biosecurity, mechanisms to address socio-economic disincentives, the need to address broader developmental issues, communication strategies at different levels, effective long-term public-private partnership, and the development of a common monitoring and evaluation framework. FAO is also working to develop synergy within its own programs to improve collaboration and streamline efforts.
Purpose	Achieving food security for all is at the heart of FAO's efforts. FAO's mandate is to raise levels of nutrition, improve agricultural productivity and animal health, better the lives of rural populations and contribute to the growth of the world economy.
Scope	Global
Primary Funders	FAO's overall work is funded by assessed and voluntary contributions. The assessed contributions are member countries' contributions, set at the biennial FAO Conference. The voluntary contributions provided by members and other partners support technical and emergency (including rehabilitation) assistance to governments, as well as direct support to FAO's core work.
Participants & Key Collaborators	The World Health Organization (WHO), World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the World Bank, United Nations Development Program, Unicef, and UN System Influenza Coordination.
Definition of One Health	One Health is a collaborative, international, cross-sectoral, multidisciplinary mechanism to address threats and reduce risks of detrimental infectious diseases at the animal-human-ecosystem interface.
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	FAO has a formal action plan to increase the One Health approach which has official endorsement and for which funds needs to be raised. The strategic framework FAO developed with its partners includes five specific objectives with numerous key outputs for each. Timeline for implementation will depend on successful resource mobilization.
Sources of Information	FAO and partners' One Health strategic framework: ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/011/aj137e/aj137e00.pdf Interview with Katinka de Balogh
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