



THE VIET NAM ONE HEALTH PARTNERSHIP FOR ZOOZNOSES (OHP)

ONE HEALTH IN VIET NAM

The tropical Asia region in which Viet Nam is located is considered one of five global “hot spots” for EIDs in humans and animals. Since 2003, Viet Nam has experienced serious human and economic impacts from zoonotic EIDs including SARS and Avian Influenza, as well as agricultural losses from livestock diseases estimated at over one billion USD.

Effective high-level national coordination and international cooperation has been a hallmark of Viet Nam’s response to EIDs in humans and animals. Since 2006, the Partnership on Avian and Human Influenza (PAHI), with 26 national and

international members, has supported national and international efforts within the framework of the *National Integrated Operational Program on Avian and Human Influenza (OPI)*, 2006-2010, and the *National Integrated Operational Program on Avian Influenza, Pandemic Preparedness and Emerging Infectious Diseases (AIPED)*, 2011-2015. The overall approach in Viet Nam has progressively evolved from a single-disease focus towards long-term One Health capacity building, preparedness and prevention, encompassing multiple zoonotic EID threats, and incorporating human, livestock, wildlife, and environmental health aspects.

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Building on and expanding earlier efforts, the OHP was launched in March 2016. It brings together national and international governmental and non-governmental One Health stakeholders under

the leadership of the Government of Viet Nam. The updated list of signatories to the Partnership Framework is available on the Partnership [website: www.onehealth.org.vn](http://www.onehealth.org.vn)

Overall Goal: To enhance the capacity of Viet Nam to address zoonotic infectious diseases threats at the human-animal*-ecosystem interface (*including livestock, wildlife and other species).

Detailed Objectives:

1. Establish a sustainable and stable forum for policy dialogue, inter-sectoral and multi-disciplinary cooperation between government agencies and civil society partners in order to strengthen the protection and improvement of human, animal and wildlife health
2. Provide recommendations to decision makers on One Health policy, strategy and research projects in Vietnam, strengthening institutional capacity for implementation of One Health in public health protection, as well as participate in policy advocacy activities
3. Provide a framework for wide and timely information sharing and communication within national and international partners on One Health related issues. Intensify community education, also facilitate engagement of community in One Health strategy planning and implementation
4. Enhance international cooperation for effective coordination and mobilization of funding for One Health activities in Vietnam. Facilitate and promote engagement of Vietnam in regional and global One Health effort

ONE HEALTH AND EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

In recent years, there has been increasing global attention to the risk of emerging infectious diseases (EIDs) arising at the human-animal-ecosystem interface, with the potential for substantial, rapid and extremely far-reaching consequences to human health, livelihoods and economic development. Around 60 percent of EID events in humans are zoonotic (originating in animals); of these, more than 70 percent originate in wild animals (examples include HIV, Ebola, MERS-CoV, and SARS). One Health recognizes that the health of humans, animals (including livestock, wildlife and other animals), and ecosystems are inextricably linked. A One Health approach brings together multiple sectors and disciplines at all levels to identify potential public health risks and to undertake aligned and coordinated prevention and control actions.

THE OHP STEERING COMMITTEE:

- Chair: Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)
- Vice-Chairs: Vice-Ministers of MARD and the Ministry of Health (MOH)
- Standing members: MARD International Cooperation Department and Department of Animal Health. MOH General Department of Preventive Medicine.

The Annual One Health Forum: includes One Health policy dialogue, discussion and development of strategies/plans for Partnership activities during that year.

Policy and Technical Research Groups: may be established for specific assignments. The One Health Communications Network (OHCN) continues as an OHP working group.

The OHP Office: serves as a focal point for Partnership activities. The Director and Deputy-Director are appointed by MARD and MOH respectively, supported by a small full-time staff.

Partnership timeframe: 2016 to 2020, aligned with national plans, the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) and USAID's Emerging Pandemic Threats Program (EPT-2).

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