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Country Presentation FMD – Prevention and Preparedness

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- Import and export controls are imposed by the National Directorate of Quarantine and Biosecurity at MAF using powers granted by Decree law No. 21/2003 – quarantine regulation on import and exports.
- All domestic animal health functions (surveillance, disease control) are implemented by the National Veterinary Directorate. To support this work, a Sanitary and phytosanitary law is under development with the support of the IFC-World Bank.
- TL-Australia collaborative survey on animal diseases (Zoonotic and exotic),
- A network of 182 veterinary technicians and livestock technician and 8 veterinarians are employed by the Directorate are responsible for surveillance and emergency response. A newly implemented cloud-based surveillance database contains nearly 900 surveillance records after approximately one year of implementation.
- Public awareness activities at the border area between TL-Indonesia
- Animal health activities are funded by a mix of government and donor funding.

FMD Preparedness strategies

- Veterinary staff have undergone emergency management training (June & Sept 2022)
- Laboratory capacity upgraded – now with LAMP-qPCR for ASF, CSF, FMD, AI, ND, LSD
- Cloud-based Epicollect5 passive surveillance with remote data input
- Contingency plan for FMD in draft form, also generic multi-disease contingency plan
- Cloud-based emergency management database complete and ready for testing
- Full functional FMD simulation exercise in planning for 2023
- Recent FMD surveys (94 goats, 19 pigs) in Ermera and Dili municipalities all PCR negative for FMD (April, 2022)

Main challenges and recommended solution

Funding of salaries and regular activities

Requires collaboration with Cabinet and members of parliament

Improved legislation/regulation to empower Veterinary Services

Collaboration with Cabinet and senior officials

Consultation with farmers – lack of farmer organisations

Possible role for donors and NGOs to help farmers organize



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