

Being a Member of the World Organisation for Animal Health

“ The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE) is the global authority on animal health: we work across borders to improve the health of animals and our future, recognising that animal health impacts everyone’s health. ”



What are the benefits?

Participation as a **Member (Permanent Delegate or representative)** in the annual General Session of the World Assembly of Delegates respecting the democratic principle of ‘**one country, one vote**’.



Six categories of contribution levels to choose from.



Access to special funds for animal disease and welfare related activities.

Contributing to health standards for international trade in animals and animal products to safeguard trade. Commenting on the draft WOAH international standards, guidelines and recommendations allows any Member to ensure its national interests and constraints are better addressed, and Members can adapt timely to the evolving sanitary standards.

Training of the Delegates and WOAH focal points for Veterinary Services on implementation of WOAH standards and strengthen positions in trade negotiations and agreements.

Access to a quick WOAH procedure for dispute mediation.

Transparency in the global animal disease situation. Members undertake immediate notifications of animal diseases detected and have equal access to global animal disease reports via WAHIS, to ensure preparedness and early response for protection.

Promoting the Veterinary Services. Veterinary Services and laboratories of developing and transition countries are supported with the necessary infrastructure, resources and capacities to implement strategies and surveillance programmes, including One Health, aquatic animals and wildlife.

Support Members diseases strategies through WOAH Vaccine Banks, and strengthening Veterinary Services capacity through the PVS Pathway.

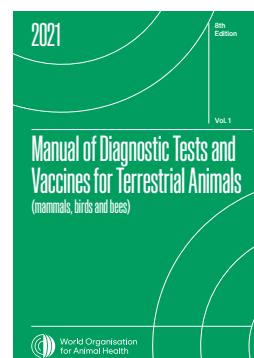
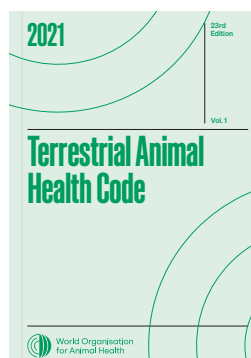
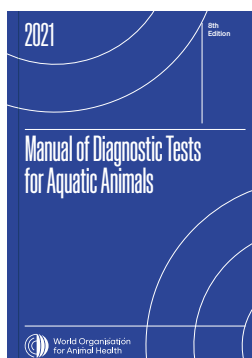
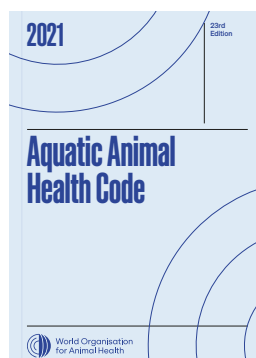
Scientific information and expertise. Members in need are offered WOAH expertise to help them control animal diseases that cause livestock losses, present a risk to public health and threaten other Members.

Members have access to the latest scientific information on animal disease control through a network of 246 WOAH Reference Centres, periodicals and invitations to specialist conferences, workshops and symposia.

Direct support through 13 WOAH Regional Representations.

What do we do?

We provide standards for the improvement of animal health and welfare and veterinary public health worldwide. Our manuals provide a standardised approach to the diagnosis of diseases listed in the Terrestrial and Aquatic Codes.



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