# WOAH's efforts on improving

# veterinary education in Asia

## including support for regional/subregional networks

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Promoting SA VEE & VSB Network and AAVS Membership Among South Asian Veterinary Schools



# Timeline

1924	1945	1998	2003	2004	2022
Creation of the <b>Office International</b> <b>des Epizooties</b> (OIE)	Creation of the United Nations (UN)	The World Trade Organisation and OIE signed the SPS Agreement	New common name: World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)	Adoption of first animal welfare standards	New common acronym: <b>WOAH</b>

# **Our Worldwide Network**









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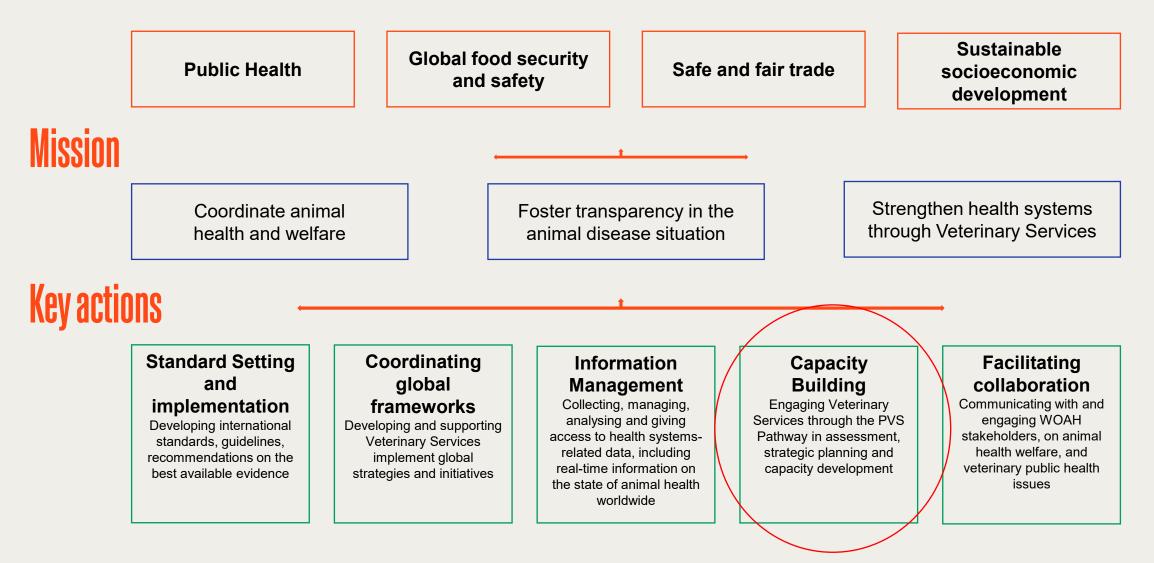


**Regional and Sub-regional** Representations



Vision

Provide leadership in global animal health governance. Improve animal health care and welfare worldwide and support global goals.

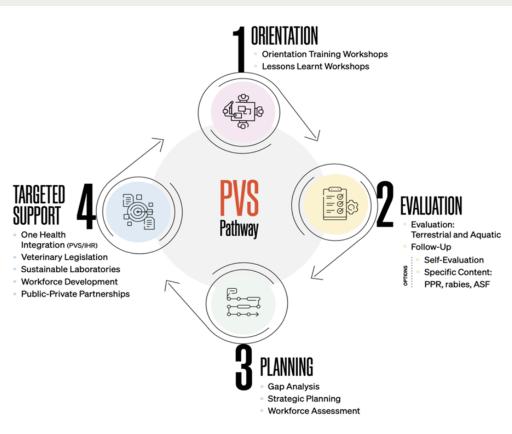




# The WOAH Capacity-building framework

## The PVS Pathway: Services for Members

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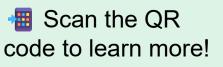


## Continued PVS engagement in Asia-Pacific

96% of Members in the Asia Pacific Region benefited from the PVS Pathway activities, primarily engaged in Evaluation and Targeted Support









## The PVS Pathway and Veterinary Workforce Development

1. ORIENTATION to introduce the importance of Workforce Development in the context of the PVS Pathway

4. TARGETED SUPPORT to help support the legal and regulatory enabling environment required for optimisation of veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals in the veterinary workforce, as well as curricula tools to strengthen the training of veterinarians and VPPs. 2. EVALUATION → early assessment of workforce needs through Critical Competencies I-1 and I-2 to assess staffing numbers (CC I-1) and staff competencies and training (CC I-2)

3. The Gap Analysis in the PLANNING stage contains an animal health and other tools that can be used to calculate Members veterinary workforce needs for scheduled activities of the National Veterinary Services





# The WOAH Capacity-building framework (Targeted)

Veterinary Workforce Development Programme

We can help members develop a **National Strategy for Workforce Development** to ensure the needed numbers and competencies, and an enabling environment for performance.

- ✓ Tailored National Workforce Development workshops
- VEE Twinning programme for quality education
- VSB Support Programme (coming soon)
- Tools for rapid workforce assessment (coming soon)
- Competency-based Training System

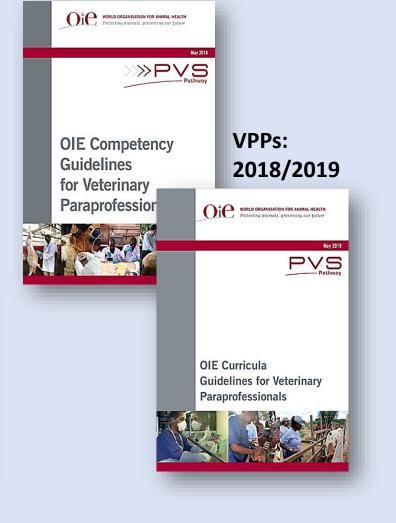


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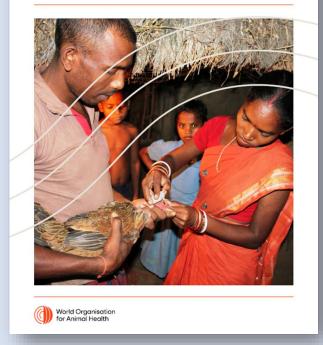
# WOAH's 'Trilogy' of Competency and Curricula Guidelines



Veterinarians: 2012/2013 Review and update soon!



Competency and Curriculum Guidelines for Community Animal Health Workers



**CAHWs 2024** 

# Glimpse of national workforce development workshops (Asia)



Malaysia, Aug 2022



Bhutan, Oct 2022



Philippines, Nov 2022



Thailand, Mar 2023



Lao PDR, Apr 2023



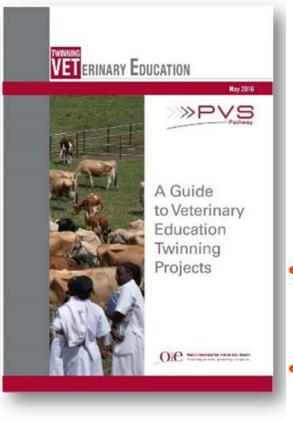
Vietnam, Nov 2023



Indonesia, Apr 2025



#### Veterinary Education Support

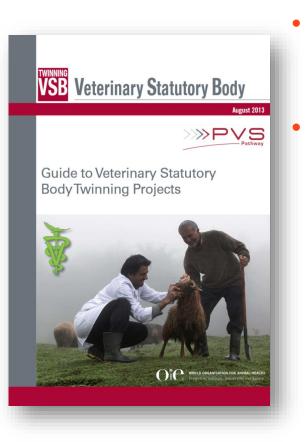


#### Veterinary Education Establishment (VEE) Twinning Projects

- Key Objectives:
  - Modernise the veterinary curriculum and the way it is delivered (improved pedagogical techniques)
  - Improve alignment with WOAH guidelines and recommendations on veterinary education, particularly on the delivery of WOAH Day 1 Competencies
- A beneficiary VEE is paired with a parent VEE, preferably where the two VEEs already have a pre-existing relationship
- Duration of 2 3+ years
- Conditional on sufficient financial support



#### Veterinary Statutory Body Support



## Veterinary Statutory Body (VSB) support mission

- To provide support for establishing a new VSB or strengthening the scope and performance of an existing VSB
- WOAH VSB expert works directly with Member to:
  - review needs for VSB,
  - legislation needed and
  - operational set up of VSB



#### Veterinary Paraprofessional Curricula Support

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#### VPP curricula support mission

- Curricula review with VPP training institutions to update and strengthen existing curricula
- Use WOAH Competency and Curricula Guidelines for VPPs and national needs analysis
- Promote competency-based training

#### **Curricula Analysis mission**

- (Two weeks) by WOAH experts with VPP training establishments to review curricula strengths, gaps and needs
- One week country visit + one week workshop

#### **Curricula development mission**

Workshop or meetings with VPP training institutions to update curricula



# The WOAH Capacity-building framework

## The Training Platform: Learner-centred approach





Competency Package	Emodule	Level
	Leadership Essentials for Veterinary Services	Day 2
CP02 - Quality and management of Veterinary Services/AAHS	Leadership in Veterinary Services: intermediate level module	
Veterinary Services/AAHS	Leadership in Veterinary Services: advanced level module	
	of Leadership Essentials for Veterinary Services   of Leadership in Veterinary Services: intermediate level module   Leadership of Chief Veterinary Services: advanced level module Leadership of Chief Veterinary Services: advanced level module   Leadership of Chief Veterinary Officers and WOAH Delegates for stronger VS Outbreak investigation and response management –Field Veterinarians   Outbreak investigation and response management - Veterinarians paraprofessional African Swine Fever   Outbreak investigation to emergency and disaster management Reptile animal welfare   AMR General Introduction Stewardships on AMR under One Health approach   Stewardships on AMR in aquatic animals Stewardships on AMR in aquatic animals   Building a national AMR Action Plan (NAP) Public-Private Partnerships in the Veterinary Domain: An Introductory Course   International trade regulatory framework: an overview International trade regulatory framework: an overview	Expert
	Outbreak investigation and response management – Field Veterinarians	Expert
CP05 - Animal health management	Outbreak investigation and response management - Veterinarians paraprofessional	Expert
	African Swine Fever	Expert
CP06 - Emergency management	Introduction to emergency and disaster management	Day 2
CP07 - Animal welfare	Reptile animal welfare	Expert
	AMR General Introduction	Day 1
CP08 - Prudent use of	Image: Constraint of the system of the sy	Day 1
CP08 - Prudent use of antimicrobials and other veterinary		Day 2
products		Day 2
	Building a national AMR Action Plan (NAP)	Expert
CP10 - Partnership	Public-Private Partnerships in the Veterinary Domain: An Introductory Course	Day 1
P12 - Trade of animals and animal International trade regulatory framework: an overview roducts		Day 1
CP16 - Wildlife	Wildlife Surveillance	Day 2
	Wildlife Surveillance	Expert

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Available Online



Coming SOON!

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Competency Package	Emodule	1	
CP05 - Animal health management	Outbreak investigation and response management – Veterinarians in C	Expert	
	Planning for emergencies and disasters	Day 2	
CP06 - Emergency management	Planning for emergencies and disasters	Expert	
management	Emergency and disaster response	Day 2	
	Welfare of animals during slaughter	Day 2	
	Animal welfare and pig production systems (TACH Chapter 7.13)	Day 1	
CP07- Animal Welfare	Killing of animals for disease control purposes (TACH Chapter 7.6)	Day 1	
	Implementing Dog population Management (ICAM)	Day 1	
	Dog population Management for Policy Makers (ICAM)	Expert	
	Principles of animal health status and regionalisation	Day 1	
	Definition and demonstration of disease freedom (country, zone, compartment)	Day 2	
	Selection and implementation of sanitary measures to be applied at export and import	Expert	
	Import risk analysis: general principles	Day 1	
CP12 - Trade of animals and animal products	Hazard identification at import	Day 2	
	Risk assessment for a safer trade	Day 2	
	Risk management at import	Day 2	
	Import health measures: the development steps	Expert	
	The role of VS in import and export of animals and animal products: basic principles	Day 1	
	The role of VS in import and export of animals and animal products: advanced principles	Day 2	
P 15 Aquatics	Aquatics Surveillance	Day 1	
CP 15- Aquatics	Aquatics Disease prevention/Control	Day1	
P16 - Wildlife	Wildlife Trade	Day 2	
	Wildlife Trade	Expert	

### WOAH Veterinary Education Twinning Projects in Asia

https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-offer/improving-veterinary-services/pvs-pathway/veterinary-workforce-development/

#### **VEE twinning projects:**

- University of Minnesota (USA) Chiang Mai University (Thailand) (2013-2016)
- Tufts University (USA) Chattogram Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (Bangladesh) (2014-2019)
- University of Queensland (Australia) Nong Lam University (Vietnam) (2015-2019)
- Massey University (New Zealand) University of Peradeniya (Sri Lanka) (2014-2018)
- Hokkaido University (Japan) Mongolian University of Life Science (Mongolia) (2017-2019)
- University of Tokyo (Japan) Royal University of Agriculture (Cambodia) (2018-2021)
- University of Calgary (Canada) Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (India) (2020 2024)

#### VSB twinning project:

Australasian Veterinary Boards Council Inc. (AVBC) – Veterinary Council of Thailand (VCT) (2018 – 2020)

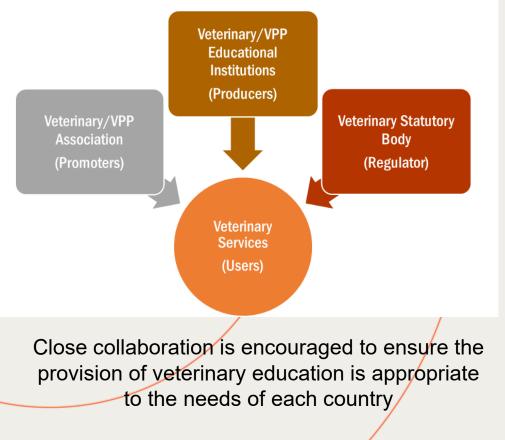
#### **Opportunities for sharing of benefits and lessons learned**

CVASU, UP and GADVASU will share their experiences and we will discuss how impact can be widened during the workshop (12 June)

#### Networking to strengthen veterinary education

- Both VEEs and VSBs play a key role in ensuring the effectiveness of veterinary professionals and delivery of competent Veterinary Services (VS).
- In Asia, more than 300 VEEs exist with diverse course curricula, standards and delivery methods.
- Majority of VEEs are accredited by national accreditation systems, but no regional VEE accreditation standards / body exists.
- Networking and networks among VEEs and VSBs (nationally, regionally, globally ...) provides valuable opportunities for information and resource sharing towards harmonised curriculum and accreditation processes

Better education standards and outcomes







#### Regional and Sub-regional Networks of VEEs, VSBs, and partners in Asia



### Facilitating collaboration among regional VEEs and VSBs

Global, Regional, Sub-regional, and National Meetings/ Workshops for VEEs, VSBs and other Workforce Development Stakeholders – Promote WOAH resources, facilitating sharing of best practices, discussing the way forwards



Virtual Meeting of VEE & VSB Focal points: Towards Establishing a South Asia VEE & VSB Network

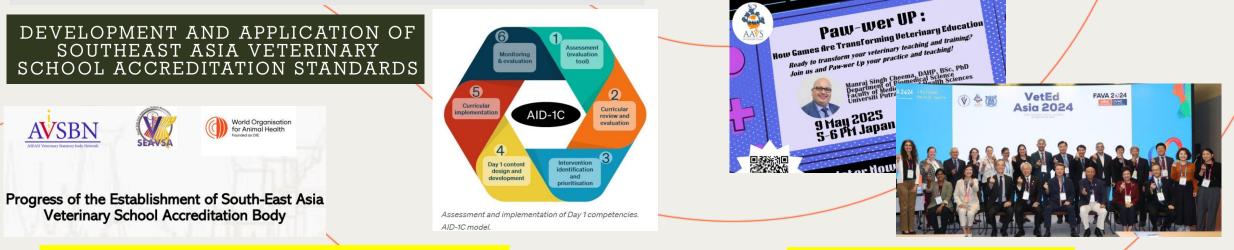


Virtual Workshop on the Way Forward of VEEs and VSBs in South-East Asia



Workshop for Veterinary Education Establishments (VEEs) in India

Development of VEE accreditation standards, curriculum assessment workshops in VEE/VSB Networks in South-East Asia Capacity building e.g., Scientific conference - "VetEd Asia," CPD webinars through AAVS



More information to be shared during the workshop (12 June)

More information to be shared today!

# **Thank you** We look forward to working with you!

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