

# FAO ECTAD DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

## FAO builds capacity for disease diagnosis in DRC

### Introduction

The government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo is the recipient of a renovated and equipped veterinary laboratory in Lubumbashi from FAO to enhance its response to disease outbreaks.

### Project / programme objectives

#### Global Health Security Agenda- (2022)

Related to Strategic Objective 4.3 (driving a high level of support to OIE Members through standards and capacity building) and 4.4. (optimising cooperation with partners to better respond to global Challenges)

### Milestones/achievements

The refurbished laboratory is now equipped with diagnostic equipment, reagents and consumables required for the confirmation of priority zoonotic diseases and a modern incinerator for safe waste management. In 2022, with financial support from USAID, FAO also rehabilitated and equip the Goma Veterinary Laboratory to enable the three national veterinary laboratories (Kinshasa, Lubumbashi and Goma) to participate fully in the development of livestock and the preservation of the health of the populations living in DRC.

### Conclusions

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### Future Plans

This important support, which allows its staff to return to work in better conditions, pleaded with the provincial government and partners for the construction of a vaccine production unit within the said laboratory in order to increase animal productivity and guarantee food safety.

This great achievement has just been performed by the two faithful partners of the Congolese government in the province of Haut Katanga in this period of low economic activity, especially as this laboratory should be operating at full capacity for the socio-economic and health interests of the country.



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