

WAHIS: Better data for improved animal health worldwide

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Introduction

Since its creation in 1924, the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE) has been the mandated international body collecting data on, observing, and analysing animal diseases throughout the world.

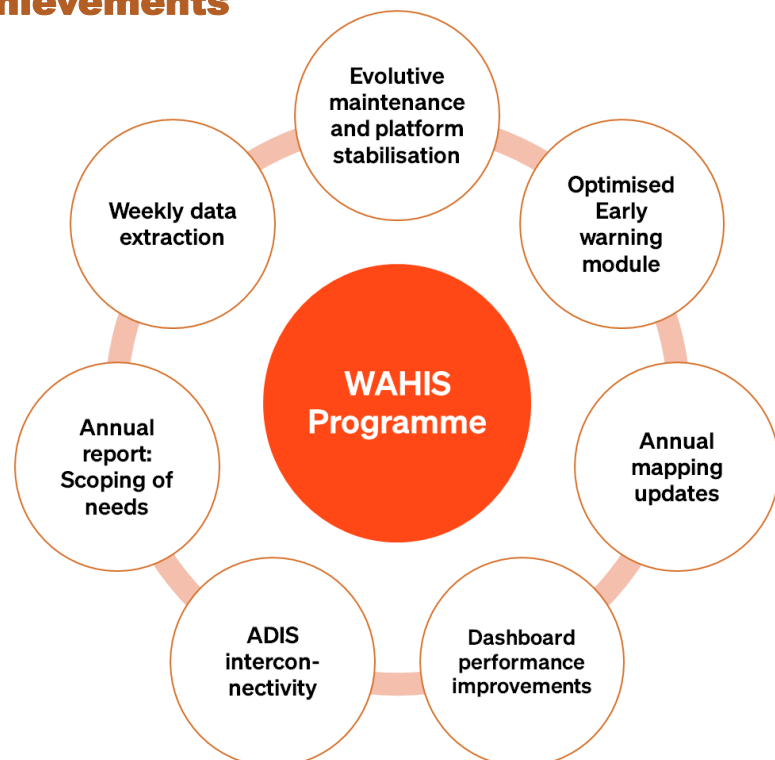
Through the World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS), WOAH ensures the prompt dissemination of information on potentially devastating outbreaks and facilitates decision making in terms of international trade of animals and animal products by collecting, verifying, and publishing official animal health information, following a standardised process. WAHIS provides open-access, high-quality, reliable data that helps monitor and control diseases more effectively and provides new insights into disease dynamics, facilitating agile decision making (Figure 1).

WAHIS programme objectives

Since its kick-off in 2016, the WAHIS programme team has worked towards three overarching objectives:

1. To **support countries in maintaining global transparency and reporting** matters of animal and public health;
2. To **safeguard animal and public health, global security and international trade**, by informing risk management and policy development for the improvement of animal and public health;
3. To **enable easier reporting and open access to data**.

Achievements



Conclusions

In alignment with WOAH's 7th Strategic Plan, the WAHIS programme has continued to deliver against WOAH's priorities and maintains its status as the global reference platform for validated official data on animal diseases of epidemiological significance in both domestic and wild species. This has been reflected in the upward trend in reporting since the programme's kick-off (Figure

Information and Analysis (WAHIAD) teams have played a key role in smoothing the transition to the renovated platform by providing continuous training and support to both reporting and consulting users of WAHIS.

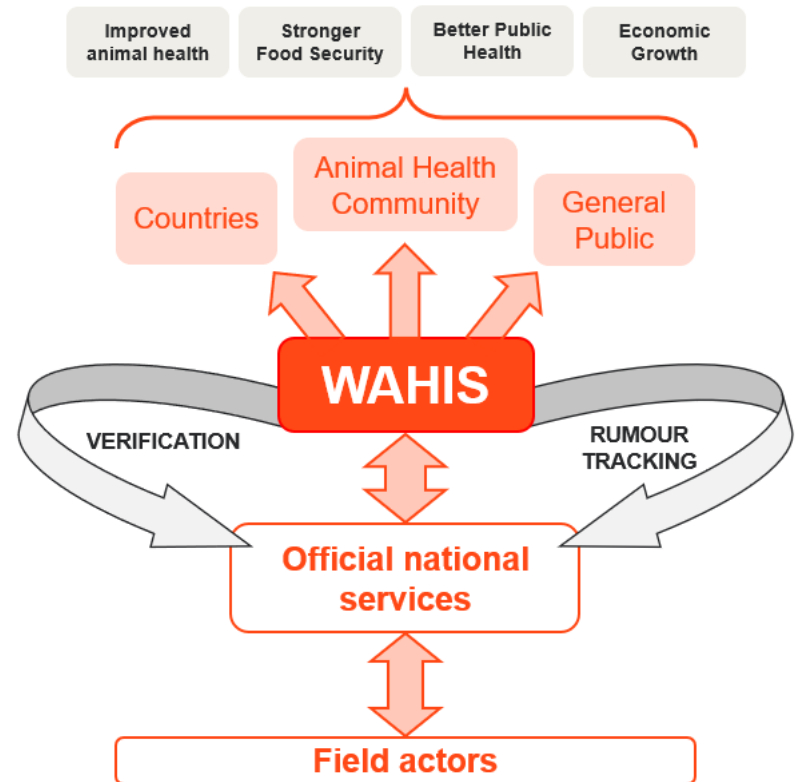


Figure 1. Information flow of global animal disease data.

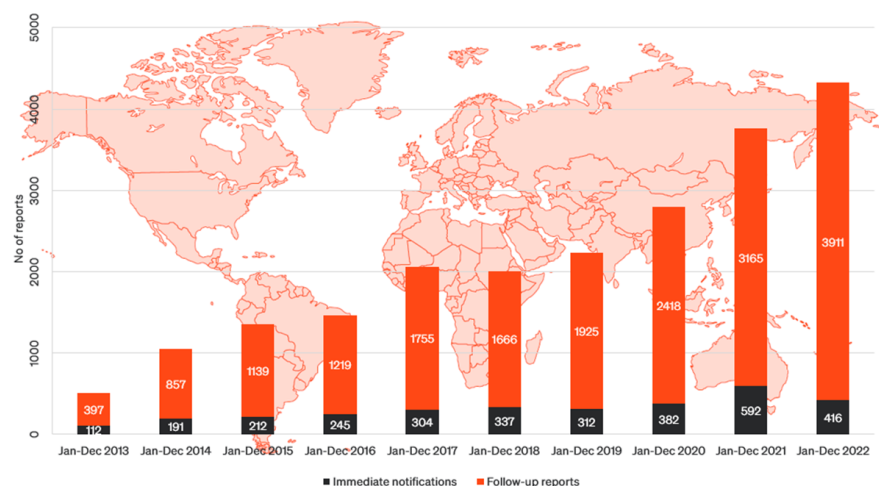


Figure 2. Trend in submission of immediate notifications and follow-up reports, 2013–2022.

Future Plans: 2023 Deliverables



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