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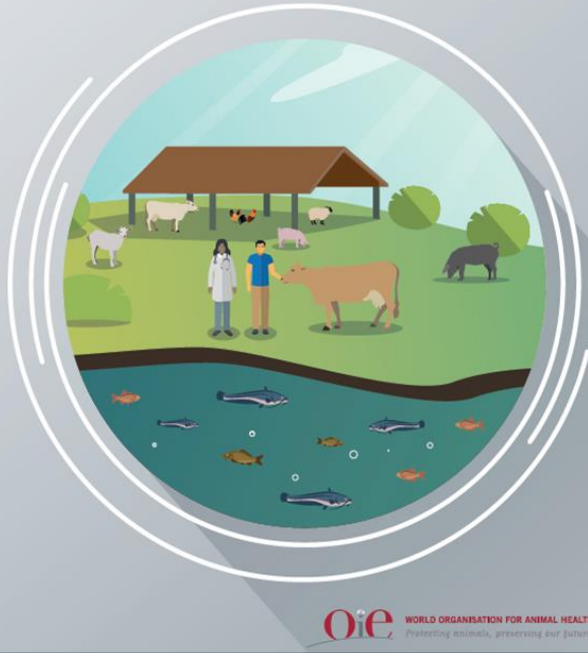
WOAH Strategy on Antimicrobial Resistance & the Prudent Use of Antimicrobials

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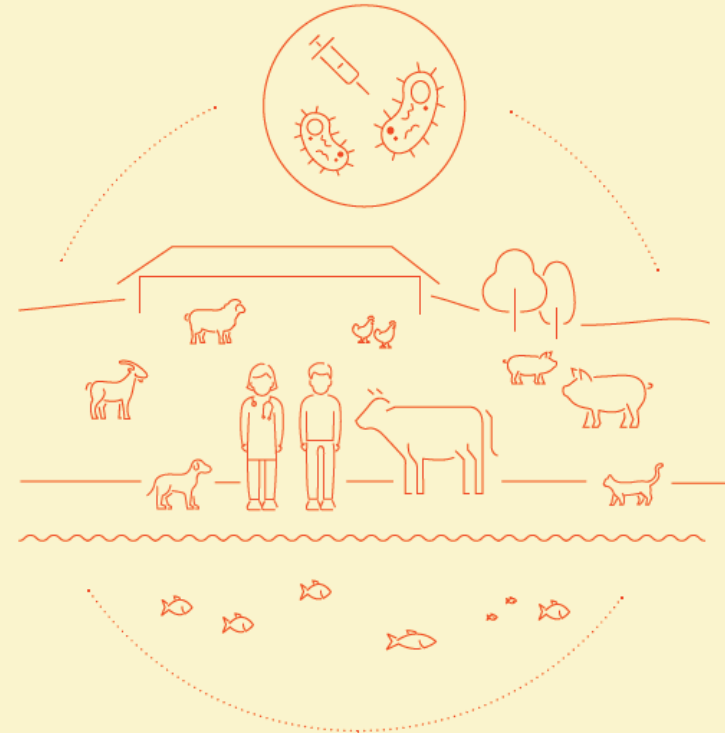
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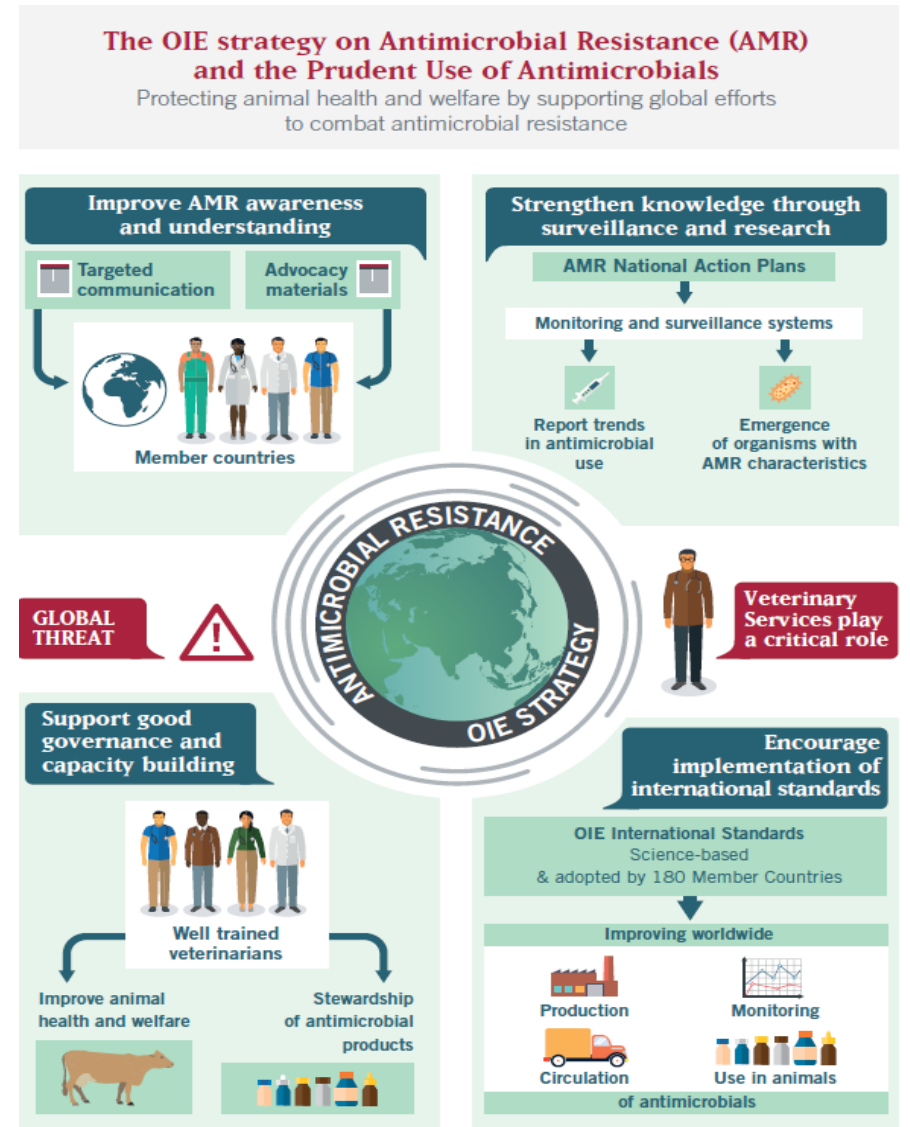
Preserving the efficacy of antimicrobials





In 2015, in addition to a full review of the standards related to AMR, our Members officially committed during the 83rd General Session to combat AMR and promote the prudent use of antimicrobials in animals³. WOA World Assembly of Delegates stated its full support for the Global Action Plan on AMR. One year later, during the 84th General Session, the World Assembly of Delegates directed WOAH to compile and consolidate all the actions to combat AMR into a global Strategy⁴.







Improve AMR awareness and understanding



WORKPLAN

- Support Members through the development of **targeted communications and advocacy materials designed to foster understanding of the risks of AMR** in a large range of actors and encourage the adoption of measures that reduce the use of antimicrobials and slow the emergence and spread of resistant microorganisms.
- **Promote awareness of AMR** more especially through Veterinary Statutory Bodies and Veterinary Education Establishments to **encourage a professional culture** that supports the responsible and ethical use of antimicrobial products in animals.
- Continue to support professional development goals by **organising and conducting workshops, conferences and symposia** that promote the prudent use of antimicrobials and address the issue of AMR at global, regional and national levels.
- **Expand the portfolio of WOAH guidance, educational and scientific reference materials** associated with combatting the emergence and spread of AMR microorganisms in animals while promoting good animal husbandry, vaccination and biosecurity measures to prevent diseases and limit the need for antimicrobial treatments, in collaboration with partner organisations and stakeholders.
- **Collaborate with FAO, UNEP and WHO** to ensure the alignment and coordination of policy and advocacy initiatives aimed at combatting AMR.



Strengthen knowledge through surveillance and research

AMR National Action Plans



Monitoring and surveillance systems



Report trends in antimicrobial use and AMR



Emergence of organisms with AMR traits

WORKPLAN

- **Support Members in developing and implementing monitoring and surveillance systems** to detect and report antimicrobial use and the emergence of organisms with AMR characteristics.
- **Build and maintain a database for collecting and holding data** from Members on the use of antimicrobial agents in food-producing and companion animals, with associated analysis and annual reporting.
- **Enhance the development, use and functionality of WAHIS** to ultimately allow analysis of data on antimicrobial use taking into account animal populations of each country and region.
- **Guide and support research into alternatives to antibiotics** by working alongside partner organisations to encourage the development and uptake of new tools, products and methodologies that will reduce the dependence of animal sectors on antimicrobials and slow the emergence and spread of AMR.
- **Identify and pursue opportunities for public-private partnerships in AMR research and risk management**, working alongside and in conjunction with FAO, UNEP and WHO efforts.



Support good governance and capacity building



Well trained
veterinarians
and veterinary
paraprofessionals



Improve
animal health
and welfare



Stewardship
of antimicrobial
products

WORKPLAN

- Provide assistance and leadership to Members as they develop and implement National Action Plans and policies governing the use of antimicrobials in animals, promoting the “One Health” approach and the interconnectedness of the health of humans, animals, plants and ecosystems.
- Provide tools and guidance to assist Members in their AMR risk-assessment initiatives associated with antimicrobial agents and use in animals.
- Work alongside Members to ensure Veterinary Services have the capacity to implement WOAHS Standards, taking advantage of their engagement in the PVS Pathway⁷.
- Support Members to develop and modernise legislation governing the manufacture, marketing authorisation, importation, distribution and use of veterinary products.
- Engage Members through regular training of Focal Points on Veterinary Products, establishing direct links and support processes.
- Ensure that well-trained veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals are at the forefront of national and regional efforts to improve animal health and welfare and the stewardship of antimicrobial products through training initiatives at international, regional and national workshops and conferences.



Encourage implementation of international standards

WOAH International Standards
Science-based and adopted
by our Members



Improving worldwide



Production



Monitoring



Circulation



Use in
animals

of antimicrobials

WORKPLAN

- **Support individual Members in their efforts to implement WOAH international Standards** for responsible and prudent use of antimicrobials and to combat AMR in animals taking into account their respective social, economic and cultural circumstances.
- **Disseminate and encourage adoption of the recommendations** in the WOAH List of Antimicrobials of Veterinary Importance⁹.
- **Strengthen multilateral support** for implementation of WOAH Standards among policymakers, our cooperation partners and donors to contribute to a well-coordinated international effort in the fight against AMR.
- **Build on the success of the WOAH Standards development work programme** to continue to advance for the animal sectors our comprehensive framework of quality, science-based standards that support the Global Action Plan on AMR.
- **Collaborate with FAO, UNEP and WHO to support the development of a comprehensive and aligned framework** of international standards and guidelines across human health, animal health, agriculture and the food chain.



“We, sectors and countries, all share responsibility in the development of antimicrobial resistance. It is by addressing this global threat together that we will manage to protect human and animal health, and therefore, our future.”



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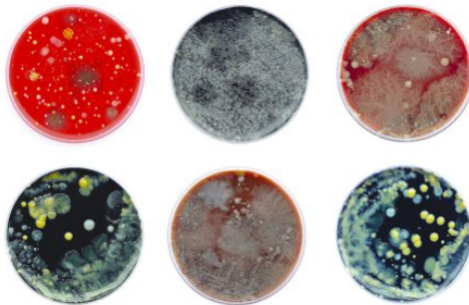
WAHIS

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Antimicrobial resistance

Imagine a world where infections and diseases in humans, animals and plants are impossible to treat. This worst-case scenario could become a reality as bacteria, viruses and parasites develop resistance to the drugs we use to fight them. Antimicrobial resistance, or AMR, has become one of the most pressing health issues of our time. Solutions exist and everyone has a role to play in the fight against this global threat.

Thank you

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