

WOAH Guidelines on disaster management and risk reduction in relation to animal health and welfare and veterinary public health

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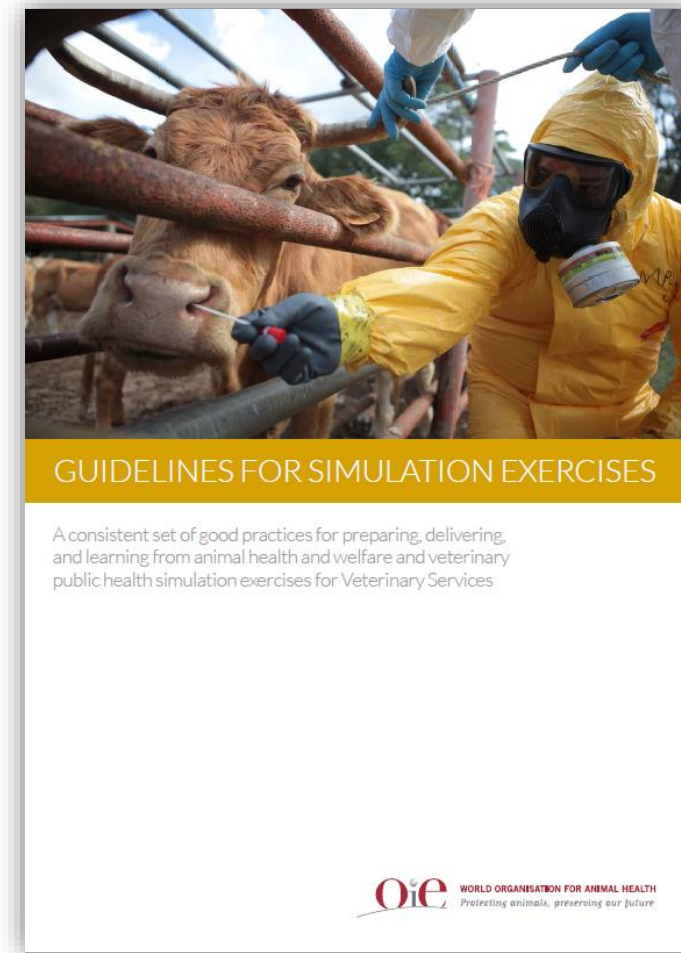
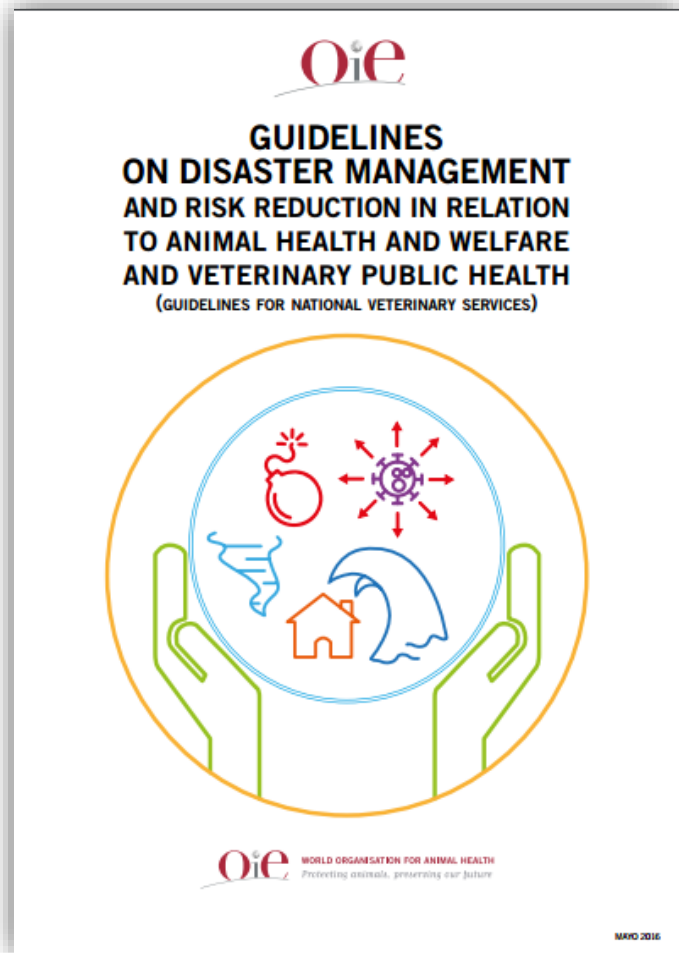
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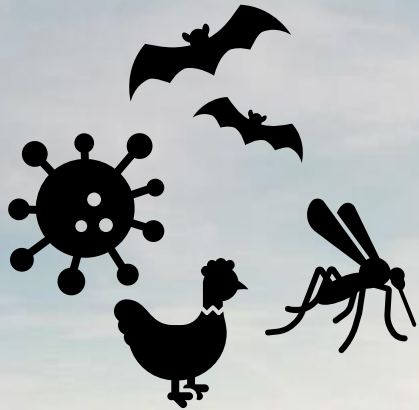


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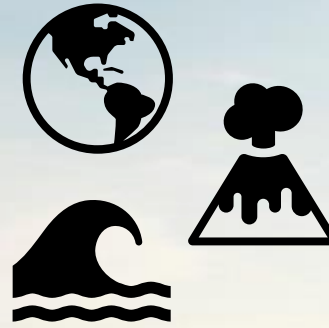
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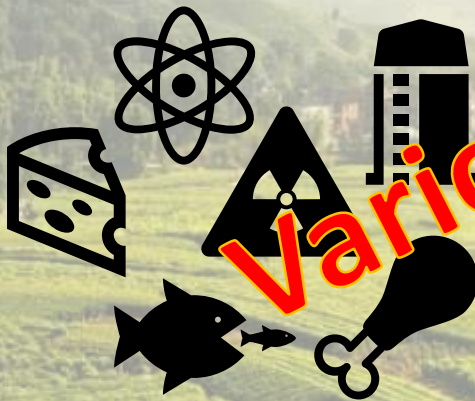
Infectious diseases, including emerging zoonoses and vector-borne pathogens



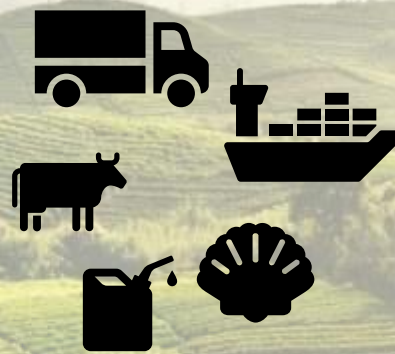
Geological events: earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis



Adverse weather and climatic events: storms, floods, fire and drought



Technological disasters and contamination of food and feed chains



Transport and maritime accidents, including oil spills

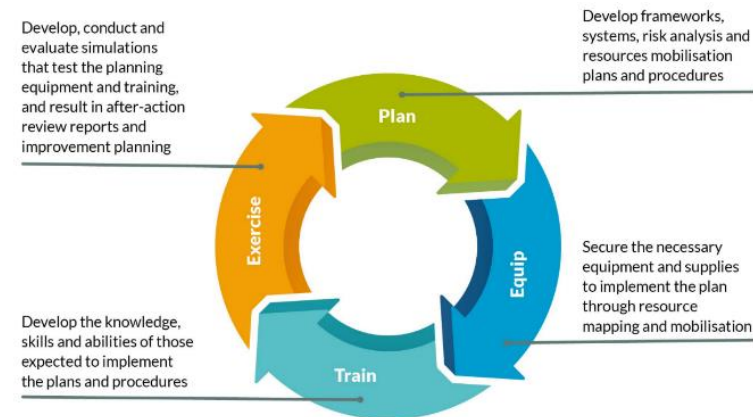
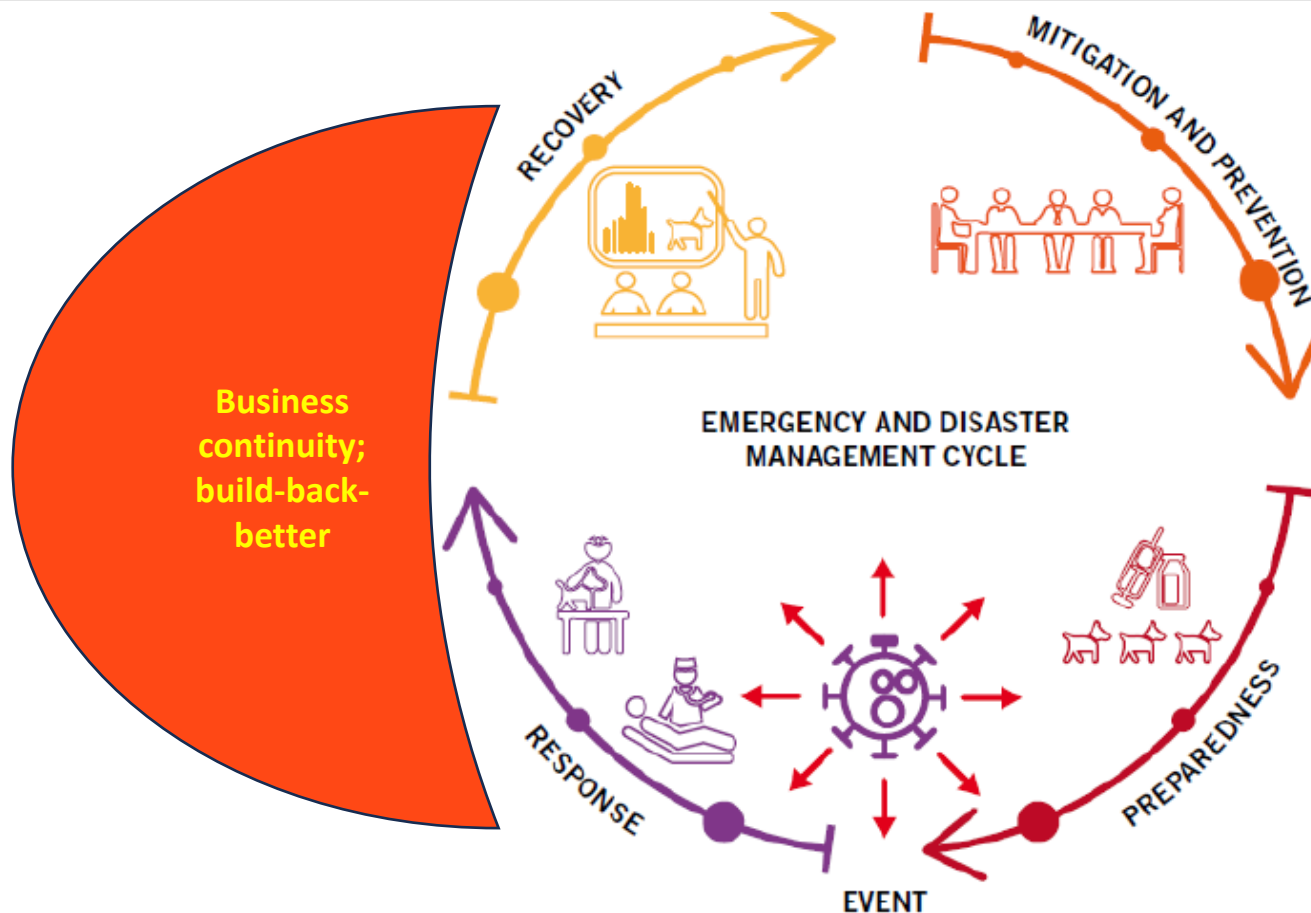


Agro-crime, agro-terrorism, cybersecurity, conflict, refugees

Various impacts on animal welfare



The Emergency Management Cycle – a Planning Tool



PREPAREDNESS means ‘a state of READINESS and CAPABILITY of human and material means, structures, communities and organisations enabling them to ensure an effective rapid response to a disaster, obtained as a result of action taken in advance’. (EU Civil Protection Mechanism, 2013)

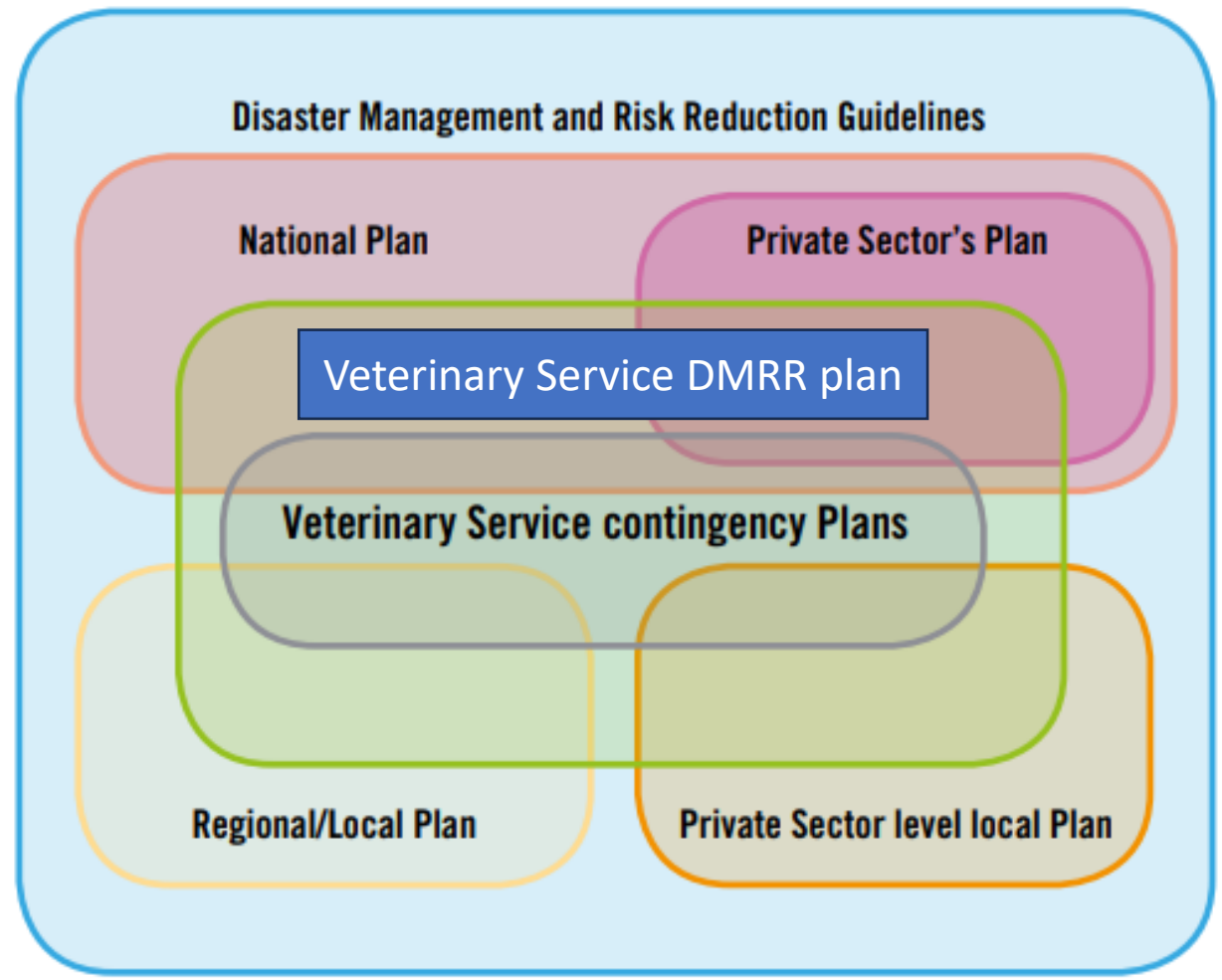


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Contingency planning means a **management process** that analyses specific potential events or emerging situations that might threaten society or the environment and establishes arrangements in advance to enable timely, effective and appropriate responses to such events and situations.

(EU Civil Protection Mechanism, 2013)



Veterinary Service contingency plans, for animal disease outbreaks or any other hazards, acknowledged within the overarching national framework for emergency management

(from: OIE Guidelines on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction in relation to Animal Health and Welfare and Veterinary Public Health)



In 2021, a survey on the levels of ***“Veterinary Services’ preparedness for dealing with animal welfare emergencies during natural disasters”*** has been distributed to the 53 OIE European Members during the second trimester of 2021, in collaboration between the WOAHA Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe and the Lincoln Memorial University.



The outcomes of this initiative have contributed **to identify strength and weaknesses in this area**, by collecting information and relevant contacts about the emergency management systems in place, and for targeting training of staff by *learning from exercises and real events*.

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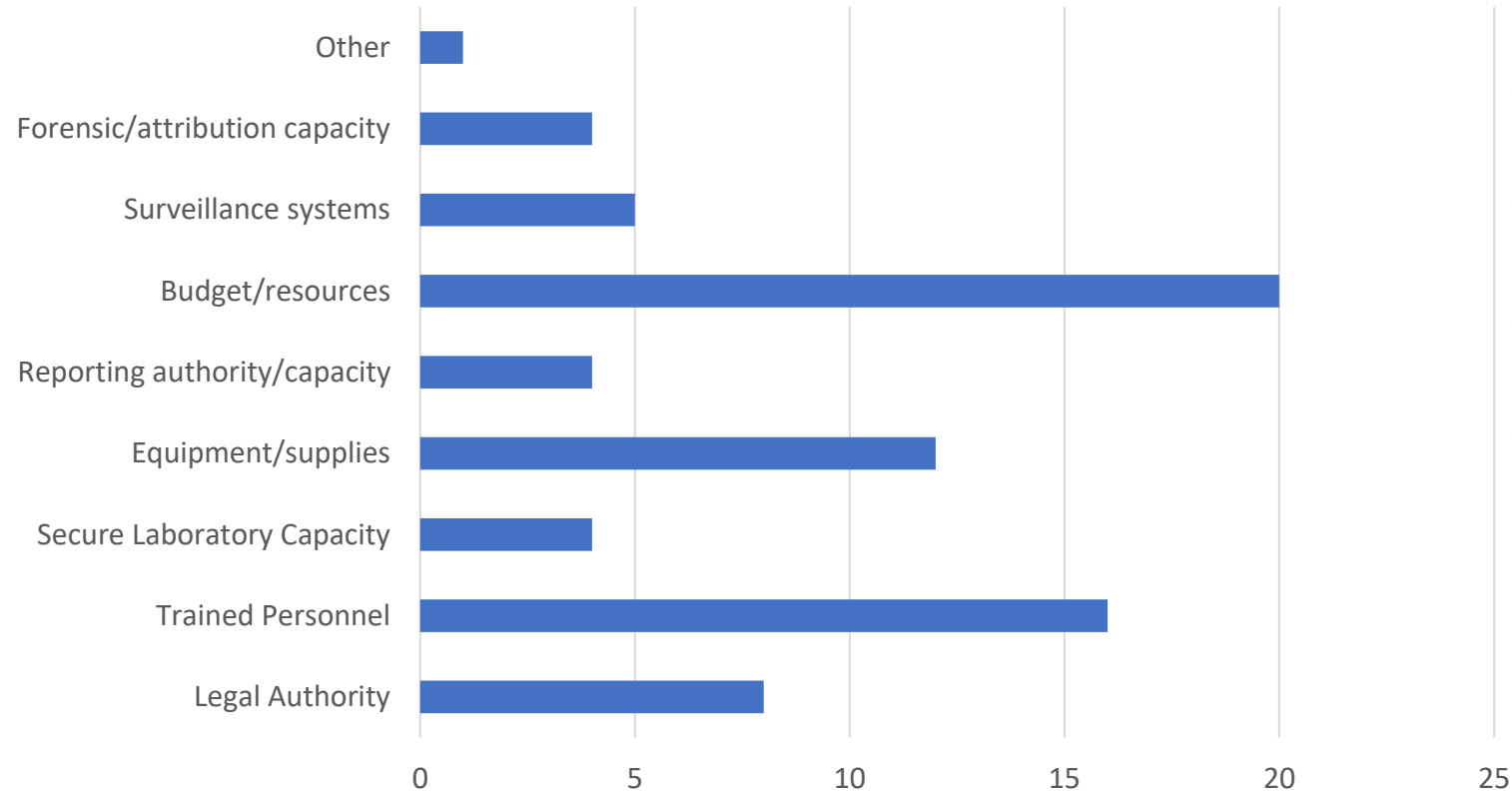
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Q40 - What are the major gaps or shortages in animal welfare in disaster preparedness and response?

Gaps Identified



- ✓ **Budget**
- ✓ **Trained personnel**
- ✓ **Equipment/supplies**
- ✓ **Legal authority**

top 4 gaps



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The **WOAH Guidelines on disaster management for National Veterinary Services** (2015) and the **Guidelines for Simulation Exercises** (2020) provide a detailed overview of the process to follow for the development of national frameworks for the management of epidemic and non-epidemic emergencies.

Veterinary Services should activate and maintain a proactive attitude toward contingency planning and be prepared when risks for natural disaster are greater and where communities and animals have fewer resources to mitigate, survive, and recover from different types of disasters.

Thank you!

Merci

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