

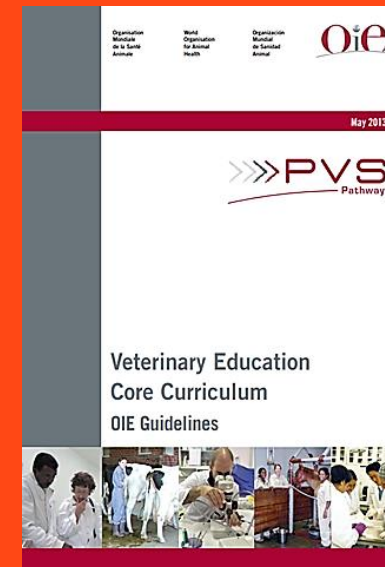
Launch of the WOAAH Competency and Curriculum Guidelines for CAHWs Plenary session

WOAH's commitment to a well trained veterinary workforce for effective national veterinary services

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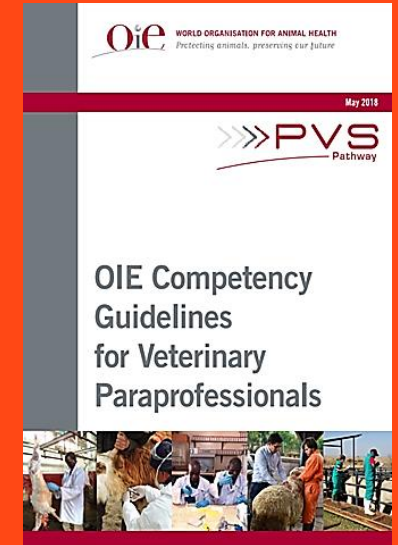


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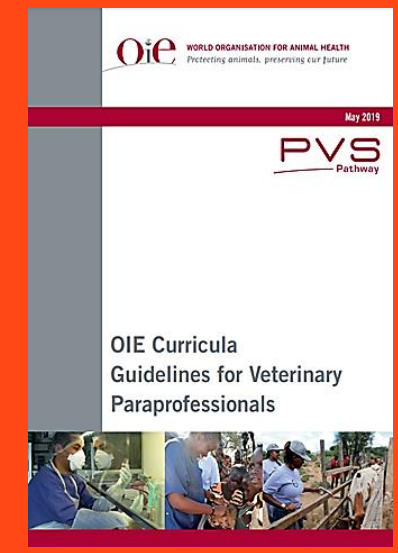


2013

VPPs



2018



2019

CAHW Working Definition

A person selected from or by their own community and provided with short, initial or recurring vocational training to perform basic animal health and animal husbandry-related services, in line with national animal welfare standards.

CAHWs operate on a fee-for-service basis or some other means, are accountable to a registered veterinarian, a registered veterinary paraprofessional or an appropriate official and are active in their community. CAHWs can also play an important role in a range of sanitary tasks such as disease reporting.

WOAH CAHWs Ad Hoc Group working definition, 2024



The Role of CAHWs



Basic Veterinary Worker (BVW) Training for Afghanistan, 1992

Found primarily where there are insufficient numbers of vets and VPPs or where vets and VPPs are unwilling or unable to go, both in peacetime and in periods of civil unrest.

Last mile service delivery for animal keepers in underserved areas and communities

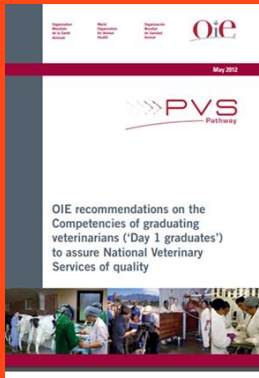
- Extension services
- Basic animal health care
- Preventive care

Support for public good functions

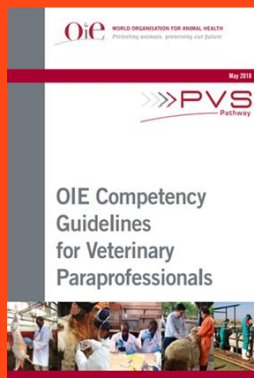
- Disease surveillance and reporting
- Disease control and eradication
- Emergency response

CAHWs can and do contribute to the various missions of the National Veterinary Services

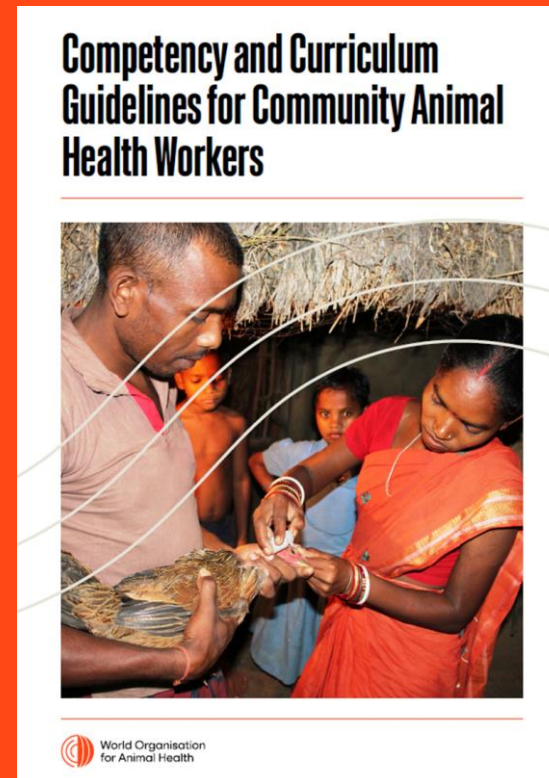
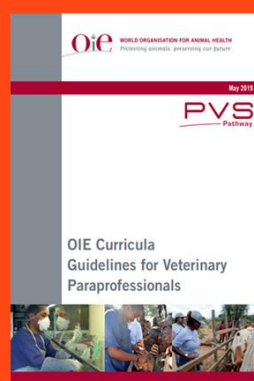
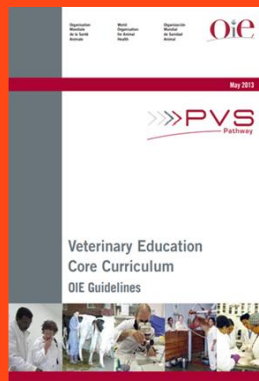
Why recognising CAHWs?



2012



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Numbers of CAHWs

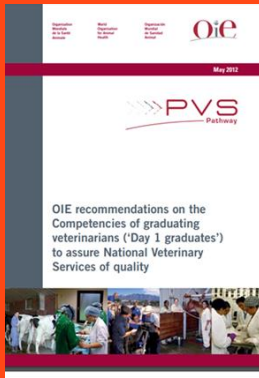
- WOAHA Members reporting CAHWs in 2018 to WAHIS: 51
- Countries in Africa that report more than 1000 CAHWs: 9
- Countries in Asia that report more than 1000 CAHWs: 4

Recognition of CAHWs

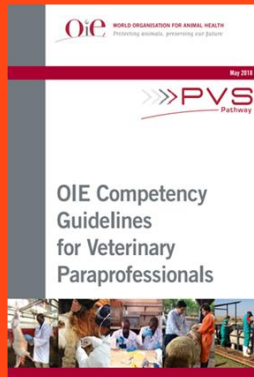
- # of countries where CAHWs are recognized in national legislation: 16
- # of countries where CAHWs benefit from supportive policies/guidelines though they are not formally recognized in national legislation: 13
- # of countries where CAHWs are trained and/or used by government services on an informal basis: 14

Hoots, C, (2022). A Literature Review of Community-Based Animal Health Workers in Africa and Asia with Recommendations for Improved Practices. VSF-I, Brussels

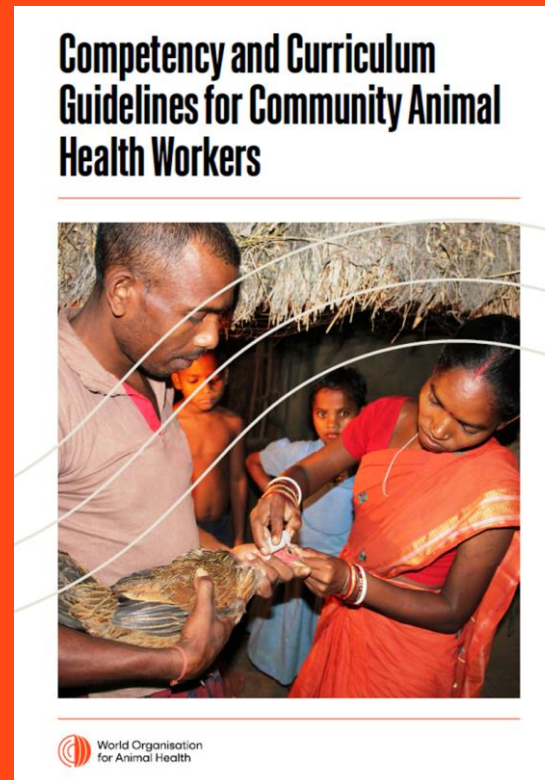
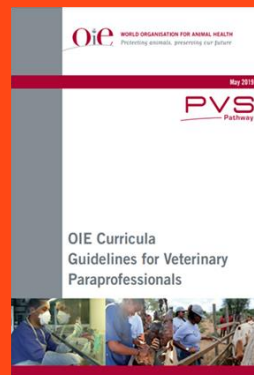
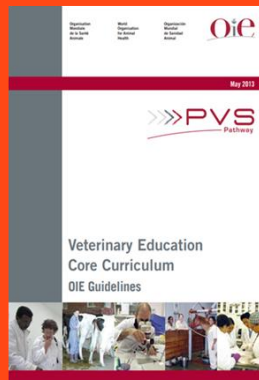
Why CAHWs guidelines ?



2012



2018



Objectives

- To promote a consistent level of training for CAHWs through the delivery of core competencies.
- To create a basis for VSBs to establish criteria for the qualification and registration of CAHWs to better integrate them into national Veterinary Services

Background on WOAAH CAHW project

Better understanding and defining the role of community animal health workers as part of strengthening frontline Veterinary Services



Advancing Community Animal Health Workers



Guidelines for Community Animal Health Workers

Newsletter



Newsletter

A new frontier for the WOAAH Workforce Development Programme
 This April, the WOAAH Competency and curricula guidelines for Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) will be available to all Members, as well as veterinary and continuing education establishments. These guidelines will aid the development of competency-based training for CAHWs.

Competency and Curricula Guidelines for Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs): updates, launch webinars and the steps

- Name of the project: Strengthening the enabling environment for community animal health workers (CAHWs) through development of competency and curricula guidelines
- Complements work previously done at WOAAH in the development of competency and curricula guidelines for both veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals.
- Partners: Vétérinaires sans Frontières International (Phase 1 and Phase 2) and the Ohio State University (Phase 2)
- Competency-based curriculum.

What has been done for Phase 1?

Baseline documents for CAHWs AHG

Jan 2023

A LITERATURE REVIEW
OF COMMUNITY-BASED
ANIMAL HEALTH WORKERS
IN AFRICA AND ASIA
WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
IMPROVED PRACTICES



Objective:

To support WOAHA by collecting, reviewing, and analysing relevant CAHW programs and program reports and evaluations to identify factors associated with success or failure in these programs.



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Baseline documents for CAHWs AHG

Feb 2023

Jan 2023

Kick-off of CAHWs Ad hoc group





What has been done for Phase 1?





How was your experience of being the chairperson of the CAHWs ad hoc group?

Comment était votre expérience en tant que présidente du groupe ad hoc sur les ACSA?



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Provisional endorsement of CAHWs competencies

Feb 2023

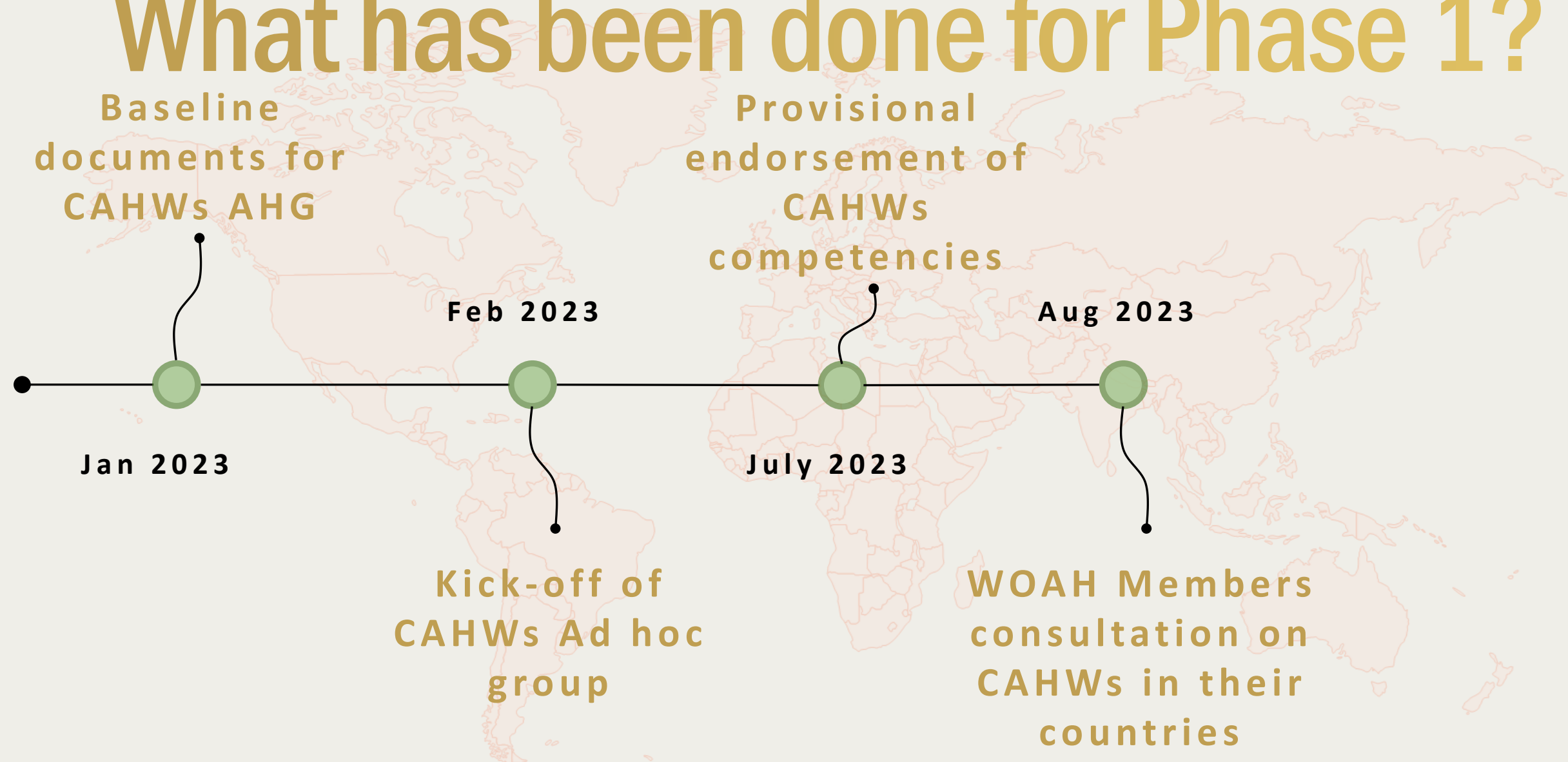
Aug 2023

Jan 2023

July 2023

Kick-off of CAHWs Ad hoc group

WOAH Members consultation on CAHWs in their countries





Access the final results of the survey



<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/standard-setting-process/ad-hoc-groups/>



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What has been done for Phase 1?

- Field consultations of CAHWs guidelines
- Provisional endorsement of CAHWs competency-based curriculum
- End of AHG meetings
- Finalisation of 4 country case studies (VSF-Int)

Mar 2024

Apr-August
2024

October 2024

Launch of WOA
CAHWs guidelines

Final revision, editing and
publication of WOA
CAHWs guidelines

Competency and Curriculum Guidelines for Community Animal Health Workers



The English and French
versions of the CAHWs
guidelines are now online!



English



French



Expected outputs for Phase 2

- **VSF International Handbook**
- **The WOAHA Guide for trainers of CAHWs**
- **The Ohio State University online tool**

VSF International Handbook

Why did you think it was necessary to develop this Handbook as a companion document of the WOAAH Guidelines?

Pourquoi avez-vous pensé qu'il était nécessaire de développer ce Guide pour accompagner les lignes directrices de l'OMSA?

The WOAAH Guide for trainers of CAHWs

What is the purpose of developing this Guide?

Quel est l'objectif de ce Guide pour formateur d'ACSA?

The Ohio State University online tool

How will this online tool support relevant stakeholders in aligning their curriculum with the WOAHA Guidelines?

Comment cet outil en ligne aidera les acteurs concernés à aligner leur cursus de formation avec les lignes directrices de l'OMSA?

Competency and Curriculum Guidelines for Community Animal Health Workers



Are you curious about...

- How to use this document and structure your own curriculum?
- The VSF-Int Handbook that will complement these Guidelines?
- The advancements on the digital tool that the Ohio State University will release in October 2025?

Join us at **10H30 at Mt Kenya 1** for all this and more!

Thank you

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