

# Empowering Veterinary Services, increasing visibility and modernising WOAH to face animal health challenges

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# WOAH's current activities

WOAH is an international organisation with an essential role in global animal health governance, working to create a more sustainable future that benefits animals, people and the planet.



## WOAH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

Engagement in  
development and  
implementation



- **WOAH Standards: Terrestrial Code, Terrestrial Manual, Aquatic Code, Aquatic Manual**
- **72** new or revised chapters (across all WOAHA Standards) were adopted at 2024 General Session and published in 2024 editions.
- **your engagement in the Standard-setting process is critical** to ensure standards consider perspective of WOAHA Members of Africa.
- Of the **Commission reports circulated for comments between Feb 2020 and Feb 2024:**
  - **AU-IBAR** submitted comments on 7 of the 9 **TAHSC** and **AAHSC** reports, respectively;
  - **South Africa** submitted comments on 8 of the 9 **TAHSC** reports;
  - No comments submitted on **BSC** reports.



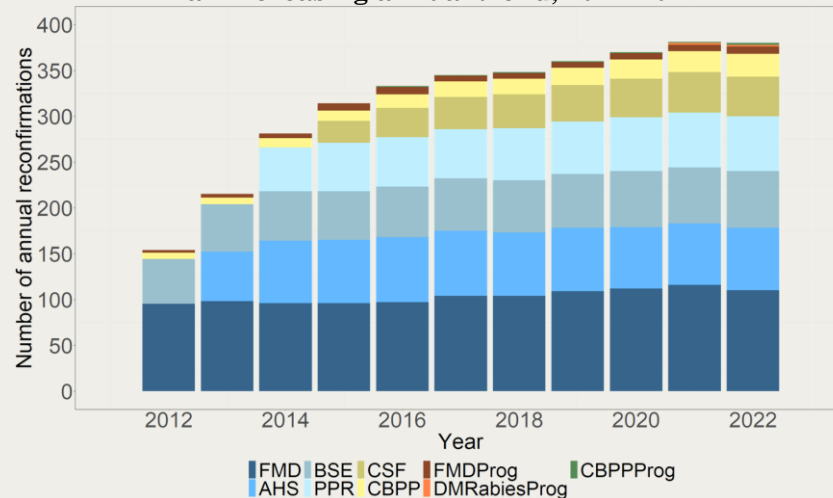
# OFFICIAL RECOGNITION & MAINTENANCE OF ANIMAL HEALTH STATUS

## 390 Official status / endorsed programmes by WOA

- 57% of Members have at least one recognition
  - 20% of Members of the Africa Region
- Streamlining process initiated from September 2024
- Ongoing development of the Disease Status Management Platform



Number of annual reconfirmations by disease showing an increasing annual trend, 2012–2022



## Welcome to WOA Disease Status Management Platform

The Disease Status Management Platform serves as a secure, centralised system for archiving, tracking, searching, and submitting all necessary documents related to the official recognition and maintenance of animal health status, and the self-declaration of disease freedom.

Annual reconfirmations of officially recognised disease status/endorsed control programmes

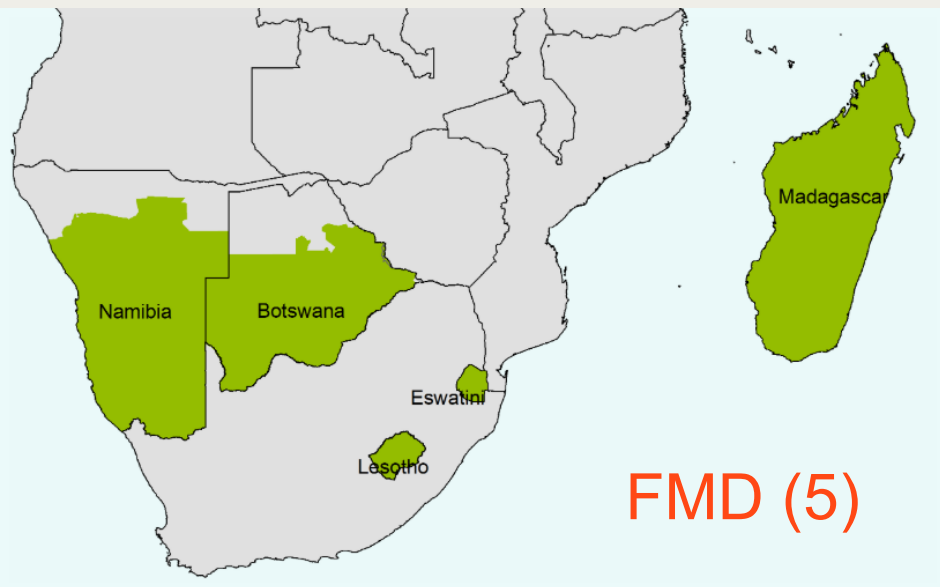
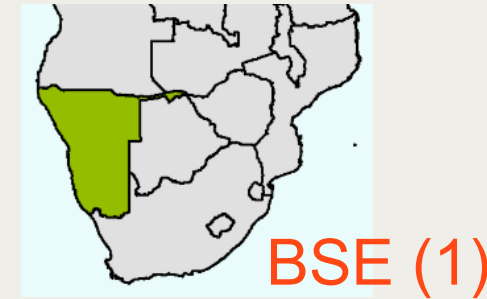
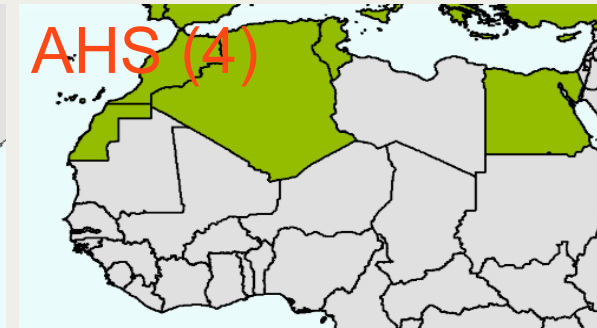
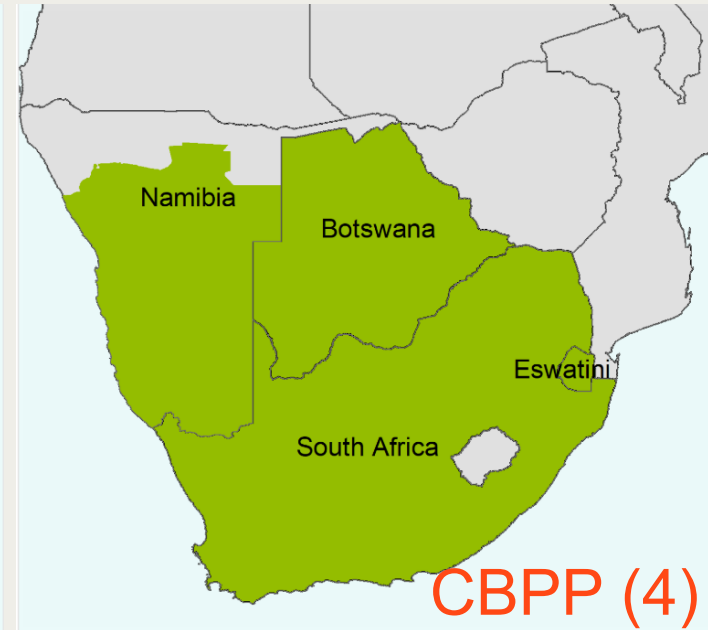
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Applications for official recognition of disease status/endorsement of control programmes

Under construction...

Self-declarations

Under construction...



## OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED ANIMAL HEALTH STATUS OF AFRICA

### WOAH endorsed disease control programmes

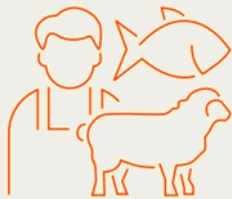
**FMD:** 3 Members – Botswana, Morocco, Namibia

**CBPP & Dog-mediated rabies:** 2 Members for both – Namibia, Zambia



## GLOBAL INITIATIVES

Development and support in the implementation of global strategies



## Disease Eradication

For reasons linked to animal and human health, controlling animal diseases is one of WOA's key objectives. Additional objectives are to preserve the subsistence of certain populations, to reduce poverty, and to support the economy and protect international trade.



## Aquatic animals

Aquatic animals play a key role in achieving a more prosperous and secure world, contributing to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



## One Health

The "One Health" approach summarises a concept that has been known for more than a century; that human, animal and plant health are interdependent and bound to the health of the ecosystems in which they exist. We envisage and implement it as a collaborative, whole of society, whole of government approach to understanding, anticipating and addressing risks to global health.



## Animal Welfare

Animal welfare is a complex and multi-faceted subject with scientific, ethical, economic, cultural, social, religious and political dimensions. It is attracting growing interest from civil society and is one of the priorities of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).

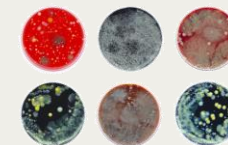


## Biological threat reduction



## Wildlife Health

Wildlife co-exists alongside humans and domestic animals. Wildlife populates ecosystems across the planet, whether it be in the seas, or roaming freely across forests and savannahs. Each species contributes to the balance of the ecosystem they live in. The health of wildlife is deeply entwined with the health of other animals, the environment and even humans. By protecting wildlife health, we safeguard biodiversity and invest in a healthier, more sustainable future.



## 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.



## 1. Ongoing and upcoming WOAHH focused activities on rabies

- SADC (Namibia and Angola)
- Central Africa
- North Africa

## 2. WOAHH Reference Laboratory Network for Rabies

- 14 laboratories providing support with rabies diagnostics, surveillance, capacity building and programme implementation
- WOAHH Laboratory Twinning

## 3. United Against Rabies Forum

- 90+ organisations with representation from 38 countries
- Repository of tools and resources available at [www.unitedagainstrabies.org](http://www.unitedagainstrabies.org)
- Annual stakeholder meeting (Paris, 2022; Rome, 2023; Cape Town, 2024)





## During 2024, we received from African Members

### Early warning module

**36** immediate notifications

**153** follow-up reports (with quantitative data; does not count 'no evolution' or final reports with no QD)

### Monitoring module

**199** six-monthly reports, **31** of which were for 2024

**12** annual reports

## TRANSPARENCY

Animal Health  
Information  
management





## CAPACITY BUILDING: PVS AND TRAINING SYSTEM (2023-2024)

97 (1/3 in Africa)

PVS Activities Conducted

50% (15)

Public PVS Reports

14% increase in transparency

1000+

Experts involved in capacity building initiatives

\$5 million+

invested by WOAHS in Members for capacity building of the VS/AAHS since 2021

62% (16)

Follow-up Evaluations (Member Re-engagement)

41 (Members in Africa)

Sensitised on PPPs to strengthen VS

40+

Collaborations and Partnerships

\$140 million+

invested directly in 11 Members from the Pandemic Fund in 2023, citing PVS monitoring

60+ (23 in Africa)

Members Engaged  
Includes 7 newly engaged Members

2k+

Users enrolled

50+

New eModules available and in development

\$1.2 billion

mobilised additionally for investment in Pandemic Preparedness & Response through the Pandemic Fund



### PVS Pathway Engagement

Year

2023

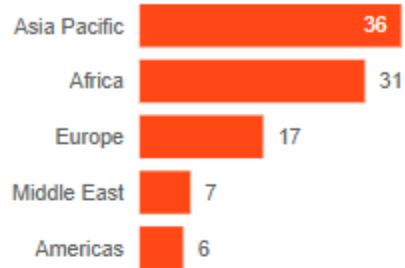
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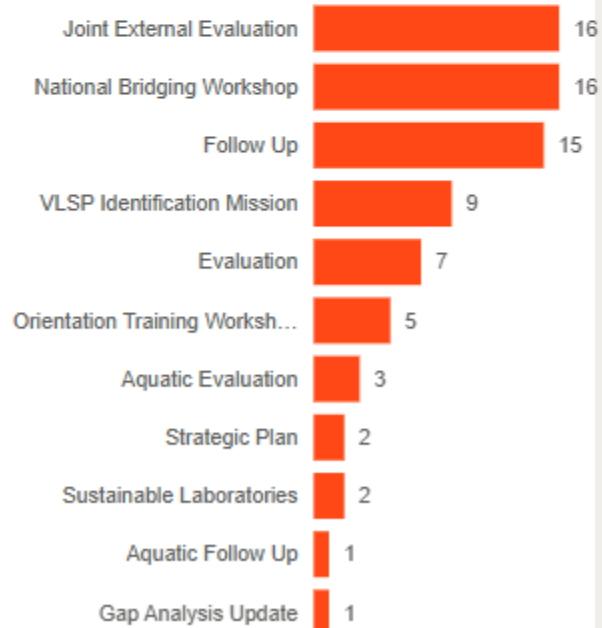
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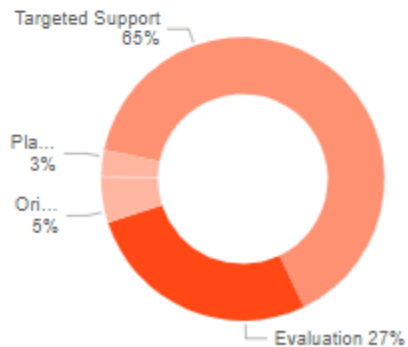
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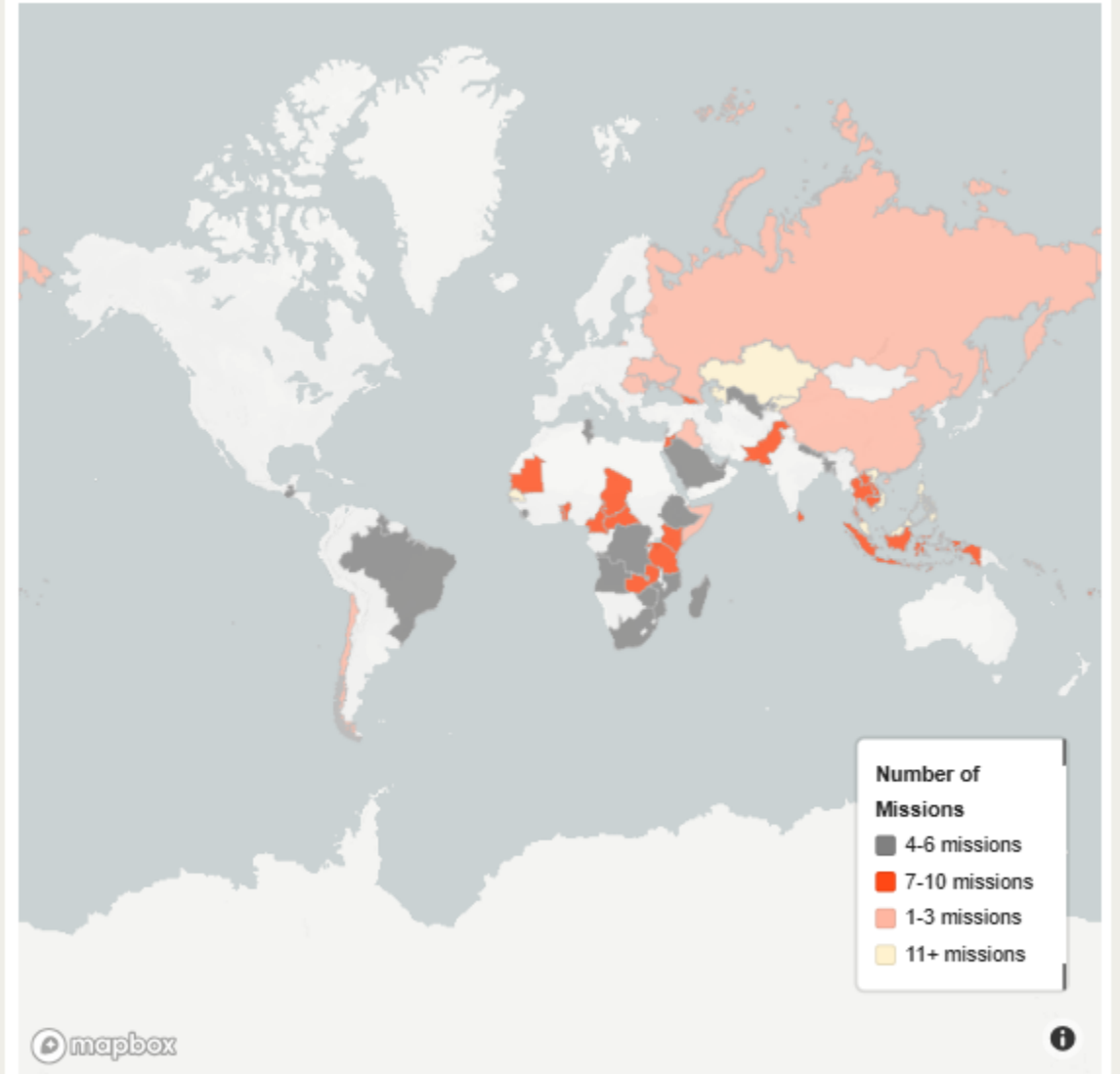
### PVS Missions conducted, by mission type



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### PVS Pathway Engagement

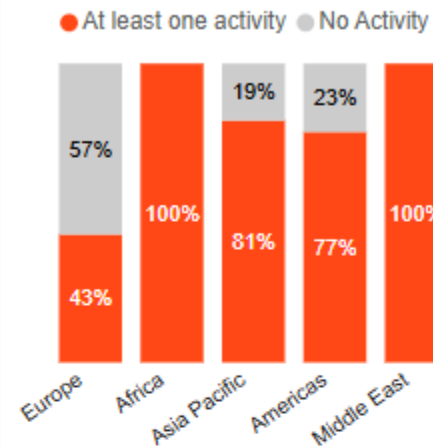




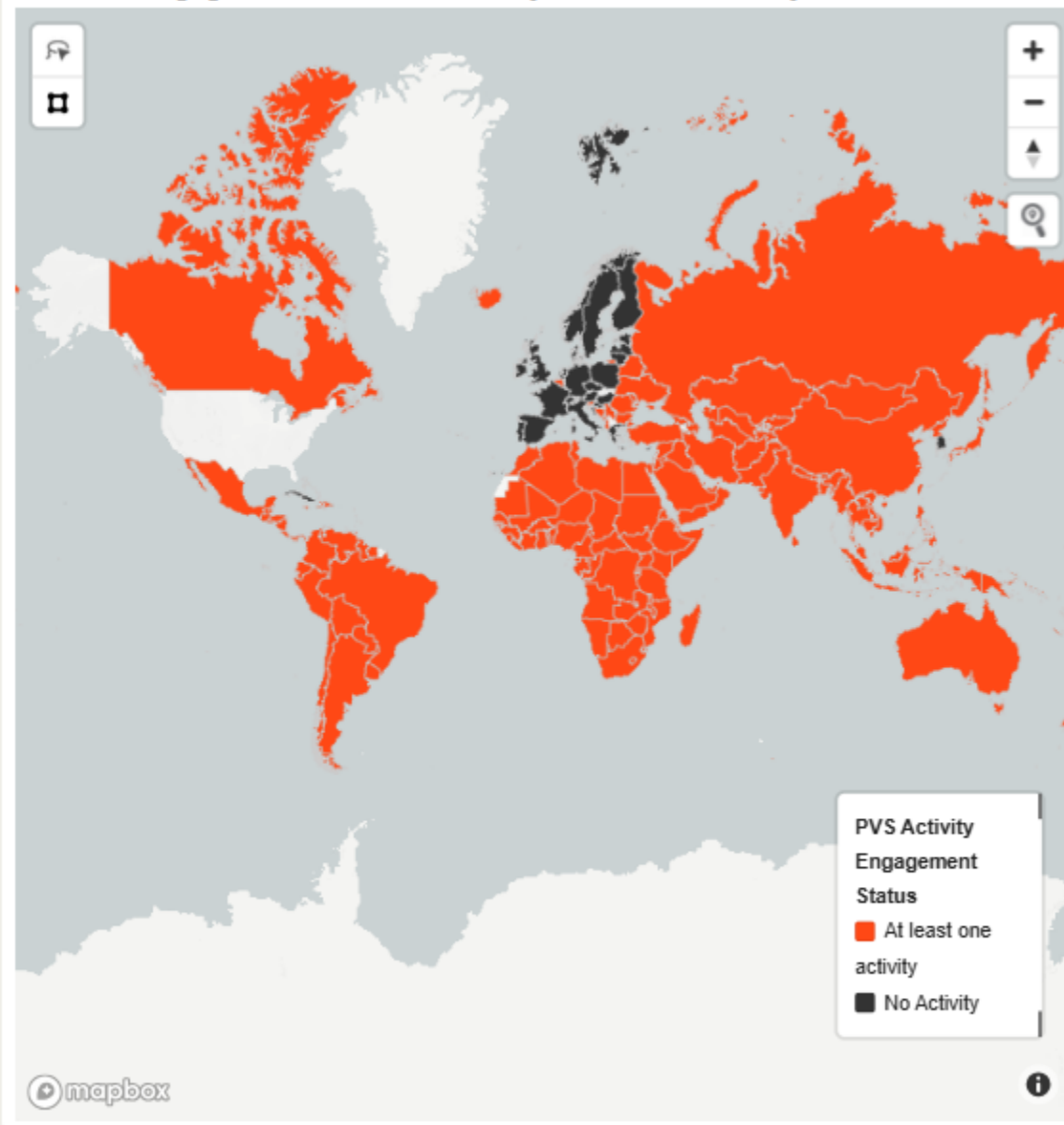
79%

Members engaged in at least one mission

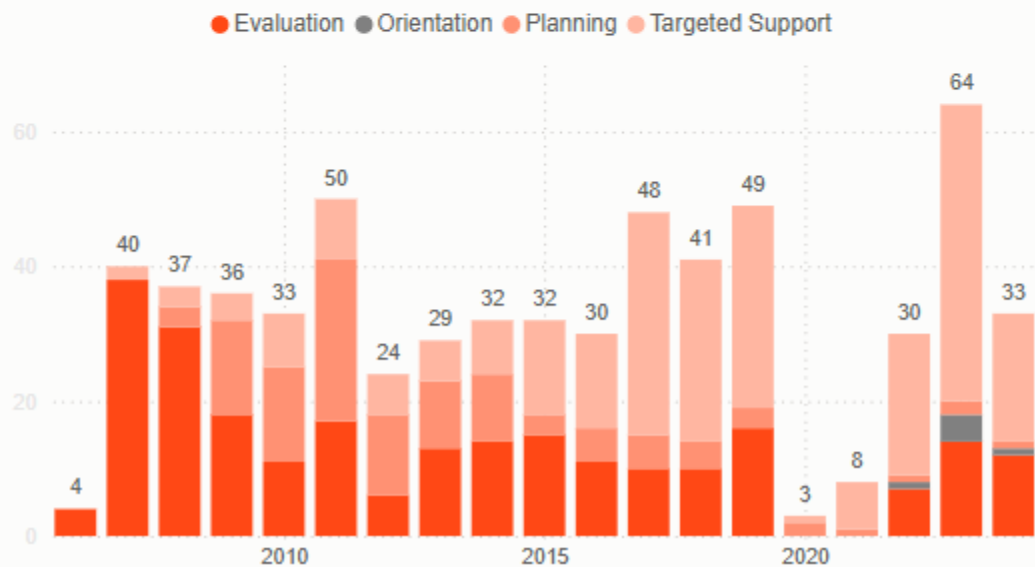
### Members engaged in at least one activity to date



### Members engaged in at least one activity in the PVS Pathway

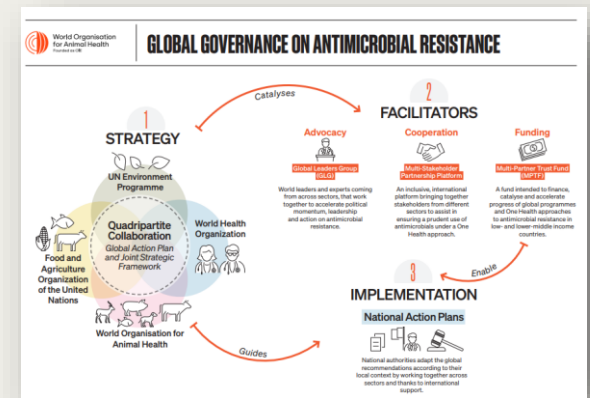
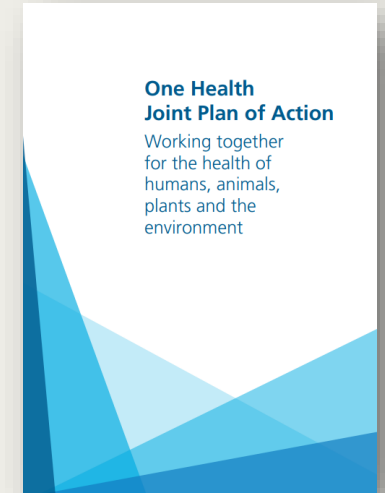


### Member Engagement across the PVS Pathway





# COLLABORATION PARTNERSHIP





**SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE  
AND EXCELLENCE**

More than **800** experts worldwide

**274** Reference Laboratories covering **109**  
diseases or topics in **40** countries

**76** Collaborating Centres in **33** countries



# A century of improving animal health and welfare

Ever since humans inhabited the earth, animals have been an integral part of our lives and sustainability.

One hundred years ago, 28 founding nations came together to address a shared purpose – the health and well-being of animals. From setting standards to amplifying the voice of the veterinary workforce in the global health agenda, we reflect on our journey: a century of improving animal health and welfare.



# Challenges faced by the animal health community

Transboundary emerging and food-borne diseases

Zoonoses

Insufficient access to protein in many regions

Climate change

Pandemics

Changes in food consumption patterns

Animal welfare, and

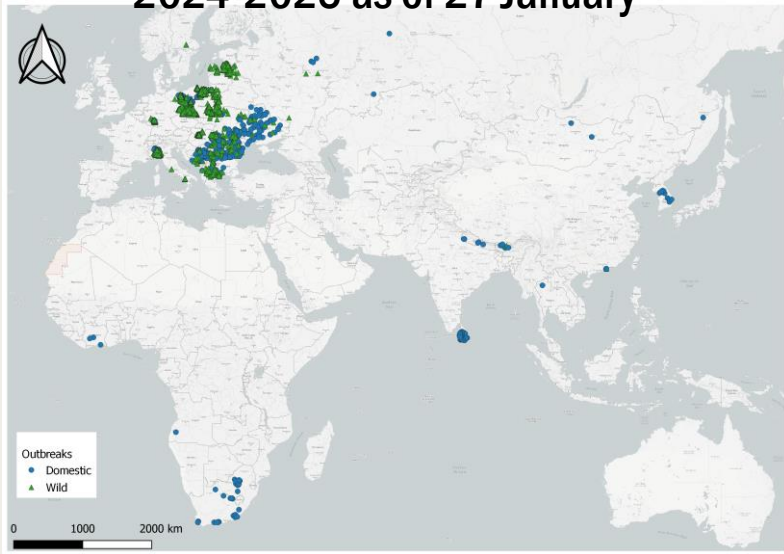
Growing demands for eco-friendly animal production systems



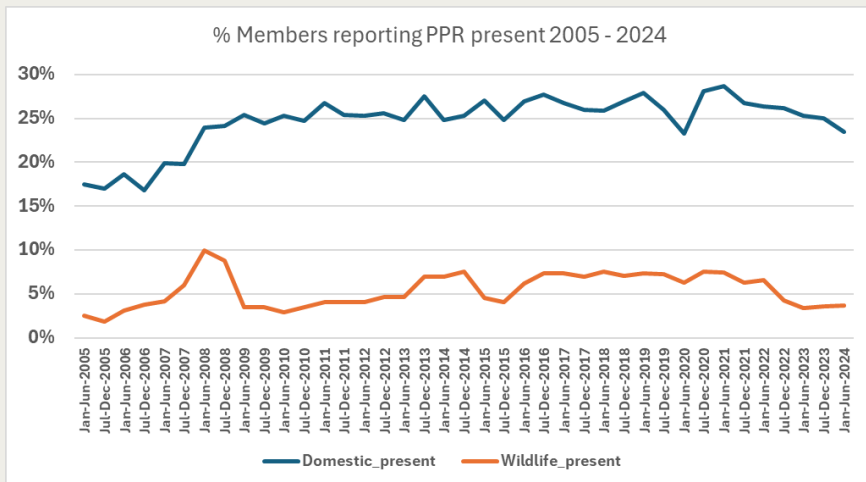
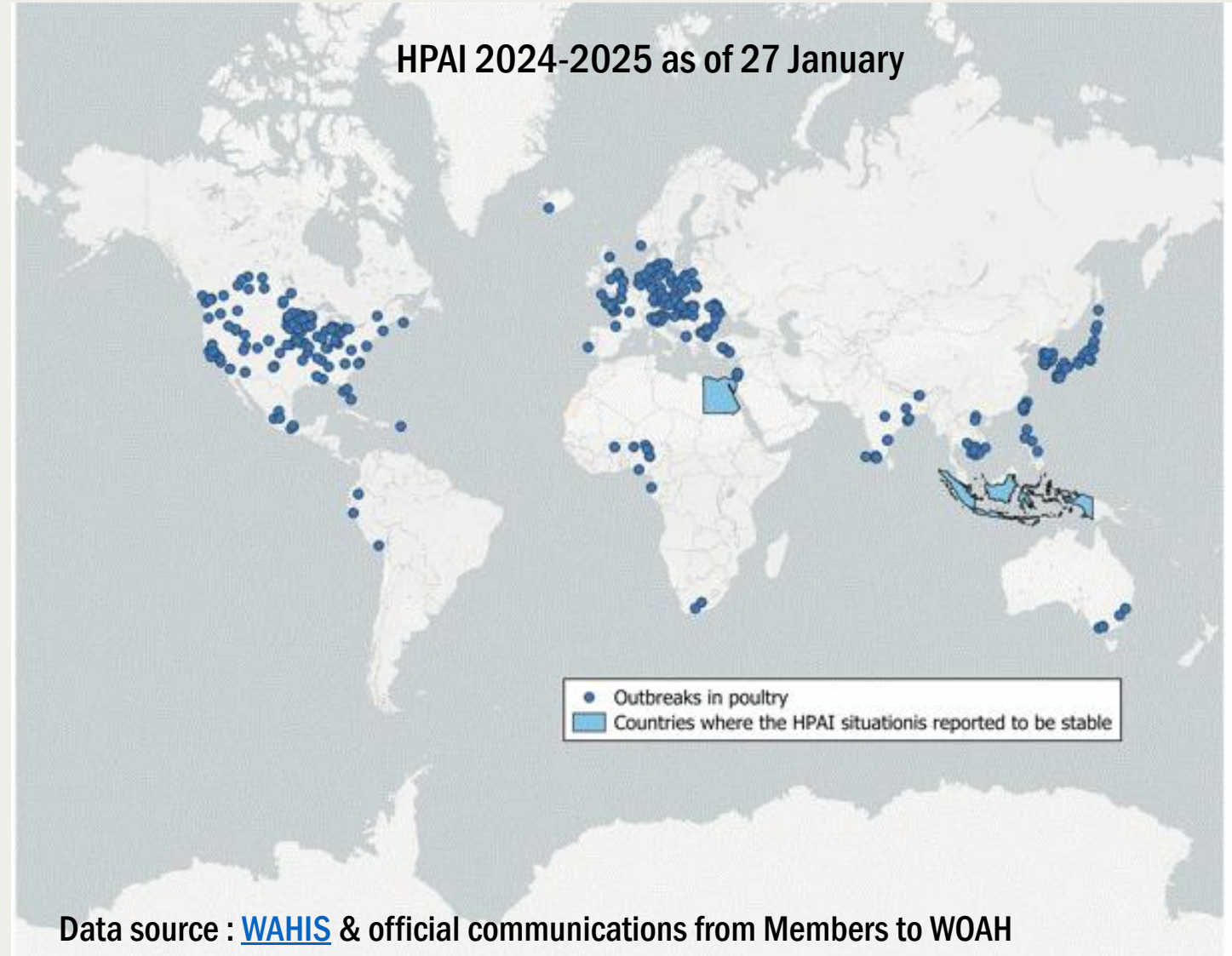


### ASF 2024-2025 as of 27 January

### Information 2024 - 2025 (as of 27/01/2025)



### HPAI 2024-2025 as of 27 January



Data source : [WAHIS](#) & official communications from Members to WOA





# The Observatory Annual Report 2022 in brief

Download the  
12 executive summaries





# WOAH's future actions

WOAH is ready to respond to its Members' current needs through the revision of its governance, the rethinking of its policies and activities to ensure relevant approaches helping Members to meet current and future challenges



## Future actions



Animal Health is a political issue and improving it:

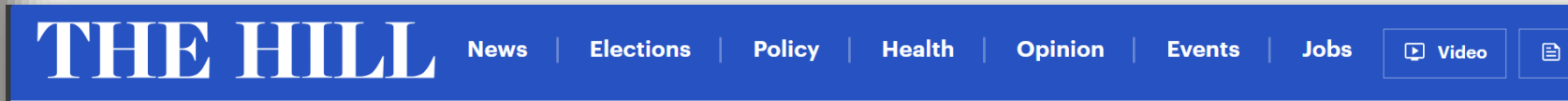
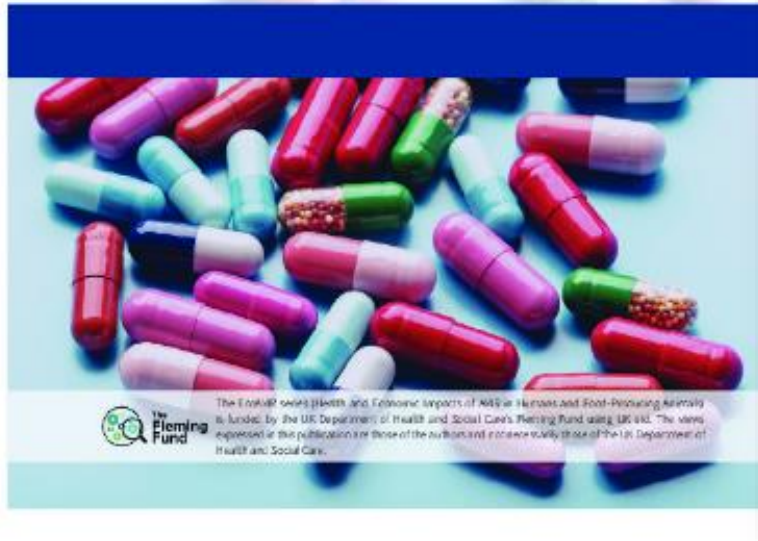
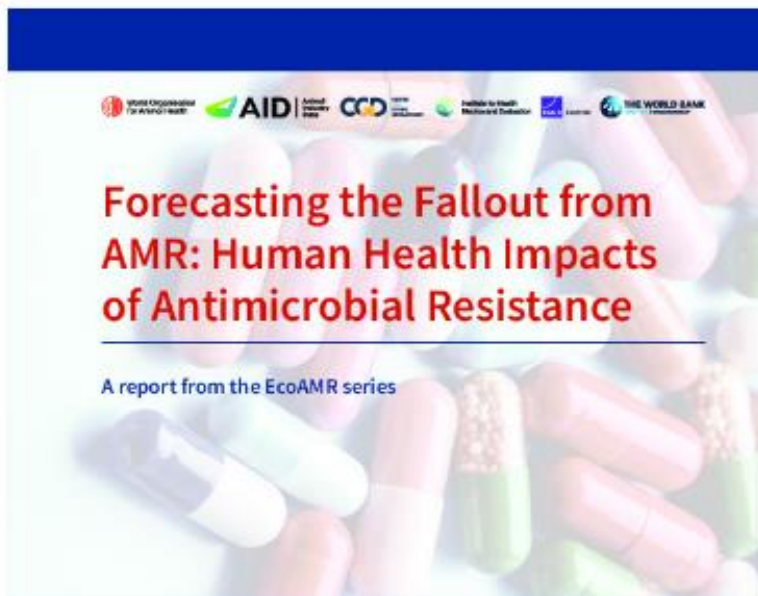
- Contributes to food security
- Boosts economy
- Promotes safe trade
- Protects public health
- Preserves wildlife and biodiversity
- And helps mitigate climate change

A driver of prosperity !

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# Accelerating action against antimicrobial resistance: closing the gaps in the animal health sector



- JUST IN**
- Senate Democrats think risk of nixing filibuster for abortion is worth the reward**  
HEALTH CARE | 25 MINUTES AGO
- Harris closes gap with Trump on economy**  
BUSINESS | 25 MINUTES AGO
- GOP urges Trump to tweak message with women**  
CAMPAIGN | 25 MINUTES AGO
- Harris-Trump race poses biggest test yet for reproductive rights**  
CAMPAIGN | 25 MINUTES AGO
- OpenAI expects about \$5 billion in losses this year.**

## OPINION > HEALTHCARE

THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY CONTRIBUTORS ARE THEIR OWN AND NOT THE VIEW OF THE HILL

# 'Superbugs' could devastate livestock globally

BY EMMANUELLE SOUBEYRAN, OPINION CONTRIBUTOR - 09/28/24 12:00 PM ET





## Future actions



- The society needs strong VS
  - The support must be both technical and financial
  - RR/SRR work will be essential
  - Solidarity must be our motto!
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## Future actions



- To adapt and confidently step into the future
  - Be recognised as an efficient and agile organisation where innovation in animal health is discussed
  - Work to live the values and objectives of diversity, equity, inclusion and efficiency
  - Better regional representation and involvement of the Regional Commissions
  - New expertise into WOAHA's work
  - Availability of standards in different languages
  - Members involvement in the standard-setting process
  - Inclusivity and representation on the ExCom, the Specialist Commissions and Working Groups
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## Future Actions

# Reflection about WOAH governance

### DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 12

#### Revision of the WOAHA Basic Texts

##### CONSIDERING

1. The document 91GS Admin-13 introduces the external and independent review of the WOAHA Basic Texts titled 'Report on the analysis and evaluation of the legal framework and the institutional, technical and financial governance of the World Organisation for Animal Health'. The document includes input from Council, elected bodies, and selected delegates.
2. That any revisions to the WOAHA Basic Texts will not apply retroactively.

##### THE ASSEMBLY, ON A PROPOSAL BY THE COUNCIL

##### RECOMMENDS THAT

1. WOAHA Members recognise the importance of a robust legal framework and the need to revise its Basic Texts to secure the organisation's ability to deliver its mandate efficiently, effectively, and sustainably into the future.
2. WOAHA Members recognise the 'Report on the analysis and evaluation of the legal framework and the institutional, technical and financial governance of the World Organisation for Animal Health' including the recommendations as the basis for further work to revise the Basic Texts.

##### DECIDES THAT

1. The Director General establish a dedicated group on governance to carry out further work to revise the WOAHA Basic Texts.
2. The Director General, in collaboration with the Council, develop Terms of Reference to provide the structure, composition, and modalities of work for the dedicated group. The group will be inclusive of the Membership with representatives from each region. The membership of the group will be approved by Council.
3. The Director General secure the necessary funds for the work of the dedicated group from within existing budgets and contribution mechanisms.
4. Following the validation of its outputs by the Council, the dedicated group on governance report to the 2025 General Session of the Assembly with the objective of providing a holistic work programme of multi-year activities and any initial recommendations (as appropriate) to support revisions to the Basic Texts.



# How is WOA funded?

**Statutory contributions** are the only source of **sustainable and equitable funding, but**



# 30%

provided by only  
16 Members in Category 1

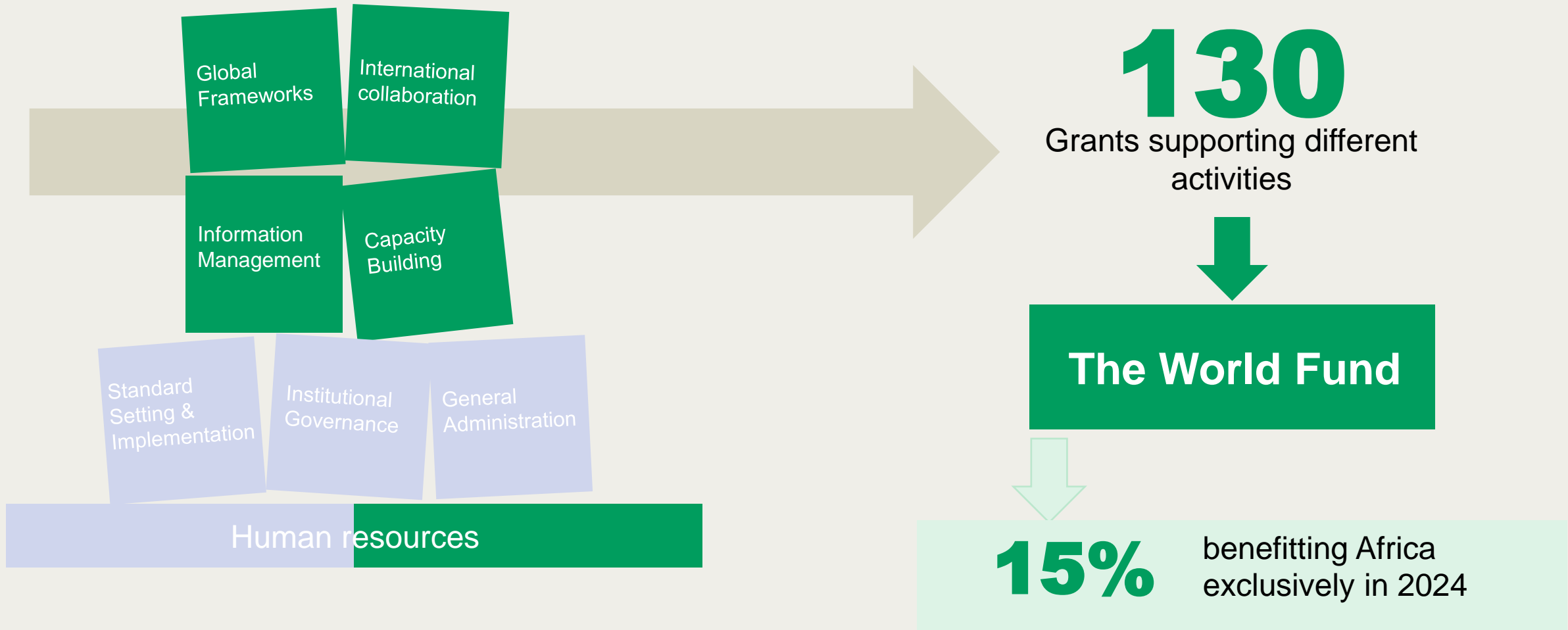


**Regular budget**



# How is WOAAH funded?

Statutory contributions are then complemented by **Voluntary contributions**





# Your thoughts



# Thank you

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