

Rift Valley fever (RVF) in Western Africa

September - November 2025

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SENEGAL: 24 September – November 2025

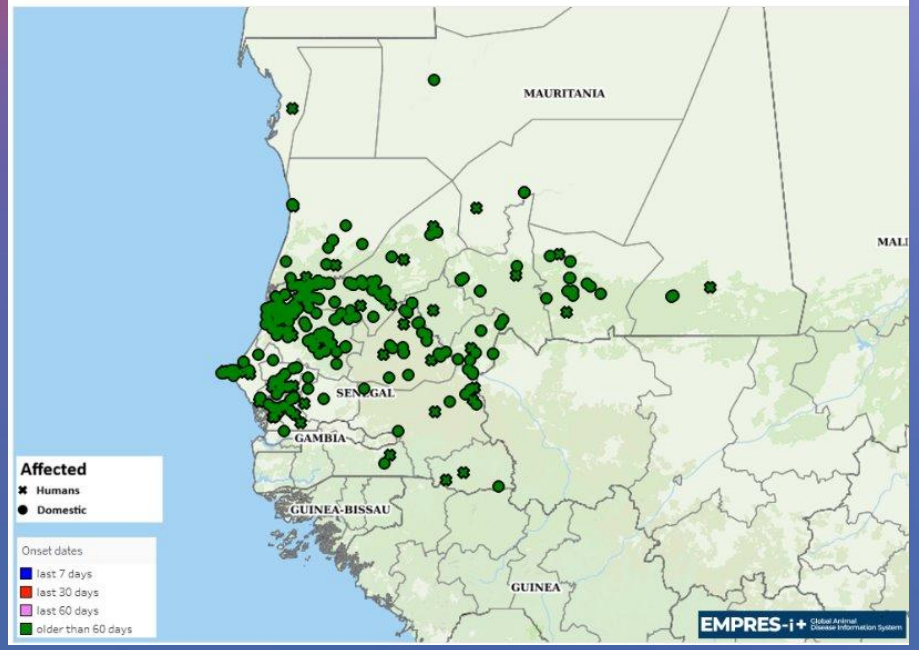
Animal health

- **446 cases in 28/46 departments, 11/14 regions**
- **2 026 abortions**
- **55 488 small ruminants vaccinated** (perifocal and targeted vaccination of uninfected livestock)
- **Last case** observed on **25 November 2025**

Public health

- **561 confirmed cases** and **31 deaths (CFR: 5.5%) in 11 regions, 41 districts**
- On 10 January, the Regional Director of Health of **Saint-Louis Region**, declared all **the human outbreaks identified in the region as extinguished**
- 5 196 samples were tested, confirming **360 RVF human cases and 21 deaths**
- The most affected district: Saint-Louis (373 case, 59 deaths)

MAP 4. RVF confirmed events in animals and humans in Western Africa, from 13 Sep. to 18 Feb. 2026



- On 24 September 2025: FAO officer reported 5 RVF cases in animals (PCR confirmed) in the Region of Saint Louis.
- On 28 September 2025: the MoH announced a human death due to RVF in Rosso, in Trarza Region, bordering Saint Louis District in Senegal. This was the first RVF report in 2025.

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MAURITANIA: 27 September – November 2025

Animal health

- A total of 68 outbreaks reported in 12 regions
- Mauritania notified a total of 67 RVF outbreaks to WOAH, reporting a total of 673 cases, and 95 dead animals
- Last case observed on 18 November 2025

Public health

- MoH reported a total of 53 RVF infections and 15 fatalities (CFR: 28.3%) in 12 regions
- Last case: end of November 2025.

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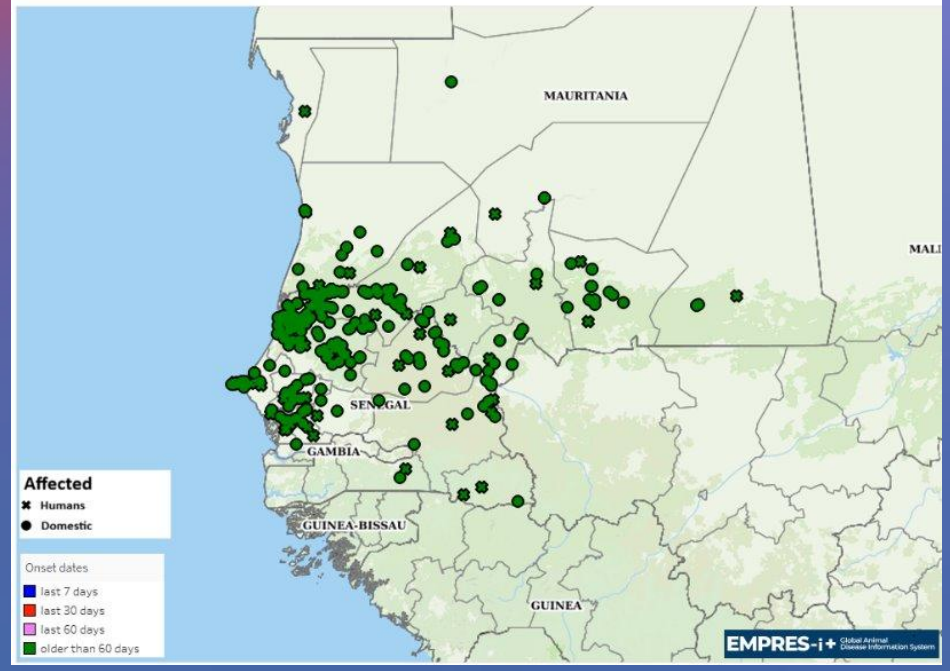

- 27 September 2025: FAO officer shared info about RVF infections in animals in 3 regions: Hodh-Gharbi, Hodh-Charghi and Brakna.
- 28 September 2025: MoH announced a human death due to RVF in Rosso, in Trarza Region, bordering Senegal

Main FAO Actions (1) in chronological order



- FAO HQ shared info on RVF through Tripartite **GLEWS+ Platform** (FAO-WOAH-WHO).
- FAO HQ shared **RVF modelling/forecasting results** with regional colleagues.
- **FAO supported Senegal, Mali and Mauritania** with essential supplies e.g. diagnostic reagents, laboratory consumables and PPE.
- FAO and WHO are working together for a **cross-border emergency coordination** between Senegal, Mauritania and Mali using cross-sectoral (veterinary services and public health) One health Approach.
- FAO provided an **update on RVF situation in animals to WHO** during the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) meeting (23 October).
- FAO deployed **RFV emergency response mission to Mauritania** (HQ and SNE, 20–23 October) and One Health investigation mission to Northern Senegal (FAO Senegal animal health expert, 21–24 October) to support the country to evaluate the implementation of the contingency plan and assess short-, medium- and long-term needs for action, and the implementation of capacity-building programs, in the context of combating and preventing RVF.
- **Joint FAO/WHO/WOAH Rapid Risk Assessment** of RVF in Senegal and Mauritania: Implications for Public Health and Animal Health was published (24 October): **https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/joint-fao-who-woah-rapid-risk-assessment-of-rift-valley-fever-(rvf)-in-senegal-and-mauritania--implications-for-public-health-and-animal-health**

Main FAO Actions (2)



- **FAO, the AU-IBAR, WHO, WOAH** and regional economic organizations jointly convened a **virtual consultative meeting of CVOs** on RVF emergency coordination mechanism (31 October).

- **FAO Sub regional Office for West Africa (SFW)** in collaboration with ECOWAS, held a **consultation with CVOs** on harmonized subregional RVF emergency prevention and coordination mechanism (5 November).

- **FAO's Office of Emergencies and Resilience (OER)** held an **internal call** with FAO Senegal, Subregional Office for West Africa (SFW), Subregional Office for North Africa (SNE), Regional Office for Africa (RAF), Animal Production and health Division (NSA) and OER, discussed needs and options regarding immediate support needed for countries where RVF is already confirmed (6 November).

- FAO has established an internal **Incidence Coordination Group (ICG)** involving HQ and decentralized offices to support coordination of emergency response to RVF in Africa.

- **FAO Liaison Office for North America (FAOLOW)** provided a "**General guidance for FAORs (re)engaging with US Embassies in West Africa for the Rift Valley Fever crisis**", in support of FAO country offices making needed contacts to the US Embassies for resource support from the U.S. Department of State (7 November).

Main FAO Actions

- **On 16 November 2025, FAO ALERT on RVF** for whole Africa was released https://openknowledge.fao.org/items/e6a60e98-f417-4eb9-b3a1-9ed18c76bb10
- On 19 November 2025, FAO launched the public version of the **RVF Early Warning Decision Support Tool (DST):** https://www.fao.org/animal-health/resources/tools/rvf-dst/en
- **RVF webinar for Western and Northern Africa** to enhance preparedness was held: Part 1 on 20 November, Part 2 on 16 December.
- **FAO HQ and FAO Tunisia** conducted a **RVF workshop** on the use of the RVF forecasting to enhance preparedness (expert consultation + training, 1 – 5 December 2025).
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- **HQ sent** additional coverall (PPE) to **FAO Mauritania** which arrived on 7 January 2026.
- A **TCP(E) for Senegal and Gambia** have been approved and started on the 16 January 2026.

RVF DST platform

THANK YOU