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## Summary

A.L.P.H.A.Initiative. Diagnostic network set up example

- Diagnostic Network Strategy
- Challenges/Lessons learnt
- Need for PPP to become sustainable
- The way forward ....

## A.L.P.H.A. Initiative key pillars

#### BACKGROUND

Zoetis with support of BMGF is currently executing 5-year A.L.P.H.A (Africa **Livestock Productivity and Health** Advancement) initiative



MEDICINES

AND SERVICES





**EDUCATION** 



Countries in focus – for more info:

- Ethiopia https://et.zoetis.com/
- Nigeria https://ng.zoetis.com/
- Tanzania https://zoetis.co.tz/
- Uganda https://ug.zoetis.com/



Improving diagnostic services to farmers and vets

Avoid shooting in the dark!

Partnership with private and public Dx labs



## A.L.P.H.A. Strategy for diagnostic support

- ✓ Provide a range of diagnostic tests to improve the correct diagnosis of major livestock diseases affecting farmers in sub-Saharan Africa
- ✓ Provide a full consultancy service to complement diagnostic results and recommend appropriate medicine use
- ✓ Increase awareness on certain diseases and drive biosecurity measures to maximize the effectiveness of control measures
- ✓ Gain insights in epidemiology of in-country diseases, feed outcome research-Zoetis pipeline-distributors, bring right products to market and to ensure the right use of products especially vaccines

















#### Model we support

- Partnership with public and private labs to improve existing infrastructure
- Provide training on diagnostics on different levels:
  - Lab staff (Lab manager, lab technologists, ...)
  - Vets: how to interpret results? What's next? What's the best advice?
  - Farmers: why do you have to test? How to avoid ...
- Collecting samples through distributor network
- Partnership in surveillance networks
- Digital innovation for data transfer and reporting: LabCards
- Outreach services: cold chain, fridges ...



# Challenges/lessons learnt

- ✓ Find the right partners to start with
  - Limited range of private (incl human) laboratories
  - National Reference labs more focus on research
     < daily diagnostic services to farmers/vets are not their core business & mindset</li>
  - Regional Public labs lack entrepreneurship
  - Private labs fear authority driven actions like culling-slaughtering without compensation
- ✓ Supply-instalment-maintenance of lab equipment
- ✓ You can't cover everything in diagnostics
  - It's more a matter of getting started and build testing portfolio/business step by step based on customers (vets and farmers) needs
  - Quality Assurance: step by step
- ✓ Close follow up of labs operations at initial stage is needed
  - Lack of experience: serving the customers-diagnostic testing-quality
  - Consultative support on the results
  - Running a lab is more than doing a test
  - Governance body
- ✓ Sustainability is the key to succes!!!

Labs should not run dry – should ensure samples flow!



## Nigeria Partners

Public and Private partners – Diagnostics\*

Zoetis has documented partnership in place with all the partners

Vision: Developing sustainable Dx via working with Private & Public partners and playing a role of a catalyser of interaction

Zoetis

Only Chi Farms is fully operational lab in Nigeria

All other partners – end 2019/beg 2020

Private partners
- Chi Farms
- Vetco Diagnostix, Kaduna



#### Public partners

- Nyanya Lab, The Veterinary Centre, Federal Capital Territory Admin, Abuja,
  - Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Jos
- Federal College of Animal Health and Production Technology, Jos



#### How not to run dry as a lab and become sustainable\*?

Your customers (in poultry)	Purpose of testing	Private labs		Public labs		ldeal PPP
		Share in samples	Epidemiological value in animal health	Share in samples	Epidemiological value in animal health	
Individual vets (includes VPP's and farmers)	Diagnostic	20%	HIGH	5%	HIGH	20%
Private farms (parent stock)	Monitoring- sero- surveillance	80%	INTERMEDIATE	5%	INTERMEDIATE	40%
Programs from public sector	Monitoring- surveillance	0%	HIGH	90%	HIGH	40%



#### Obstacles for PPP (from private perspective)

- Lack of trust: confidentiality and mutual respect
- Fear of resistance of lab's private customers
- Fear of excessive government action in non-PPP domains
- Fear of the unknown/change
- Investment in certification and accreditation needed
- Previous experience of charity kits received "for free"...
- Lack of business accumen to maintain sustainability



# The way forward

- Explore further opportunieties for PPP for diagnostic private/public labs
- Need for strong communication and sensibilisation from OIE to all stakeholders also on production diseases
- Develop some PPP pilot projects in the diagnostic field with private partners
  - One disease/one program approach to start with

