



# **Veterinary Emergency Intervention**

## **Tool for disease control**

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# Introduction

## Why the need for veterinary support emergency missions?

- Serious epizootics in the past highlighted the importance of having well-prepared, highly-trained personnel available to efficiently manage animal disease outbreaks.
- In the EU, an extensive experience with eradicating animal diseases has been gained over recent years.
- Experience has shown that in times of crisis, animal disease experts can usefully support the authorities of the Member States or third countries that were affected by a disease for the first time.

# Community Veterinary Emergency Team

## What is the CVET?

1. It is a team composed of **experts** for **veterinary technical assistance** on control measures relating to the diseases subject to notification
2. The members of the team shall be appointed **by the Commission** from experts proposed by the Member States
3. Since 2007 16 missions on ASF (3), FMD (4), CSF (7), Bluetongue (1), HPAI (1):
  - **To Georgia, Armenia, Cyprus (2), Croatia (2), Slovakia, the Netherlands, Lithuania (2), Ukraine, Bulgaria (2), South Africa, Latvia (2)**
4. Legal basis Commission Decision 2007/142

# Community Veterinary Emergency Team

## Which is the job of the CVET?

1. The team shall assist the Commission in technical veterinary matters such as:
  - a. **scientific, technical and managerial on-the-spot assistance as regards the surveillance, monitoring, control and eradication of the diseases,**
  - b. **specific scientific advice on the suitable diagnostic methods and epidemiological investigations**
2. in close cooperation and collaboration with the competent authorities of the Member State or third country concerned
3. in coordination with the concerned Community Reference Laboratory



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## Lessons learnt

1. The CVET is a very valuable tool to support disease control activities
2. Member States and third countries that have received the CVET report satisfactory and successful experience
3. The Commission and the Member States get highly valuable suitable information and recommendations
4. CVET provides excellent value for money

# Crisis Management Centre – Animal Health

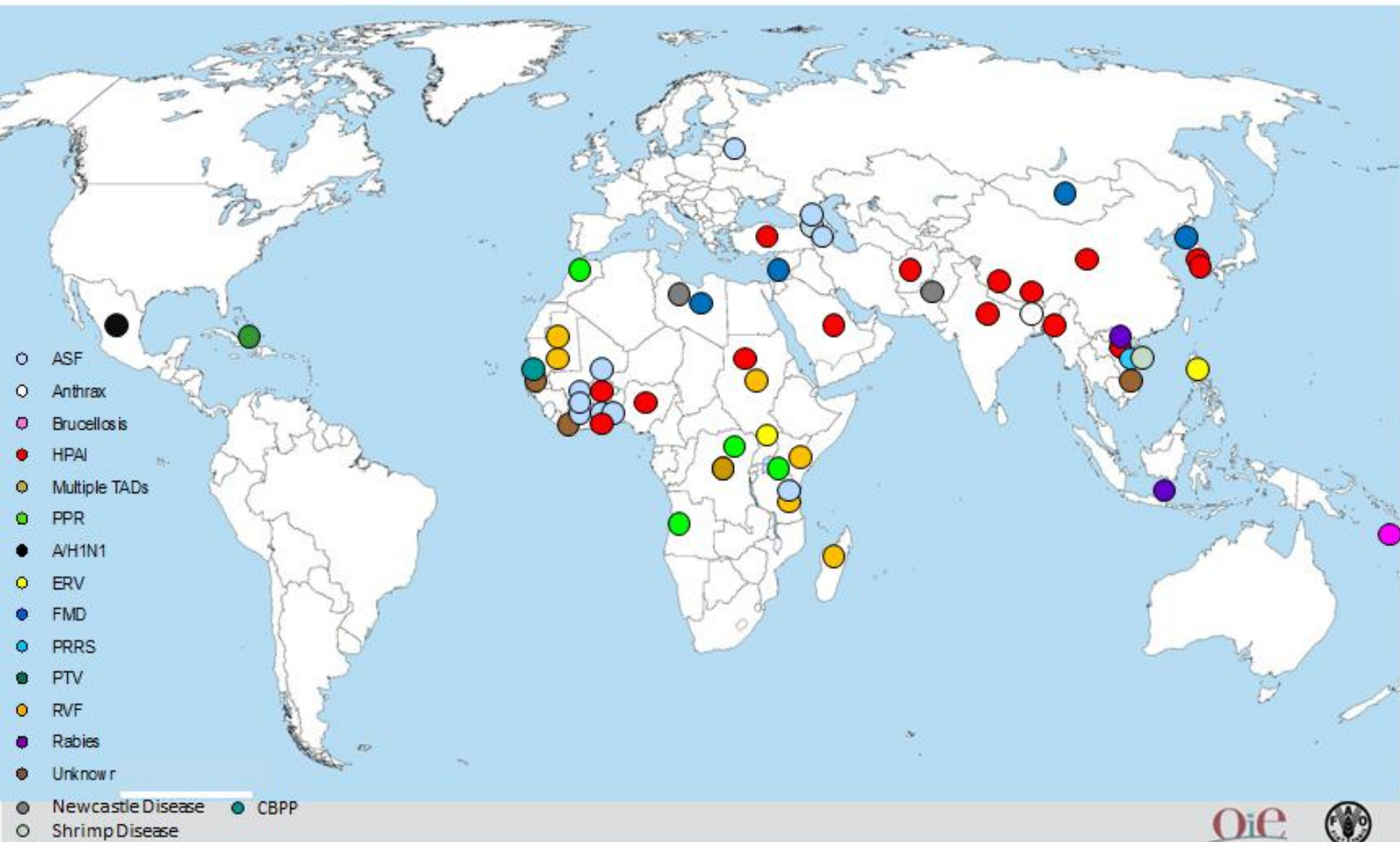
**The CMC-AH is a rapid response facility, based in FAO Headquarters, Rome and involving a close collaboration with OIE and WHO**

- Offers **rapid response** to transboundary animal diseases (TADs) and emerging animal disease threats to **on request**
- Mixed teams of **operational and technical experts** are deployed to assist affected governments
- This usually involves a rapid assessment, immediate advice, and development of a 3 – 6 month government action plan
- Has deployed **66 missions to 41 countries**





# CMC-AH Missions 2006-2013



# Crisis Management Centre – Animal Health

## How does the CMC-AH operate/with whom?

- The Centre follows disease issues daily through the **Global Early Warning System (GLEWS)** and the **Emergency Prevention System (EMPRES)** to continuously track and analyse the animal disease situation worldwide
- It also collaborates with other networks and governments.
- It is currently supported by **France, the USA, Australia and Japan**
- It partners with **France Vétérinaire International** to tap experts from within the French government.



# Crisis Management Centre – Animal Health

## How does a CMC-AH mission operate?



### Tracking and planning

- The CMC-AH monitors animal health crises and anticipates responses using intelligence from multiple sources. Once a mission is confirmed, the Centre plans for deployment and works with partners worldwide to rapidly mobilize a qualified team of experts.



### Deployment

- Once deployed, the mission team provides the country with targeted expertise to: control epidemiological situations or outbreaks, help collect samples, assist in strategic planning and more. When needed, the CMC-AH also assists with mobilizing new resources.



### Transition

- The consequences of animal disease emergencies can continue well after outbreaks occur, consequently, the CMC-AH works with other FAO units to support governments in transitioning from a state of emergency assistance, to medium and longer term action plans for disease control. Sometimes the Centre deploys a follow-up mission.





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