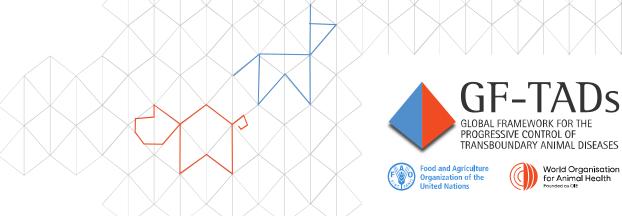




Review of the recommendations [to countries] formulated at the latest West Eurasia Regional Roadmap and Epi and Lab Network meetings

Achievements and challenges

FMD RAG Chairperson CVO Azerbaijan



9th West Eurasia FMD Roadmap Meetin, 2023



Baku, Azerbaijan 25-25 April 2023

Vision: "Regional cooperation among Eurasian countries for the progressive control of FMD leading towards freedom of clinical disease by **2027** for regional economic development, food security, and poverty alleviation."

PCP-FMD regional progression - 2012 2023

9th FMD Roadmap meeting for West Eurasia (25-27 April 2023, Baku, Azerbaijan)

Presentation of provisional roadmap for 2008-2027, based on information, shared by countries

		Validated Stages															Pro	Provisional Stages (not validated)			
Countries	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
Afghanistan (absent)	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Armenia	2	2	2	2	2	2	2*	2*	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	
Azerbaijan	2	2	2	2	2	2	2*	2*	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3			
Georgia	1	1	2*	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3					
Iran	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	
Kazakhstan																					
9 northern regions	1	1	1	1	1	1	2*	FnV													
5 southern regions	1	1	1	1	1	1	2*	2*	2*	FwV											
Kyrgyzstan	1	0	0	0	1	1	2*	2*	2*	2*	2*	2*	4	4	4	4					
Pakistan (absent)	0	1	1	1	1	1	2*	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2					
Tajikistan	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Türkiye																					
Thrace			FwV	FnV	FnV																
Anatolia									2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	Ą.			
Uzbekistan	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Assessed by RAG Mid	ddle-Eas	st (2021	.)																		
Iraq		1	1	1	2	2	2*	2*	2*	2*	2*	2*	2*	2*	2*	2*	2*	2	2		
Syria		1	1	1	2	2	2*	2*	2*	2*	2*	2*	2*	-							

^{*} provisional status given to the country (countries had six months to provide additional information including Control Plan; if no, they will be downgraded to the previous stage)

FwV: Free with vaccination FnV: Free without vaccination

0 1 2 3 4 WOAH

^{**} country/zone having entered the OIE pathway for recognition of an FMD free zone with vaccination

9th West Eurasia FMD Roadmap Meeting Recommendations

The 10 countries attending (2023): Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, agreed to elect the out-going Regional Advisory Group composed of:

- the CVO/Delegate Azerbaijan [Chairperson]
- the CVO/Delegate of Kazakhstan
- the CVO/Delegate Iran
- the leader of West Eurasia Epidemiology (EpiNet) network, Armenia
- the leader of West Eurasia Laboratory (WelNet) networks, Türkiye

RAG Terms of Reference

- 1. To review the progressive control pathway PCP-FMD Stage assessments of countries during the PCP-FMD regional roadmap meetings (Component 1)
- 2. To guide FMD training and capacity development activities in countries to support FMD regional /national strategies and their alignment with the principles of the FAO-WOAH Global FMD Control Strategy
- 3. To provide advice on the status of PCP-FMD assessments including the analysis of Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) evaluations for relevant Critical Competences as identified in Component 2 of the FAO-WOAH Global FMD Control Strategy
- 4. To support technical review and implementation of national risk-based strategic control plans and other national and regional control plans
- 5. To advise on issues or factors preventing effective progress of the FMD roadmap
- 6. To support countries, if requested, in the preparation of applications to WOAH for endorsement of their FMD national control strategy and for status official recognition
- 7. To assist resolving problems and issues related to the implementation of regional activities and national strategies for the progressive control of FMD
- 8. To promote ownership and enhance establishing enabling environment for implementation of control programs at national and regional levels. To advocate at regional level with countries, private sector and donors the importance to invest in FMD control and prevention

Regional Advisory Group (RAG)

Three Chief Veterinary Officers/ WOAH Delegates

Heads of regional epidemiology and laboratory network

(non-voting)
FAO/WOAH
officers
Experts
Representative
of Regional
organization

Review of the 2023 recommendations [general]

General:

- Work towards freedom from clinical FMD in West Eurasia by 2027; the next meeting is proposed to be held in 2025;
- Sub-regional FMD meetings be organised among neighbouring countries under the GF-TADs umbrella to ensure (i) the harmonisation objectives and modalities of vaccination strategies; (ii) the improvement of information sharing on outbreaks, animal movements/migration routes and hot spots, market prices, to gain a clear understanding of FMD situation in this sub-region;
- In order to ensure appropriate vaccine selection and vaccine registration processes, to share and update information on FMD virus serotypes and topotypes both circulating and threatening the region, and on vaccines used (e.g. table including manufacturers and specific vaccine strains lead by WelNet);

Review of the 2023 recommendations [countries]

Countries that have not progressed from PCP-FMD Stage 1 since the beginning of the Roadmap process, to be encouraged to develop their RBSP to reach at least Stage 2 of the PCP-FMD by 2024; the GF-TADs FMD Working Group will propose the PCP-FMD Support Officer (PSO) system;

Update | **July 2024: PSO system proposed in 2023, no request for support received by countries. C**ountries should request PSO support until the end of September 2024. PSO will assist the Veterinary Services in making recommendation for the reaching of the next PCP-FMD stage.



• Support and strengthen the EpiNet and WelNet to share data and information on FMD in the region and to identify needs for improved FMD surveillance and control and reduce the risk of disease; priority support should be given to countries in PCP-FMD Stage 1 and Stage 2, where a range of technical areas should be strengthened;

Update | July 2024: EpiNet is active. Epidemiological and vaccine matching data has been and should be further disseminated between countries (mainly SAT-2 situation) for development the country strategy and epidemiology planning of the FMD measures for next future

Review of the 2023 recommendations [countries continued]

 Make the most possible effort, on regular basis, to collect and deliver samples to FAO/WOAH Reference Laboratories for full characterization of the field isolates, especially in case of suspicion of introduction of new strain or modification of strain currently circulating in the region;

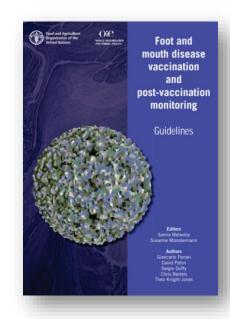
Update | July 2024: no new proposal

• Promote the implementation of immunogenicity <u>studies</u>, based on Post Vaccination Monitoring (PVM) guidelines, <u>and share the results</u> to assess and evaluate immune response to the different vaccines used in the region.

Update | **July 2024:** SSIS implemented in South East European Neighbordhood (GVA group). Due to circulation of the new FMD virus strain (SAT-2) the immunogenicity study and immune response of the vaccines used in the regions will be evaluated.

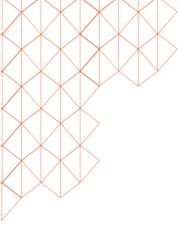
 Advocate for political commitment and mobilization of resources towards FMD control, supported by socio-economic studies regarding the impact of FMD and benefit of control.

Update | July 2024: Taking into account the negative socio-economic effects of FMD, implementation of measures to promote the international requirements in member countries in order to formulate policies, strengthen commitments and increase the attraction of resources.



Review of the 2023 recommendations [Supporting organizations]

- Provide technical backstopping to countries for their progression along the PCP-FMD;
- Facilitate and assist the implementation of regional studies on socio-economic analysis; in this regard international organizations are invited to promote trainings, workshops and the development of tools to collect and analyse risk information based on animal mobility;
- Develop tools to facilitate the selection of vaccine strains, in order to improve the capacity of countries in the region to define risk profiles for the definition of vaccine strain priorities;
- Support and strengthen the West Eurasia Epidemiology (EpiNet) and Laboratory (WelNet) networks according to their workplans including by facilitating meetings and providing organizational support
- Promote the training material available on the EuFMD e-learning website and FAO's Virtual Learning Centers' platform and WOAH Capacity Building modules
- Continue to conduct training workshops on international standards and guidelines and on the various PCP-FMD tools (experience sharing by countries at advanced level of implementation of the PCP-FMD should be included in the training);
- Train veterinarians on surveillance design and database preparations as ToT approcah.
- Promote the Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) concept and to support West Eurasian countries to develop, if and when relevant, sustainable PPPs to strengthen Veterinary Services.





Thank you for the attention