



ONE HEALTH
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What are the key obstacles you face in implementing the One Health approach within your national / regional policy frameworks?

- **Fragmentation & Sectoral Gaps:**
 - national agencies work in silos; priorities are different; funds are allocated under sectoral programs;
 - lack of coordination among international organizations at the regional and national levels;
 - lack of cross-regional coordination (example: CA countries and Afghanistan);
 - environmental component is underrepresented in One Health initiative;
 - financial / economic development sector is not involved.
- **Lack of high-level support and engagement** [country leaders].
- **Lack of understanding & capacities** among national stakeholders, actors and beneficiaries (especially, local).
 - Education: bureaucratic challenges in promoting new curricular.
- **Lack of funding** (especially, for laboratory equipment).
- **Gaps in legislation & regulation** - drugs licencing & registration; regulations concerning strains.
- **Access problems:** availability of strains samples; problems with international accreditation for national laboratories; availability of global guidelines / plans / materials in local (regional) languages.

Best One Health Practices at national and regional levels

National Action Plans for One Health

- *All participants indicated activities and commitments.*
- *Azerbaijan:* contingency plans, sectoral plans, self-assessments every year.
- *Georgia:* Action Plan for One Health Approach (2023), covering food safety, AMR, the environmental health, preparedness.
- *Kazakhstan:* One Health Program since 2018. Sustainable support from the national government; developed legislation.
- *Tajikistan:* strong commitment to One Health Approach. Action plans.

Cross-sectoral and regional coordination.

- *Georgia + Azerbaijan + Kazakhstan => cross-border meetings + regional meetings every year.* Inclusive, various stakeholders. Topics varied from year-to-year. Countries proposed their topics. BUT: stopped, after the COVID19 pandemic - only few meetings online.
- *Turkmenistan:* One Health grant allowed to establish a national multi-agency consultation group and conduct the first regional dialogue (CA countries + WHO + FAO + UNEP). A joint 3-sectors communique on the framework One Health project was issued.

Technologies:

- *Azerbaijan & Georgia :* since 2010 - electronic integrated disease surveillance system for all notifiable disease.
- *Kazakhstan:* governmental information system – a joint cross-sectoral data base.
- *Russia:* Electronic system for food products certification. Research on AI for One Health, especially for the community-level activities.

Science & Education

- *Kazakhstan:* plans for educational programs for One Health and capacity-building events at local level.
- *Georgia:* plans integration of the curricula; has One Health FETP Frontline
- *Russia:* a robust scientific approach & educational program. The Russian Academy of Science has several research programs aligned with One Health. The Academy also works closely with agriculture institutions on new educational curricular. The State has a target - up to 2000 One Health specialists have to be trained and obtain university degrees by 2030.

How can regional cooperation be enhanced to ensure the One Health approach?

National & Regional Initiatives

- Regional advisory groups of national representatives - topical experts. Example - group on transboundary mitigation of zoonotic diseases.
- Promote knowledge sharing among countries and create opportunities to learn from other countries.
- Support timely delivery of information on diseases. New technologies.
- Promote recognition (prestige) of One Health jobs (profession).

Global Actions

- Improve advocacy among country leaders. Promote high-level regional treaties.
- Include One Health in global events agenda (Climate COP in Baku).
- Increase funding from international donors.
- Promote cooperation among regional offices of international agencies (incl. WHO-WOAH-FAO-UNEP).
- Enhance inter-regional cooperation.

One word for One Health

Coordination

Communication

Joint Interests

Transparency

Financing

Legislation

Priorities

One Health at all levels