

Country report on national action plans for animal welfare

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What are the main Animal Welfare issues you work on?

- Keeping and caring for animals in livestock farms
- Breeding
- Transport
- Humane slaughter of animals
- Enforcement of WOAH standards



Resources – what resources (financial and human) are available to work on Animal Welfare?

- State budget funding and international projects
- A dedicated budget line for animal care
- Professional staff at the Food and Veterinary Agency – veterinary inspectors
- Awareness campaigns



Stakeholders – Which are involved (government agencies, NGOs, farmers, veterinary professionals) and their role?

- **Food and Veterinary Agency (FVA):** Monitoring and control
- **Farmers:** Implementation of welfare practices
- **Veterinarians:** Healthcare services
- **Private veterinarians:** Delegation of official duties for ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections



Regulatory framework – What are the legal acts/regulations that you have on Animal Welfare? Do you use WOAH standards and other guidelines and best practices in your work?

- Law on Animal Welfare in Kosovo
- Veterinary Law
- National regulations and administrative guidelines based on WOAH and EU standards



Implementation and enforcement – what are the main actions taken to implement and enforce your regulatory framework?

- Regular inspections in farms and slaughterhouses
- Inspections during transport
- Reports from citizens and civil society organizations
- Awareness campaigns
- Sanctions for legal violations



Data – what data you collect and how?

- Directly from farmers – farm visits
- Collaboration with NGOs for reporting



Public awareness or educational programs – What programs are currently in place in your country?

- Awareness campaigns for citizens and farmers
- Training for veterinarians and inspectors
- Activities organized by NGOs



Barriers and challenges – What barriers and challenges do you face to implement Animal Welfare regulation (cultural, economical, political, ...) ?

- Lack of sufficient funding
- Cultural changes and lack of awareness among farmers and citizens
- Limited capacities for implementation and monitoring
- Need for harmonization of legislation with European standards

Thank you



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