

# WOAH's vision on Vector-borne diseases

## Science to policy in a changing World

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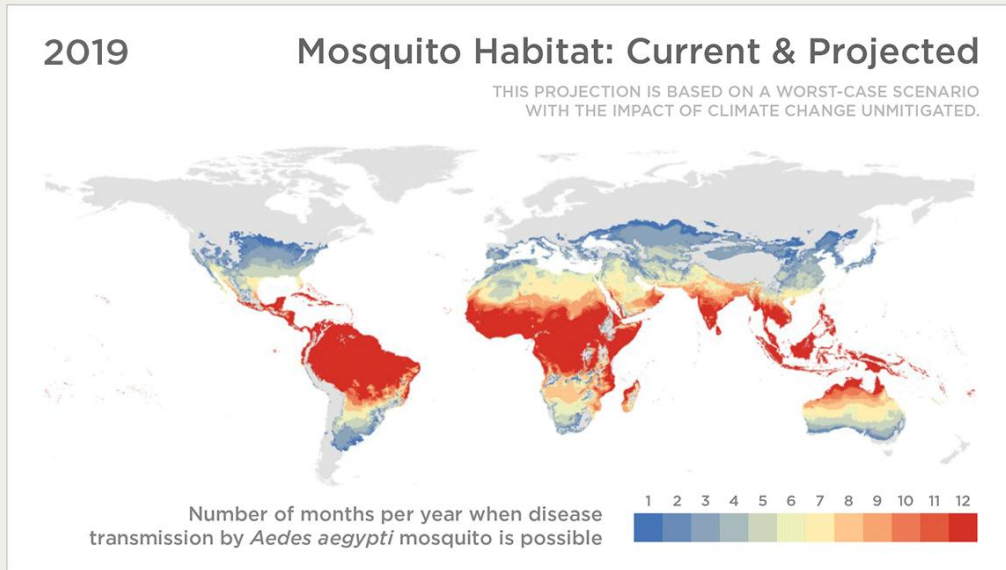
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# Where are we?

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Source: Sadie J. Ryan, Colin J. Carlson, Erin A. Mordecai, and Leah R. Johnson







## Global threat to animal and human health

- 17% of all infectious diseases
- >700,000 deaths annually (WHO)
- VBD impact on animal health/environment

(2006-2009 BTV cost over 1 billion E in Europe)

Many vectors transmit both animal and human diseases.

## Key Drivers

-  Climate change
-  Global travel & trade
-  Urbanization and land use change
-  Biodiversity loss and ecosystem disruption
-  Wildlife reservoirs and spillover risks
-  Insecticide/repellent resistance

VBDs involve **complex** interactions between animals, humans, vectors, and the environment.

**One Health**









# The role of WOAH on VBD

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WOAH is the global authority on animal health

- Supports Members through:
  -  **International standards:** to support risk management
  -  **WAHIS:** official disease (domestic and wildlife) reporting and transparency
  -  **Reference Centres:** diagnostics, training, and research.
  -  **Vaccine/vaccination recommendations:** vaccine quality and use
  -  **PVS Pathway:** strengthening Veterinary Services and their capacity to manage VBDs.
  -  **STAR IDAZ** Research and innovation (STAR-IDAZ)

Promotes intersectoral partnership **One Health:** integrating animal, human, and environmental health (GF-TADS, regional networks such as REMESA, projects, scientific consortiums, etc)



# Toolbox against VBD

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## Integrated Surveillance, Early Warning:

Diagnostic for monitoring vectors and pathogens, integrating data systems

## Vaccination

Preventive and emergency vaccination, ensuring vaccine quality and availability

## Vector Protection and Control:

Chemical, biological, and environmental methods to reduce vector populations and avoid contact

## Movement Control and Quarantine:

Restricting animal movement, applying quarantine, and enforcing trade standards

## Public Awareness and Education:

Training keepers and veterinarians, and communicating risks effectively.

## Capacity Building and Infrastructure:

Strengthening Veterinary Services, labs, etc.

## Collaboration, Coordination, Harmonisation:

Fostering One Health partnerships and regional networks.



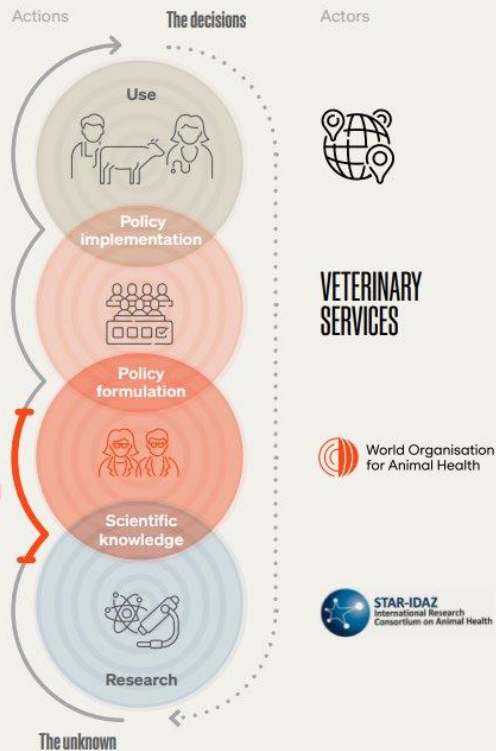


# WOAH's vision for VBDs

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## WOAH as a science-policy facilitator

bridging science and policy to support Members in risk-based decision-making



### Scientific Excellence:

Promote scientific rigor and innovation in diagnostics and sustainable risk management

### Disease Intelligence

Strengthen (integrated) surveillance systems

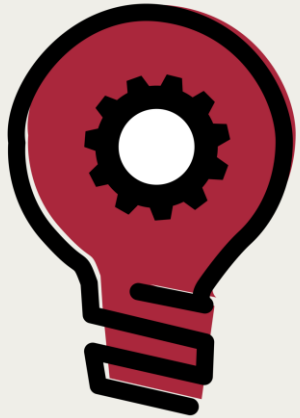
Transparency

### Collaboration and Solidarity

Foster regional and global intersectoral partnerships.

### Resilience and Sustainability:

Investment in Veterinary Services



## Orientation 1: Science-Based Standards for Decision-Making

- Standards for VBD surveillance, disease and vector control, and safe trade.
- Ensures quality assurance of diagnostic and vaccines for VBDs
- Support Members through with Reference Centre expert networks

## Orientation 2: Empowering Robust Animal Health Systems

- Strengthens Member capacities to detect, prevent, and respond to VBDs
- Integrated One Health surveillance systems
- Preparedness and resilience in the changing world (climate-driven VBD threats)

## Orientation 3: Positioning Animal Health in Global Challenges

- Advocates for the role of animal health in addressing climate change, food security, and zoonotic risks
- Elevates VBDs in global health political agendas
- Mobilises stakeholders and resources to tackle transboundary VBD threats



# Enablers for the 8<sup>th</sup> Strategic plan

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## Governance & Partnerships

Foster regional and global **collaboration** (e.g., Quadripartite, scientific networks)

## Data Management Leadership:

Advance digital **data management** tools and data **integration** for VBD risk analysis

## People & Performance

Build **expertise** in entomology, epidemiology, risk management and communication



# Strategic challenges

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## Risk management

Climate-driven risks -> expansion of vectors into new regions  
Limited surveillance capacity and entomological expertise  
Limited access to quality-assured vaccines and diagnostics  
Resistance to vector treatment & environmental impact

## Coordination

Gaps in cross-sectoral coordination (One Health)  
Data sharing barriers across sectors and borders

## Underinvested Vet Services

Competing priorities within Vet Services  
Crisis of multilateralism, geopolitic







# Call to joint actions (5)



## Better Data

Climate-adaptive and integrated surveillance systems & monitor shifting vector habitats (One Health)

## Better Tools

Investment in research and development: diagnostics, and innovative control tools

## Better Coordination

Cross-sector and cross-border coordination and science-based response frameworks

## Better Capacity

Investing in animal and human health system, including entomology

## Better Engagement

Political and Community engagement and risk communication strategies



A large flock of sheep is gathered in a field, with a man standing nearby holding a stick. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of sunset or sunrise, creating a hazy, atmospheric effect. The sheep are densely packed in some areas, while others are more spread out. The man is positioned on the right side of the frame, looking towards the flock. The overall mood is one of quiet observation and preparation.

**We are not prepared but we can be**



# Thank you

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