

## One Health in Rwanda

Rwanda has a robust policy framework and an OH unit that ensures coordination. COHESA will support future steps, including operationalizing the OH structure and integrating all sectors. The following activities are (1) to facilitate multisectoral discussions to validate the PM instructions necessary for the OH operationalization; (2) to build the capacity of the future OH workforce by creating short courses targeting multidisciplinary actors involved in One Health, field courses for university students, and (3) the creation of OH clubs in secondary and primary schools.

### Activities implemented under COHESA

#### Activity 1: Baseline assessment on Rwanda OH Landscape to understand the OH landscape in Rwanda.

- Key – Informant Interviews: 14 actors from various sectors.
- Focus group discussions: 19 actors
- Desktop review

#### Activity 2: Net mapping of One Health actors

- 19 actors
- Identify influencers of OH operationalization in Rwanda
- SWOT analysis of the OH implementation in Rwanda

#### Activity 3: Producing a One Health case

- Provide a picture of the OH landscape in Rwanda
- Identify gaps in optimal implementation of OH
- Identify entry points for COHESA and wider OH community in Rwanda to capacitate local stakeholders in institutionalizing OH

#### Activity 4: Engaging OH consultants from Government institutions to accelerate discussions towards validation of PM instructions



Net mapping of Influencers in OH in Rwanda

### Key findings/lessons/opportunities

- (1) Rwanda has clear One Health policy instruments but they are not being fully implemented due to structural rigidity in One Health governance structures
- (2) Lack of awareness and insufficient integration and involvement of experts from the Environmental sector
- (3) Insufficient awareness about One Health outside academia and a few institutions
- (4) Gaps in One Health training across all levels of education

### Planned activities (2024-2025)

- (1) Validate Baseline and Netmapping findings
  - (a) Validate and share planned activities for stakeholder buy-in and participation (Feb/24)
- (2) Media Café to facilitate wider communication on OH in Rwanda to engage stakeholders and wider community (Feb/24)
- (3) Support and capacitate OH actors from public institutions to have discussions leading to operationalization of OH
  - (a) Advocacy and communication training
- (4) Capacity building of the future OH workforce
  - (a) Providing a field-based Infectious Disease Management Course to University students
  - (b) Support the creation of OH clubs in secondary and primary schools
  - (c) Develop and validate a short course on cross-cutting OH competencies that can be implemented with all OH sectors in Rwanda. Materials will be co-created with Zambia and shared with all other countries.

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