

One Health in Uganda: COHESA project

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A guide on KII & FGD was used to determine challenges, gaps, and capacities in One Health in Uganda. We observed that the activities of National One health Platform (NOHP) are aligned with National Development Plan (NDP III), National Action Plan (NAP) for health and security and the National One health strategic plan. Interestingly, one health has uplifted other concerns and trying to level them with human health. The netmap revealed that Uganda's OH governance has weak linkages concentrated mostly around and within the line ministries of the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Education and Sports (MOES) and Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE).

Activities implemented under COHESA (2023)

- An inception meeting was held to develop implementation plans for the COHESA project in Uganda
- Desktop reviews, key informant interviews and focus group discussions were conducted to understand the status of One Health in Uganda
- The National Stakeholders workshop was conducted to discuss options of strengthening One Health amongst stakeholders in Uganda.
- Net mapping was conducted to determine the influencers of effective One Health governance in Uganda
- One Health School Outreach pilot was initiated. It has reached 3 schools, (6 teachers 4 female and 2 male) and (300 pupils, 112 girls and 188 boys)
- Continuous project management and engagement with stakeholders

Some moments during COHESA PROJECT implementation in Uganda 2023











Key findings/lessons/opportunities

- Mainstreaming and strengthening One Health issues in the other sectors is core and key for the effective governance of One Health in Uganda.
 E.g., OH is focused on zoonoses and AMR with little consideration for Environment Health despite its importance as a driver for (zoonotic) infectious diseases and AMR
- There is need for constant net mapping of the One Health governance at local and national levels to monitor stakeholder engagement and collaboration and identify gaps for efficient and sustained One Health implementation

Planned activities (2024-2025)

- ✓ Validation of the Net mapping and the baseline reports on 13th March 2024
- ✓ Media Café by COHESA and NOHP on 14th March 2024
- ✓ Scaling up One Health community outreach in schools in 10 schools
- Workshop with professional bodies in April 2024 and beyond to identify activities through which COHESA can support e.g. organizing calendar events like National Rabies day, OH day & others
- ✓ Plan to review the National One Health Strategic Plan

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