

Advancing One Health Implementation in Zimbabwe



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One Health is a collaborative and multisectoral approach of achieving optimal health outcomes through managing the interaction between the health of humans, animals, plants. COHESA aims to develop an inclusive research and innovation ecosystem platform in 12 East and Southern Africa through 4 work packages.

Activities implemented under COHESA

- **WP 1:** Successfully completed a OH baseline survey
- **WP2** Completed a Net mapping exercise to identify key players in OH for Zimbabwe
- Country OH advisory committee established
- **WP3** Baseline assessment of OH education in Zimbabwe completed
- **WP4** OH priority interventions, solid waste management, identified through stakeholder consultations



Key findings/lessons/opportunities

- The current OH governance structure focused on AMR, and coordinated through the OH Secretariat
- There is potential to place OH governance higher in government to improve coordination.
- To improve the institutionalization and coordination of OH, the development of national OH strategy was proposed.
- The delivery of OH education was erratic across all tiers of education; giving opportunities to increase the uptake of OH education.
- OH research data was available on zoonotic diseases and AMR. Areas identified for further action include zoonotic diseases, environmental health, and neglected tropical diseases.

Planned activities (2024-2025)

- **WP1** –Publication of the CABI OH case study
- Develop and validate an end line report with stakeholders
- **WP2** –Finalize establishment of the National OH Advisory Committee for Zimbabwe
- Support the development of a National OH Strategic Plan
- **WP3** –Implement benchmarking of OH relevant tertiary education courses and modules
- Support rollout of OH training in primary, secondary and tertiary institutions
- **WP4** –Conduct a sandpit event to develop a OH research project and intervention on solid waste management
- Implementation of the OH research and intervention
- Documentation of research data and impact of remediation

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