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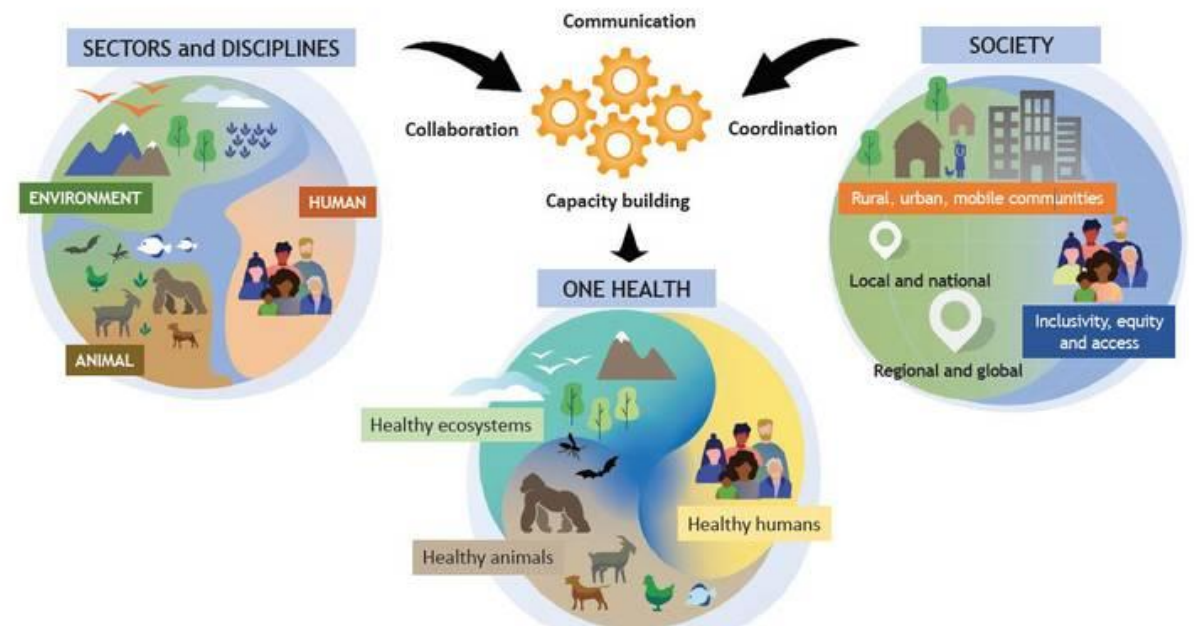
Supporting the
integration of One
Health approaches



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What is One Health?

- Recognises that the health of people is closely connected to the health of animals and our shared environment
- Not a new concept but has become more important in recent years, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic



What is One Health?



QUADRIPARTITE

One Health Joint Plan of Action (OHJPA)

Action Track 1: Enhancing One Health capacities to strengthen health systems

Action Track 6: Integrating the Environment into One Health

Action Track 2: Reducing the risks from emerging and re-emerging zoonotic epidemics and pandemics

Action Track 5: Curbing the silent pandemic of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)



Action Track 3: Controlling and eliminating endemic zoonotic, neglected tropical and vector-borne diseases

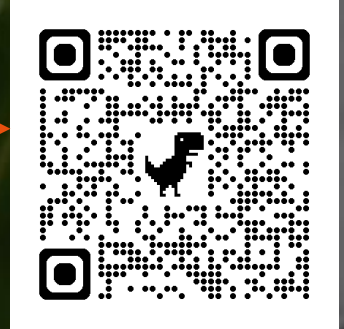
Action Track 4: Strengthening the assessment, management and communication of food safety risks

CABI One Health action areas

	Action area	One Health problems addressed
Field interventions	1. Integrated service delivery	Pesticide/vet drug risks incl. AMR, zoonoses, mycotoxins, hygiene
	2. Social behavioral change campaigns	Pesticide risks, aflatoxins
	3. Integrated landscape management	Invasive species
	4. Biocontrol of invasives species	Invasive species
	5. Mycotoxin management	Mycotoxins
	6. Soil microbiome	AMR genes
Cross-cutting: Research, evidence, knowledge resources (+ collaboration with OH resources)		

One Health Research Roadmap

Visit the roadmap →



Three big questions

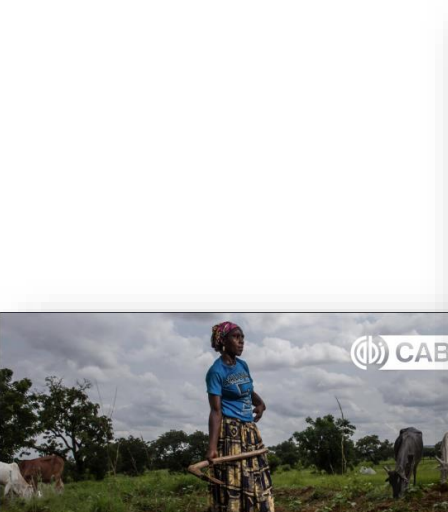
The One Health Research Roadmap explores the evolution of One Health research, current knowledge gaps, and future research priorities. By asking where we are, what needs more attention, and where to go next, the roadmap offers strategic insights to guiding researchers, funders, and policymakers to deliver inclusive, impactful, and coordinated One Health solutions.

1 Where are we now?

2 Where are the research gaps?

3 Where do we go next?

Briefs on OH research for policymakers & researchers



One Health research must give voice to Global South

Background

One Health has enjoyed growing popularity over the past decades and OH approaches when tackling health challenges. There are now numerous OH initiatives and to put its ideas into practice. The number and scale of One Health initiatives has grown significantly since 2010. The One Health Quadripartite's Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA) 2022-26 has stressed the importance of collaborations and partnerships that transcend geographical distribution, structures, and power dynamics of such collaborations. This evidence brief offers new insights that can help guide scientific and strategic decision-making.

Key points

- This evidence brief contributes to a One Health research roadmap, produced by the One Health Hub with support from UK International Development.
- It is based on a bibliometric analysis of 6168 publications from 2010 to 2024, guided by the Joint Plan of Action (JPA), where One Health appeared in the title or abstract. The study identified where the research was focused and the extent to which researchers from those countries were involved. This brief covers One Health research collaborations, while a second brief from the same study covers trends in One Health research topics.



One Health research – integrated surveillance tops future priorities

Background

The One Health approach offers a unified, cost-effective framework for anticipating, preventing the interface of human, animal, plant, and environmental health. Despite growing global success stories, particularly in Africa and Asia, more context-specific research to guide effective practices is essential to ensure that policies and investments are evidence-based and support higher research action tracks.

Key points

- Europe has published 40% of One Health research, with the Americas having dropped to 10%.
- While most research is published in high-income countries (LMICs), there has been an increase in research from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Researchers conducted systematic mapping searching five bibliographic databases and 17 organizational websites. 7359 of the 49,028 unique publications were identified as potentially relevant using manual screening and machine learning. A 14% random sample (1024 publications) were screened at full text, and 426 of those were included in the map.
- Researchers in HICs have published more research, with larger research teams. For example, 16 out of the top 20 most connected authors are from HICs.

Research into zoonotic disease risks needs a One Health approach

Background

Zoonotic diseases pose significant threats to human health and wellbeing, with around 60% of known and 75% of newly emerging infections originating from animals. Zoonoses are also responsible for 2.5 billion illnesses and 2.1 million human deaths globally, each year. Agrifood systems play an integral part in the spread of zoonotic diseases. Factors such as land use change, intensifying livestock production and wildlife trade increase zoonotic risks. Meanwhile, the impacts of climate change may pose further challenges. Despite growing recognition, decision-makers lack evidence-based linkages connecting specific practices to the emergence of zoonotic diseases.

Key points

- From a systematic mapping of literature, the study revealed:
 - No published research on zoonoses risks linked to agrifood systems, with 46% of LMICs, which could point to an uneven distribution of research.
 - Understanding these disparities can help prioritize research decision-makers allocate funding to areas with the most urgent zoonotic risks.
- The four most commonly investigated categories of factors influencing zoonotic disease occurrence in agrifood systems include:
 - Exposure to potential hosts or vector species, particularly in LMICs (featuring in 53% of publications)
 - Social and economic factors (47%)
 - Physical and environmental factors, including land use, climate change, and biodiversity loss (38%)
 - Domesticated animal management practices (38%)
- Brucellosis, tapeworm infections, and Toxoplasmosis were the most commonly investigated zoonotic diseases across publications, with 100% of publications, respectively. Taxonomically, bacterial zoonoses were most commonly examined, followed by protozoan (24%), and viral (14%).
- Several key areas related to zoonotic disease occurrence were identified in the published research. These include:
 - Wild animal hosts
 - How exposure to wild animals may influence occurrence of zoonotic diseases



Time to root plant health in One Health

Background

Plant health is increasingly recognized as a vital pillar of the One Health (OH) approach, which recognizes the interconnection of human, animal, plant and ecosystem health. Yet, plant health is often overlooked in strategic plans. The One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA) 2022-2026 was developed by the UN Quadripartite for One Health – a collaboration between the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) – to manage cross-sectoral health threats and foster collaboration. Integrating plant health into this strategy is essential to tackling issues such as pesticide risks, mycotoxins, invasive species, and biodiversity loss, which threaten global food security and human health.

Key points

- Despite growing recognition of plant health as an important component of OH, the two worlds remain largely disconnected. Key issues include:
 - Narrow conceptual focus – OH discourse and national action plans remain dominated by zoonoses and antimicrobial resistance (AMR), with minimal engagement from plant or agricultural sectors. Plant health tends to be subsumed into 'the environment', with its specific role omitted.
 - Limited inclusion in strategy – Plant health is often overlooked in strategic plans within OH. Of 14 activities in the One Health Joint Plan of Action, only one promotes climate-smart approaches to sustainable agriculture. Plant-related risks such as pesticide risks or mycotoxins are not specifically addressed.
 - Missed synergies – Analysis of research literature shows that a wealth of cross-sectoral plant health work, such as agroecology, biological control, or pesticide management, is aligned with OH principles but remains 'undiscovered'. This best-practice exclusion from the OH framework means plant health remains disconnected from OH communities and funding streams.
 - Institutional representation – The disconnect between plant health and OH means the 'plant word' misses the political and institutional clout of bodies like the Quadrupartite and the One Health High-Level Expert Panel (OH-HLEP), essential for driving global support.
 - Funding imbalance – The majority of 17 recently identified OH funding schemes concentrate on human health dimensions such as zoonoses, AMR and pandemic preparedness. Few take plant health into consideration.



Bridging the One Health Funding Gap: Strategic Mechanisms for Integrated Research Coordination

Background

Global health security is threatened by a myriad of challenges that emerge at the human-animal-plant-environment interface. But a fragmented approach to One Health (OH) research and funding remains largely siloed, with a heavy bias toward human health outcomes. This fragmentation risks hampering the implementation of OH policies.

Key points

- In this context, a One Health Working Group was established by STAR IDAZ International Research Consortium on Animal Health (IRC), the international consortium of animal health research funders and programme owners. The Working Group is focused on identifying recommendations for research funding mechanisms designed to improve the integration of OH approaches more widely into research and implementation.
- This brief synthesizes findings from the STAR IDAZ IRC report and a March 2024 workshop in a subsequent report, supported by over 40 stakeholders to identify research priorities and funding streams to OH research. It is a co-developed practical guide for funders and scientists. This brief contributes to the One Health research roadmap produced by the One Health Hub with support from UK International Development.
- Global OH funding comes mainly from international governmental bodies, national research councils, and specific global health initiatives. However, access to funding streams is restricted by "geographical remit" and review processes that favour traditional, single-sector domains.
- **Systemic barriers to integration** – The most significant hurdles include funding timeliness that are too short (often 2-3 years) to realise the benefits of holistic approaches, and "siloed governance" where priorities and funding are not joined up across ministries.



The evolution of One Health research

Background

One Health (OH) has been increasingly recognized as an integrated, unifying approach for optimising the health of people, animals, plants, and ecosystems. To guide the design and coordination of global, regional, and national OH initiatives, the Quadrupartite for One Health has developed the One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA) 2022-2026 (OH JPA), covering six priority areas or action tracks (ATs). However, it was not clear whether OH research had correspondingly evolved from the traditional focus on zoonoses to encompass other areas within today's broader definition of One Health. Understanding the global trends in research and how these align with JPA will help funders and policymakers to better advocate for and support OH implementation.

Key points

- From an analysis of research literature, the study finds:
 - The volume of research labelled 'One Health' increased globally over the past decade, exceeding 200 for the first time in 2017, growing exponentially to 1300 in 2023. This trend may be due to efforts to mitigate disease outbreaks such as COVID-19, Zika, and Ebola, and the increased labeling of research as 'One Health' as the term rose to prominence during COVID-19.
 - The share of publications across the JPA ATs has shifted from being largely focused on ATs 1-3 to more balanced proportions (each AT covered in 20-30% of publications).
 - While AT 3 has lagged behind for most of this period, most recent data suggests that this may have caught up or even surpassed that of other ATs, indicating the increasing importance of integrating the environment in OH research. However, more years of observation would be needed to confirm this shift in trend.
 - Animal health and environment are increasingly being examined concurrently across ATs.
 - Despite the high impact of pesticides and mycotoxins on food safety and trade and the impact of biodiversity and land-use change on ecosystem health and zoonotic outbreaks, these topics have had 10- to 100-fold less OH research output compared to zoonoses or antimicrobial resistance.

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One Health briefs for FCDO health advisers

One Health Brief – 1



Making One Health Communication, co-ordination and governance

Stronger systems don't emerge overnight through sustained co-ordination, but long before the crisis arrives

One Health Brief – 2



Seeing risk early: Why surveillance and cross-sectoral data sharing matter for One Health

Surveillance only works when information moves across sectors and triggers action. As multi-hazard risks rise, One Health shows where intelligence – and the data behind it – breaks down, and why that matters

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One Health Brief – 3



People make systems work: Why workforce matters

Stronger systems depend on a workforce that is not fragmented across sectors

One Health Brief – 4



At the frontline: Joint community-level service delivery for prevention, outreach and uptake

Routine services and time-bound campaigns – such as vaccination or outreach – can improve reach, efficiency and uptake when delivered jointly across sectors, particularly in underserved populations facing overlapping risks

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One Health Brief – 5



Strengthening One Health for outbreak management

Outbreak response is faster and more effective when health, animal and environmental sectors work together – One Health helps us learn together – One Health works before, during and after a crisis

One Health Brief – 6



Keeping people nourished and safe: Why One Health matters for nutrition and food security in fragile settings

In fragile contexts, nutrition and food security fail when health, agriculture, animal health and environment systems work in isolation

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OH Reference Guide of Tools and Processes

One Health Reference Guide 

Tools, processes and how they fit together

Purpose of this guide

Human Health Advisers working in partner countries increasingly encounter One Health (OH) tools, assessments, and processes—often introduced through health security, pandemic preparedness, AMR, zoonoses, food systems, or climate-related programming. These tools are frequently well-established, technically robust, and led by trusted international organisations, yet they can appear fragmented, overlapping, or opaque when encountered in practice.

At a global level, the One Health High-Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP), has compiled a comprehensive inventory of OH tools, reflecting the breadth and diversity of approaches currently in use. While this inventory provides an important global reference, its breadth can make it challenging for advisers to quickly identify which tools matter most for their role, when they are typically used, and how they fit together in country contexts.

This reference guide is therefore not intended to be exhaustive, nor to replace existing inventories. Instead, it is designed to help FCDO Human Health Advisers recognise, interpret, and navigate the most commonly used OH tools and processes, and to understand what role they play within a wider national system.

Rather than promoting individual tools in isolation, the guide aims to support strategic engagement by explaining:

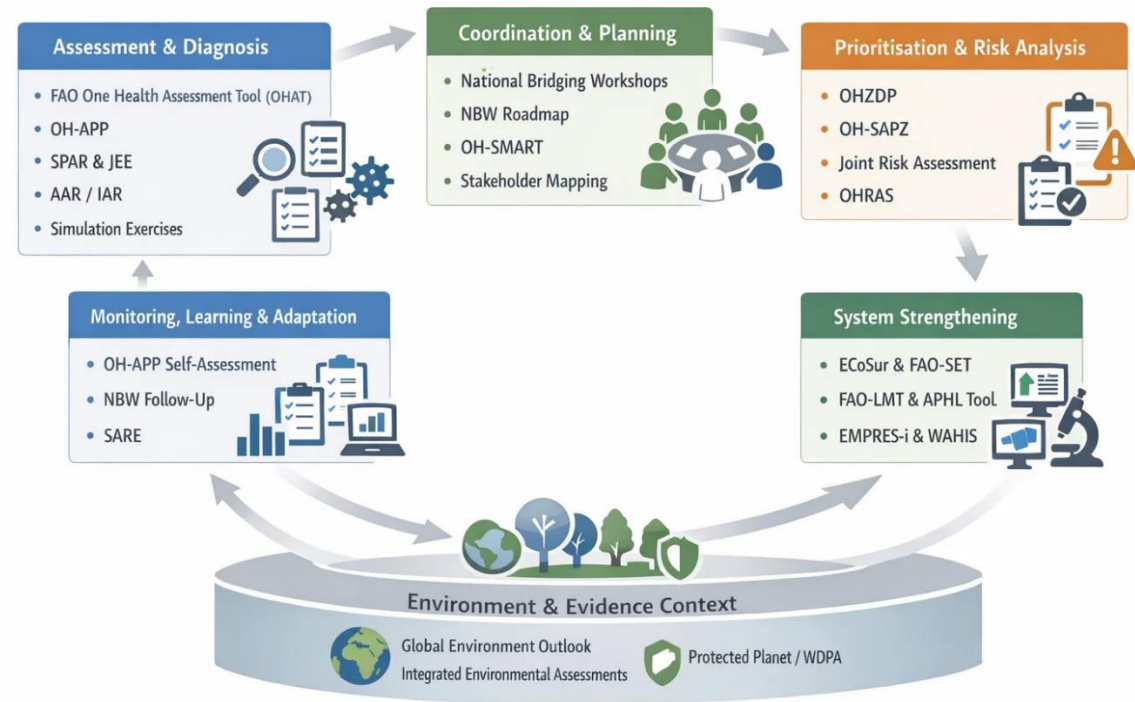
- Why particular tools matter from an adviser perspective (e.g. policy dialogue, prioritisation, investment planning).
- How key tools relate to one another, especially where advisers commonly might find confusion or duplication (notably National Bridging Workshops, disease prioritisation, and stakeholder mapping).
- When different tools are typically used along the policy → planning → implementation → learning continuum, and
- Where to find authoritative resources to explore tools in more depth, if and when needed.

How to read this guide: the big-picture logic

In practice, OH engagement at country level rarely follows a neat, linear pathway. Instead, it tends to evolve through a loose but recurring cycle, shaped by political windows, funding opportunities, crises, and existing institutional arrangements. Across this cycle, environmental context and evidence are not stand-alone steps, but cross-cutting inputs that inform decision-making at multiple points. Most country experiences nonetheless map broadly onto five recurring functions, with environmental and wider evidence inputs intersecting throughout:

1. Assess system capacity and collaboration. Countries seek to understand how well systems are functioning—both technically and institutionally—and where the most significant gaps lie. This includes not only health and animal health capacities, but also the extent to which environmental considerations and data are integrated into multisectoral decision-making. (e.g. IHR monitoring tools, FAO One Health Assessment Tool, OH-APP)
2. Translate assessments into coordinated action. Evidence and assessments are converted into jointly agreed priorities and plans, often requiring structured facilitation across sectors. At this

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The **OH Reference Guide** presents a curated sample of 18 tools from the broader **inventory compiled by OHHLEP**. Rather than listing tools individually, the guide groups those perceived as most relevant for advisers into five clusters aligned with the OH policy cycle: prioritisation, assessment, planning and coordination, implementation, and monitoring and learning. The structure contributes to clarifying how tools fit together over time and supports more coherent, sequenced operationalisation of OH at country level.

Repository of OH Case Studies

Title	Sources	Evidence Type (case studies, blogs, conceptual examples, proposed interventions)	Priority Level	Intervention Level (community / national / regional)	Location	Themes (integrated services, governance, workforce, surveillance, etc.)	Relevance for Health Advisers / Systems Strengthening	Challenges Identified in the Study and Known Limitations of the Approach	1 Paragraph Summary	1/2 Page Summary
Towards zero human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030	https://openknowledge.fao.org/records/2b2dd878-4de5-45d3-b0ad-de8e4e01880a	Global policy and practice synthesis with illustrative country case examples. The report is not a single case study; it combines strategic framing, normative guidance, and short country vignettes demonstrating implementation of One Health approaches to rabies control.	High	Global and regional level: Alignment with the global "Zero by 30" target and coordination through the United Against Rabies (UAR) Forum. National level: Development and implementation of National Rabies Elimination Plans, legislation, surveillance systems and mass dog vaccination programmes. Sub-national / community level: Local vaccination campaigns, awareness raising, dog population management and integrated service delivery.	Bangladesh, Cambodia, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Syria, Zambia, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone	Integrated service delivery: Linking dog vaccination, human PEP, surveillance and community engagement. Governance & legislation: National One Health platforms, legal frameworks (e.g. veterinary public health codes), and inter-ministerial coordination. Surveillance & early warning: Integrated animal and human rabies surveillance, risk mapping and rapid risk assessments. Laboratories & diagnostics: Strengthening veterinary laboratory capacity, SOPs, proficiency testing and reference support. Workforce & capacity: Training vaccinators, laboratory staff, epidemiologists, teachers and community actors. Efficient service provision / value for money: Preventing human deaths through mass dog vaccination rather than relying solely on costly PEP. Health equity & UHC: Protecting children and marginalised populations who bear the highest rabies burden. Health security: Managing endemic zoonoses	For human health advisers, this report provides a compelling demonstration that eliminating dog-mediated rabies is fundamentally a systems-strengthening challenge. It shows how durable progress depends on strengthening veterinary services, surveillance, laboratories, governance and community engagement alongside human health services. By documenting multiple country pathways toward Zero by 30, the report illustrates how integrated prevention at the animal-human interface reduces human mortality, lowers long-term costs, and builds routine capacities relevant to broader health security and universal health coverage agendas.	Low dog vaccination coverage in many countries, often far below the ~70% threshold required to interrupt transmission. Limited availability of quality vaccines for dogs and, in some settings, for human PEP. Weak enforcement of dog population management and animal movement regulations at local levels. Gaps in surveillance and reporting , particularly at district and community level. Limited laboratory diagnostic capacity , especially outside central or regional laboratories. Challenges reaching free-roaming and stray dogs , requiring specialised approaches (e.g. CVR, oral vaccines). Fragility and conflict contexts (e.g. Syrian Arab Republic), complicating service delivery and surveillance. Sustaining funding and political commitment over the long timeframes required for elimination.	This FAO report synthesises global experience on controlling and eliminating dog-mediated rabies through a One Health approach, aligned with the Zero by 30 target. Using examples from multiple regions, it shows how mass dog vaccination, integrated surveillance, laboratory strengthening and multisector governance can dramatically reduce human rabies deaths. The report highlights both the feasibility of elimination and the persistent system constraints that must be addressed to achieve and sustain progress.	Towards Zero Human Deaths from Dog-Mediated Rabies: A Practical Test Case for One Health. The report shows that annually, disproportionately affecting children, because over 99% of human cases are preventable. Drawing on country examples across national governments to strengthen diagnostics, and integrate human and dog vaccination programme, Indonesia campaigns illustrate how integration can save lives. For FCDO human health advisers, the system intervention. Success depends on sector coordination—capabilities that are explicit about ongoing challenges and sustaining long-term commitments that advisers should anticipate when
Towards institutionalization of One Health	https://doi.org/10.1079/onehealth.2024.0007	Multi-country programme case study / learning case (published One Health Cases article). The paper documents the	High	Regional level: A regional consortium coordinating learning, tools, and peer exchange across Eastern and Southern Africa.	Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia,	One Health governance and coordination: Establishing and strengthening national OH coordination mechanisms; alignment with existing national strategies and plans. Institutionalisation and sustainability: Moving beyond ad hoc projects towards embedded	For human health advisers, COHESA is particularly relevant because it focuses on the institutional foundations required for One Health to function in practice: governance, coordination, workforce capacity,	Misalignment between global/donor priorities and local needs: One Health agendas often emphasise emerging or transboundary threats, while countries continue to face high burdens of endemic human and livestock disease. Variation in starting points and implementation progress differed depending on pre-existing where consortium partners were based.	The COHESA programme is a regional initiative designed to support the institutionalisation of One Health across	COHESA (Capacitating One Health) countries in Eastern and Southern Africa, with a focus on frontline service delivery

User Manual

Acronyms

Longlist of OH Cases

One list of OH Cases. Each of the 40 cases in the long list is presented in a **standardised format** to allow comparison across very different contexts. For each case, the Excel captures: **Case title and reference; Evidence type; Intervention level; Geographic focus; Key themes of relevance to human health advisers; Relevance for human health advisers; Key challenges experienced; Short and longer summaries.**

Insecticide use and One Health

Patterns of pesticide use in HIC

Patterns of pesticide use in LMIC

No. papers on resistance by sector focus in Uganda 2010-2025 (bib. study unpubl.)

Use levels
High
Mod-high
Moderate
Low-Moderate
Low
V Low
None

Active Ingredient	Human	Crop	Animal
Deltamethrin	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate	High
Permethrin	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate
Bendiocarb	Low	Low	Low
DDT	None	None	None
Amitraz	None	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate
Cypermethrin	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate
Chlorpyrifos	None	Low	Low
Pirimiphos-methyl	Low	Low-Moderate	Low
Alpha-cypermethrin	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate
Chlorfenvinphos	None	None	Low
Dieldrin	None	None	None
Clothianidin	Low-Moderate	High	Low

Human	Crop	Animal
High	High	High
High	Low-Moderate	High
Mod-high	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate
Low-Moderate	Low	Low
Low	None	None
None	Low-Moderate	High
Low-Moderate	High	High
Low	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate
None	Low-Moderate	Low-Moderate
None	None	Low
None	None	None
Mod-high	High	Low

Human	Crop	Animal	Multi
20		4	2
18			
14			
12			1
		6	
		5	
	1	3	
4			
2		2	
		4	
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Question: To what extent/how are cross-sectoral mechanisms contributing to control/ management of insecticides used in vector control?

- Insecticide resistance similar issue to AMR (currently mostly about antibiotics, though growing attention to fungicide resistance. Insecticide resistance not considered part of AMR)
- Same active ingredient used in human vector control, crop pests, animal pests and vectors (ticks)
- Major issue in LMICs where regulatory systems and surveillance fragmented

Pyrethroid resistance – a One Health challenge

Crop spraying



Pyrethroid resistance – a One Health challenge

Vector management

Household pest management



Pyrethroid resistance – a One Health challenge



Livestock treatment

