



STANDARD METHODS AND PROCEDURES IN ANIMAL HEALTH PROJECT (SMP-AH)

Regional Risk Assessment Workshop

Final Communiqué

Kampala – Uganda – 5th-9th August 2013



Introduction

The regional risk assessment workshop brought together 14 veterinary officers drawn from the 9 SMP-AH participating countries, of Uganda, Tanzania, Somalia, Kenya, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan and South Sudan and three from AU-IBAR. The workshop was held in Kampala, Uganda on 5th-9th August 2013 and was officially opened by the Chief Veterinary Officer of Uganda Dr. Nicolus Kauta. During the workshop the participants were introduced to regional risk assessment and worked together to develop the regional risk assessment templates for the 9 SMP-AH priority diseases.

The overall objective of the workshop was:

To promote the use of regional risk assessment for trade related transboundary animal diseases as a tool for regional harmonisation and coordination of disease surveillance and control and to build capacity of the veterinary technical staff to conduct national and regional risk assessments to secure safe and stabilized trade of livestock

The specific objectives of the workshop were:

- Identify the question to be answered for the risk assessment
- Develop a scenario tree with all the pertinent intermediate events leading to the final outcome
- Identify data needs to answer each of the events identified above
- Develop an outline for a qualitative risk assessment that will link all the pieces together to serve as a template to be filled in by each country (or regionally)
- Develop a timeline for completion of the regional risk assessment

Both plenary and group work were used to achieve the project objectives:

During the plenary session the following topics were covered:

- Regulatory conventions governing international agricultural trade

- Introduction to risk assessment
- Sampling and its application to risk assessment
- Prioritization of the 9 SMP-AH trade –related TADs (Annex 2)
- Probability calculation in risk assessment

For group work the participants were divided into three groups and they were tasked to describe the risk question, the Hazard (describe the situation for the 9 SMP-AH diseases) and construct a scenario tree for each of the diseases.

- Group 1: CCPP, PPR, S&G pox
- Group 2: RVF, LSD, CBBP
- Group 3: Br, FMD, CP

The Groups undertook the exercise/project throughout the 5 days and on day five, each group made a presentation in plenary (Annex 3)

At the end of the meeting the participants agreed on the following:

1. That the regional risk assesment is a timely intervention that will inform the countries on regional SPS gaps for livestock health and export
2. That the regional risk assessment is a timely intervention that will support livestock trade negotiation between the GHoA countries and Middle east
3. The Regional risk assessment is an important tool to support cooperative and collaborative control of trade –related TADs.
4. That to take the process forward a team of three persons under the overall coordination of James Wabacha will steer the process and will comprise of the following:
 - Dr. Zelalem Tadesse
 - Dr. Ibrahim Gashash:
 - Dr. Ameha Sebsibe
5. That the participants from the Countries present will work closely with the team and supply data and information as may be required by the team.

6. That Dr. Cristobal Zepeda will coach the lead and country teams throughout the process
7. That participants present in the meeting will share the outcome of the meeting with CVO and heads of Epidemiology Unit by 16th August
8. That the communique will be shared with the CVOs by 16th August

VOTE OF THANKS

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The participants