



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Title	Wildlife health and related environmental factors in the PVS Pathway
Internal Reference	PRD/CFEOI2022/2
Type of contract	Consultancy
Location	Home based
Starting date	1 st March 2022 (or starting date of the contract if later)
Expected working days	35 days
Expected duration	3 months
CFEOI launching date	03 February, 2022
Submission deadline	17 February, 2022

CONTEXT

BACKGROUND

[The World Organisation for Animal Health](#) (OIE) is an intergovernmental organisation established in 1924. Its Headquarter is based in Paris. It comprises 182 Members and is present on all continents through 13 Representations or Bureaus in total. The core mandate of the OIE is to improve animal health, veterinary public health and animal welfare world-wide.

Since the establishment of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 1994, OIE standards are recognised as the international point of reference for animal health and zoonoses in the framework of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

The OIE has developed international Standards on both the quality of Veterinary Services' provision, as well as technical animal health and veterinary public health management. Two Chapters of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (the Terrestrial Code) are dedicated to the Quality of Veterinary Services.

Based on these principles and standards, the OIE has developed the Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) Pathway, the OIE's flagship capacity building platform for the sustainable improvement of national Veterinary Services. The PVS Pathway empowers national Veterinary Services by providing them with a comprehensive understanding of their strengths and weaknesses using a globally consistent methodology based on international standards – a useful external perspective that can reveal gaps, inefficiencies and opportunities for innovation. This enables countries to take ownership and prioritise improvements to their animal health system.

The core/baseline assessment under the PVS Pathway is the PVS Evaluation (and subsequent PVS Evaluation Follow-Up) mission, based on the [PVS Tool](#). The PVS Tool provides a whole of system approach to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of national Veterinary Services (VS) and provide recommendations for improvement and greater alignment with OIE Standards. It is based on 45 "Critical Competencies" (criteria) for which a level of advancement between 1 and 5, as well as qualitative findings are provided by the experts undertaking the evaluation. The scope of the PVS Tool does not



allow a high-resolution assessment of the 45 CCs, or an in-depth evaluation of any field of activity of the VS, rather it provides a snapshot overview of broad capacities.

The OIE has been addressing wildlife health for several decades. More recently it has developed a framework for implementation of an enlarged wildlife programme. The Wildlife Health Framework (WHF) aims to 'protect wildlife health worldwide to achieve One Health' with two main objectives, (i) to improve the ability of OIE Members to manage the risk of pathogen emergence in wildlife and transmission at the human-animal-ecosystem interface, whilst taking into account the protection of wildlife, and (ii) to support OIE Members to improve surveillance systems, early detection, notification, and management of wildlife diseases. To achieve these objectives a coordinated set of actions focusing on six core areas – namely, disease notification, guidelines and standards, multisectoral collaboration, communication, scientific knowledge, and capacity building – will : 1. Foster multisectoral collaboration to strengthen wildlife disease surveillance and health management; 2. Create an enabling environment to promote the role of veterinary services in wildlife health management; 3. Raise awareness of risk pathways and best practices in wildlife health and One Health management.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this assignment is to review PVS Pathway activities, in particular PVS Evaluations / Follow-Up missions, to identify gaps and needs and provide specific recommendations and/or tools to better consider wildlife health and related environmental factors in the PVS Pathway, with the broader goal of supporting safe wildlife trade, sustainable use of wildlife and wildlife surveillance.

The assessment should consider the findings and recommendations identified by the OIE Working Group on Wildlife (see [report¹](#)) and take into consideration the OIE [Wildlife Health Framework](#).

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT AND SCOPE OF WORK

More specifically, the Consultant will be asked to:

- 1) Provide an overview/mapping other existing international-level tools for the assessment of Wildlife/One Health/Health Security, such as (but not limited to) the [World Bank Operational Framework for Strengthening Human, Animal, and Environmental, Public Health Systems at their Interface](#), WHO Joint External Evaluation (JEE) tool and National Action Plans for Health Security (NAPHS), to inform the overall analysis, recommendations, highlight complementarities and avoid duplications.
- 2) Propose and describe a workplan and methodology to assess the level of consideration of wildlife health in PVS Evaluation/Follow-Up mission reports until now, to identify key findings in terms of capacity of Veterinary Services to manage wildlife health. Highlight key gaps and needs to be addressed in priority. Consider conducting a few interviews with key stakeholders as appropriate.
- 3) Conduct the corresponding assessment. Findings and key themes/gaps should be structured in an Excel dataset, complemented by descriptive text.
- 4) Based on the results of the initial assessment, define concrete options to improve consideration of wildlife health in PVS Evaluations/Follow-Up missions in the future, and provide

¹ The OIE has a greater number (between 60-80 reports) of PVS Evaluation/Follow-Up reports available for analysis than the number of reports covered in the Working Group review.

tool(s)/implementation guide as necessary (e.g. guiding questions, etc). Benefit and limitations of the proposed approach should be presented and a few stakeholder consultations undertaken, as appropriate.

- 5) Propose ways to further address wildlife health in other PVS Pathway capacity-building activities such the PVS Sustainable Laboratory missions and the IHR-PVS Bridging Workshops. The ongoing PVS Pathway Evolution and digitalisation should be considered, as they may bring other opportunities for added value and new tools.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND DELIVERABLES

Activities	Deliverables	Deadline	Days of work (prov.)
Kick-off meeting: background discussion and Q&A session with OIE Preparedness & Resilience (PRD) and Capacity-Building (CBD) Departments' relevant staff	Meeting minutes	March 1st, 2022	½ day
Presentation to the OIE (PRD/CBD) of the proposed methodology including criteria for selection of reports, how the results will be presented/structured, and stakeholder consultation considerations.	Methodology description	March 3 rd , 2022	1,5 days
Conduct a background mapping of existing relevant tools. Conduct a thorough review of the selected PVS Evaluation/Follow-Up reports to capture how wildlife health is being addressed, key findings in terms of wildlife health management and overall gaps and needs identified. (Consider conducting a few interviews with key stakeholders as appropriate) Preliminary report: present results in a structured dataset complemented by descriptive text.	Mapping of existing tools Assessment results presented in a dataset + report	March 30 th , 2022	17 days
Address comments provided by OIE on the preliminary report.	Report update	April 7 th , 2022	½ day
Provide specific recommendations and tools/implementation guide to better integrate wildlife health issues into PVS Evaluation/Follow-Up missions, and more broadly in other PVS Pathway components such as PVS Sustainable Laboratory missions. Final report: combine preliminary report and recommendations/tools in a final report.	Report including recommendations and corresponding tools/implementation guide as applicable	May 2 nd , 2022	15 days
Validation of final draft report by the OIE	Validated report/tools	May 11 th , 2022	--
Presentation of the validated report to the relevant OIE staff, OIE Specialist Commission and OIE Working Groups in Microsoft PowerPoint format, showing key findings and recommendations	Handover	May 13 th , 2022	½ day

PROCUREMENT BUDGET

The bidders are invited to submit a global fixed price corresponding to the provision of all requested services.

The global fixed priced must not exceed **EUR 18 000.**

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Qualifications

- Qualifications Master's degree, PhD or equivalent in a relevant sector
- Minimum 5 years of professional experience, in the areas of public or animal health risk management
- Demonstrated expertise in wildlife disease surveillance and health management
- Knowledge of the OIE Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) Pathway
- Background in epidemiology (i.e. post-graduate comprehensive course in veterinary epidemiology - e.g. master classes, advanced classes, specialisation courses)
- Knowledge of international standards, guidelines or recommendations on public and animal health, other than OIE

Technical skills

- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent command of English, both written and spoken.
- Reading capacity in French and Spanish preferred
- Strong ability to collect data, compile and analyse information and prepare comprehensive reports.
- Proficiency in the use of Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint software.

Interpersonal skills:

- Demonstrated ability to be highly organized, work independently and ability to meet strict deadlines
- Keen sense of observation, attention to detail and accuracy.

WORK ARRANGEMENTS

ORGANISATION OF THE WORK

The consultant can be home-based with reliable internet and international communication capability. This work will be undertaken in coordination with Project Officers of the Preparedness & Resilience Department (PRD) and Capacity-Building Department (CBD) in charge of this assignment. The consultant will report to the Head of the Preparedness & Resilience Department (PRD). Several virtual meetings will be organized as planned in the schedule to ensure project kick off and work progress.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Fifty percent (50%) of the total price will be paid after delivery and validation of the first draft report;
- The payment of the balance will be made after receipt and validation of the final report by the OIE.

OIE will proceed to the payment of undisputed invoices within 45 days of their reception by bank transfer or cheque.

The invoice should indicate, the activities carried out and the number of working days.

STRUCTURE OF THE RESPONSE

Please provide:

- CV
- Concept note (2 pages) on the proposed methodology to conduct the review.



- Financial offer duly completed and signed (annex 1)
- Declaration of integrity duly completed and signed (annex 2)

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS AND AWARD OF THE CONTRACT

The OIE will proceed to an evaluation of all final proposals according to the criteria described below:

- **Technical criteria (80%)**
 - Expertise (30%)
 - Demonstrated understanding of the Performance of Veterinary Services Pathway (PVS) (20%)
 - Relevance and quality of the proposed methodology (30%)

The three bidders who will receive the best score according to the technical criteria, will be invited to an oral presentation of its organisation, expertise and experience relevant to the tender. This presentation will allow us to review the analysis of the technical criteria.

The oral presentation format will be the following:

- Self-Introduction: 5'
 - Methodology proposed 10'
 - Questions and answers: 10'
- **Financial criteria (20%)**
 - Global cost (100%)

RESPONSE PROCEDURE

The OIE places high value on a multicultural and positive work environment and seeks gender and geographical balance in its international consultants. The OIE welcomes proposals of all qualified candidates, irrespective of their ethnic origin, gender, opinions or beliefs.

If you are interested in this call for expression of interest, please complete your bids online by clicking on the link below.

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The OIE, as a data controller, will process the personal data you provide in the bidder for the purposes of identifying a suitable Consultant, to support its work.

The data collected will be processed internally for the aforementioned purposes and for the resulting administrative acts, it shall be kept for the duration of the contract with you and in an intermediate archive for a duration of 10 during the audit period.

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Should you have any questions, please contact s.muset@oie.int.



To comply with disclosure requirements and enhance transparency, OIE shall publish on its website the following information about the Contract which shall be concluded with the awarded contractor: (i) the nature of the contract (ii) year of award (iii) name and locality of the Consultant; (iv) the title, purpose of the Consultant; and (v) the amount of this Agreement. OIE will not release or publish information that could reasonably be considered confidential or proprietary (Names and addresses of individuals are redacted).

ANNEXES

Annex 1: The financial offer to be returned dully completed and signed

Annex 2: The declaration of integrity to be returned dully completed and signed