

# Transparency of Veterinary Services

Transparency is important for Veterinary Services to effectively limit the spread of diseases, facilitate the safe trade of animals and animal products, and enable cooperation on global issues. The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE) develops international standards related to transparency, including disease notifications. Through its Annual Report, the **Observatory** intends to assess the uptake of these standards.

## The time between disease confirmation and notification (reporting gap) is often significant

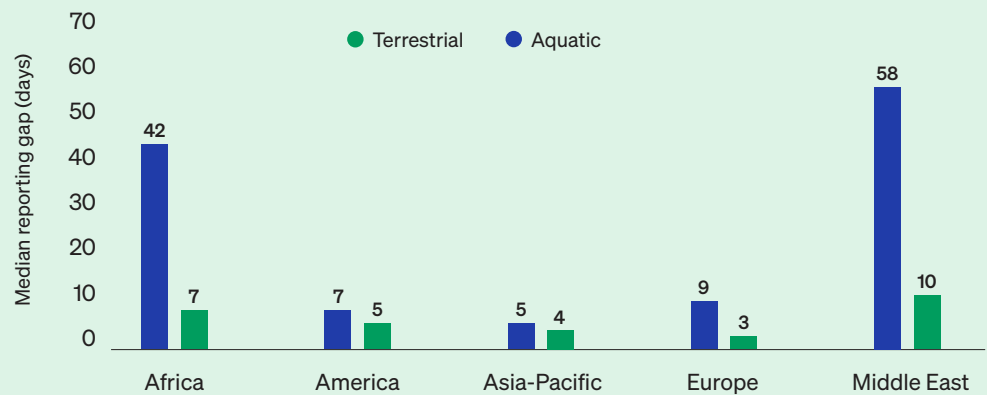
**29%** of immediate notifications of listed diseases

are submitted to WOAHA within 24 hours of disease confirmation, as required by the standards.

**59%** are reported between 2 and 30 days after disease confirmation

**11%** are reported more than a month after disease confirmation

### The reporting gap, however, varies greatly across regions and disease types



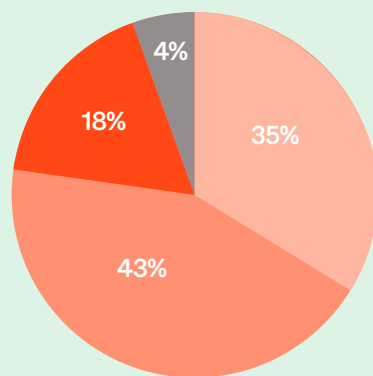
Median time between the confirmation and reporting of WOAHA-listed terrestrial and aquatic animal diseases (reporting gap) by region

Source: WAHIS immediate notification dataset, 2005-2021

## Most PVS mission reports are made available

**78%** of PVS mission reports

are either available to the public or to WOAHA partners and donors

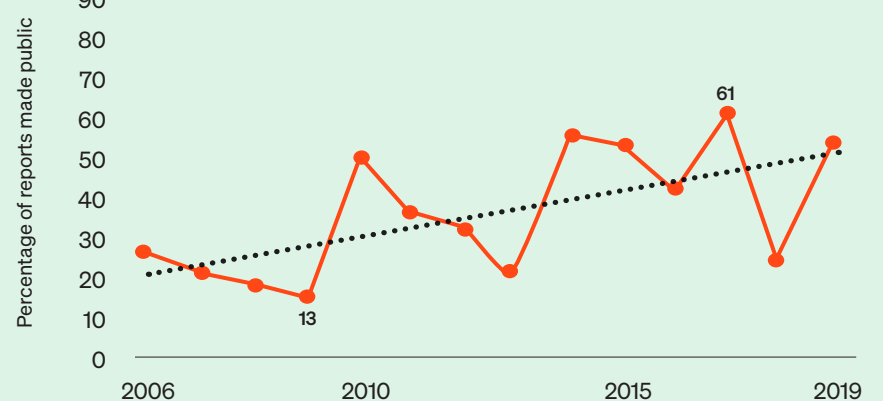


● Reports published on WOAHA's website  
 ● Reports available for partners and donors  
 ● Reports kept confidential  
 ● Non-determined confidentiality status

Percentage of PVS mission reports with different levels of accessibility

Source: PVS Evaluation and Follow-up mission reports, 2006-2021

### PVS mission reports are increasingly being made public



Percentage of PVS mission reports that have been published on WOAHA's website, and trend line (dashed line)

Source: PVS Pathway missions, 2006-2019

## Most Members have adequate capacity related to transparency

Based on recent Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) Pathway missions,

**76%** of Members reached or exceeded the minimal capacity for the Critical Competency on transparency

Source: PVS Evaluation or Follow-up missions for 42 Members, 2016-2021 – Analysis of the Level of Advancement for Critical Competency IV-6, from the 6th edition of the **PVS Tool**

### Yet, transparency about antimicrobial use (AMU) remains low

Only **29%** of Members that submit an annual report on AMU to WOAHA also publish a national report on AMU

Source: annual reports on AMU submitted to WOAHA between May 2016 and May 2021

## Recommendations

### World Organisation for Animal Health

- Encourage and support Members to notify diseases in a transparent and timely manner.
- Encourage increased transparency of PVS reports.
- Monitor Members' progress with Critical Competencies over time as an indicator of the impact of WOAHA's support.

### Members

- Reduce the time between the diagnostic confirmation of an outbreak and notification to WOAHA.
- Consider making PVS reports publicly available, or alternatively, available to WOAHA partners and donors.
- Advocate for increased transparency at the decision-making level.

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