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Veterinary Legislation, Governance and Organization

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OVERVIEW OF TALK

- Introduction
- Governance
- Legislation
- Organisation
- Concluding Remarks



The Problem and Response

INTRO (1)

- Emerging diseases of humans and animals
- Food safety issues
- Risk
- Veterinary Services (VS) and 'One World One Health'



Key Needs

INTRO (2)

- Fully effective VS require well understood governance arrangements
 - A sound legislative underpinning
 - An effective organizational system and
 - Strong chain of command
- Case example: the OIE/AusAID Project to Strengthen Veterinary Services in South East Asia

Definition/Features

GOVERNANCE (1)

- **Difficult to define precisely**
 - How power is managed
 - How societies make decisions
- **Common features**
 - Strong leadership; strategic direction; stewardship
 - Competent management of resources and affairs in an open, transparent, accountable and responsive manner



The United Nations Development Program

GOVERNANCE (2)

- **The UNDP 9 principles**
 - o participation; consensus orientation; strategic vision; responsiveness; effectiveness and efficiency; accountability; transparency; equity and the rule of law
- **UNDP promotes good governance between the state; private sector; and civil society**

OIE and Governance

GOVERNANCE (3)

- OIE Code includes governance guidelines (Chapter 3.1) and VS principles
 - Independence; impartiality; integrity; legislation; effective organization
- For what purpose?
 - Improvements in animal health systems; early detection; response; compensation etc.
 - And overall support for public health, economic well being; food security; food safety; poverty alleviation

Purpose

LEGISLATION (1)



- A legal body of rules and tool of governance
- Used to implement policy; maintain the structure of society; regulate relation between individuals; provide essential services; collect taxes
- Provides rights, freedoms and benefits
 - But places constraints and responsibilities on individuals and groups

Nature

LEGISLATION (2)

- **Systems of law – customary, common and civil**
- **Making legislation – (Western style)**
 - Principles universally applicable
- **Forms – parliament and delegated**



Veterinary Legislation

LEGISLATION (3)



- **Veterinary legislation – should be drafted in plain language**
 - Authorize VS to perform roles; define a vet; specify responsible authority
 - Industry/owner responsibilities; enforcement
- **Harmonise with structures and country needs**
- **Take into account political, constitutional, economic, religious and legal systems**

OIE Code

LEGISLATION (4)

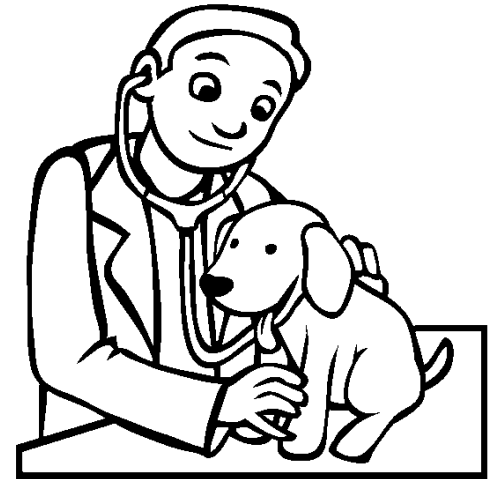
- **OIE Code - legislation should include powers to exercise control such as**
 - Notification; movements; inspection; quarantine; treatment/destruction; drug usage; import/export; ID
 - Laboratories; certification; food inspection and safety; penalties
- **Special powers – emergency animal disease control and related matters**
- **Animal welfare**



Statutory Body

LEGISLATION (5)

- **Veterinary Statutory Body**
 - To register vets and para vets
 - Standards of education and professional conduct
- **Roles and responsibilities of vets and acts of veterinary science**
- **Roles and responsibilities of para vets under supervision of vets**



Guidelines and Performance of Veterinary Services

LEGISLATION (6)

- OIE Guidelines on Veterinary Legislation
 - http://www.oie.int/OIE/A_Guidelines_Vet%20Leg_%20July%202009.pdf
- Missions – OIE; FAO
- Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) and Gap Analysis

Purpose and Success Factors

ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT (1)

- Purpose of organizations
- Function and form
- People, values and culture
- Vision; strategies; plans: performance; M&E; compliance; communications; information systems; OH&S
- Political support and funding

Veterinary Services

ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT (2)

- V S – what are they?
- Primary functions of VS
- Primary role of management
- Change management; flexibility; inclusiveness



CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Suggestions made are highly desirable but difficult to achieve
 - Progressive and collaborative approaches essential
- Education and training can provide essential building block for sustainable and effective veterinary services
- But is socio-economic information available to demonstrate this?

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Complexities of education, societal expectations and the needs of developing, in transition and developed countries
- Hierarchy of learning – a basic curriculum or inclusion in courses
- Accreditation, evaluation, statutory bodies and continuous education
- Public good
- PVS and emphasis on education
- The role of OIE

Thank you for your attention



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