

EXPERIENCES WITH JEE AND IMPACT ON RABIES PROGRAMMES

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OUTLINE

 Summary of Joint External Evaluation

 Post JEE activities and impact on Rabies Programs

Conclusion

JOINT EXTERNAL EVALUATION

- Objective assessment of 19 technical areas
- Basis for national action plans (NAPs) to strengthen IHR core capacities
- Peer to peer review
- Multi-sectoral transparent and open engagement
 - MOH, Ministries of Agriculture, Wildlife, Environment
- Platform for current / prospective donor / partner support of gaps

GHANA JEE CONDUCTED FEBRUARY 2017



JEE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ONE HEALTH ENGAGEMENT

• Prevent

- Antimicrobial resistance
- Zoonotic diseases
- Food safety
- Biosafety and biosecurity
- Immunization

Detect

- National laboratory system
- Real-time surveillance
- Reporting
- Workforce development

JEE & OPPORTUNITIES FOR ONE HEALTH ENGAGEMENT

Zoonotic Disease	
P.4.1 Surveillance systems in place for priority zoonotic diseases/pathogens	3
P.4.2 Veterinary or animal health workforce	3
P.4.3 Mechanisms for responding to infectious and potential zoonotic diseases established and functional	3

Reporting	
D.3.1 System for efficient reporting to FAO, OIE and WHO	3
D.3.2 Reporting network and protocols in country	2

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GHANA RABIES CONTROL AND PREVENTION WORK PLAN WORKSHOP



- One Health rabies stakeholders' workshop – draft action plan for rabies control 2018-2030 developed
 - One Health
 Surveillance Approach
 for the prevention and
 control of dog mediated human
 Rabies in Ghana

ONE HEALTH ZOONOTIC DISEASE PRIORITIZATION WORKSHOP



Multi-sectoral One Health Zoonotic Disease Prioritization workshop – voting members



Priority List

- 1. Anthrax
- 2. Rabies
- 3. Zoonotic Avian Influenza
- 4. Zoonotic Tuberculosis
- 5. Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers (Ebola, Lassa, Yellow Fever, Dengue, etc.)
- 6. Trypanosomiasis

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IDSR Training

One Health technical working group / aiming for policy





NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR HEALTH SECURITY – DEVELOPED JULY 2018

Zoonotic Disease

- Characterize and map national hot zones for zoonotic diseases
- Adopt MOU to formalise the Sharing/Adoption of data, expertise, specimen/strains, intervention protocols and information mechanisms between the Animal and Human Health sectors
- Finalize Surveillance Plan for priority zoonotic diseases in accordance with the One Health guidelines

• Reporting

- Operationalize SOPs for zoonotic diseases information sharing
- Simulation exercises to test reporting systems

CONCLUSION

- JEE opened the door for One Health interaction
- Stepping stone for collaboration and information sharing
- Rabies formally recognized by human, animal and environmental health as priority zoonotic disease
- Rabies elimination in Ghana given a boost draft Ghana Rabies Control and prevention work plan developed

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 - Health (Ghana Health Service)
 - Environment, Science, Technology, and Innovation (Environmental Protection Agency)
 - Lands and Natural Resources, (Forestry Commission, Wildlife Division)
 - Interior (National Disaster Management Organization)
 - Local Government and Rural Development
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- World Health Organization
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- United States Agency for International Development
- Academic Institutions
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Private sector

