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GLOBAL AGENDA FOR
SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK



2019 Multistakeholder Partnerships Meeting

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Topic: Additional Perspectives- Animal Health and Welfare

Vision

Our members



- Healthy animals as one of the conditions for improved human health, sustainable livelihood strategies, food and nutrition security and well-being of vulnerable populations.



An overview of VSF International

Mission

Reduce poverty, contribute to food and nutrition security and improve the livelihoods and well-being of vulnerable populations by supporting smallholder farmers and livestock keepers, promoting food sovereignty and implementing the One Health approach.

1. Ensure equitable access to natural resources and services
2. **Improve animal health, welfare and productivity**
3. Improve human health through education and capacity building around zoonoses, nutrition, hygiene
4. Reduce risks of spread of zoonotic and epizootic diseases through improved epidemiology surveillance, disease control and food safety measures
5. Promote sustainable natural resource management, agricultural and herding practices
6. Support value chains for animal products and access to market
7. Support victims of catastrophes and improve emergency preparedness
8. Awareness raising and advocacy in support to smallholder livestock farming and pastoralism

Overview of VSF Germany

Countries of Operation- 6 in 2019



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The focus on animal health- perspectives from frontline service provider

- A means to achieve food, nutrition and income security
- Livelihoods stabilizer- coping and recovery post-disaster
- Conflict mitigation- feuds and social cohesion
- Labour, power and social influence- costs vs pride

Main focus

- Surveillance system and service delivery strengthening
- Information, Education and Communication on diseases – prevention & control
- Support services and infrastructure
- Hygiene and safety

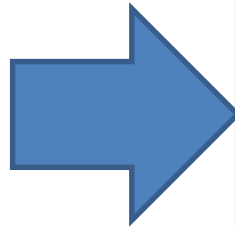
Challenges with animal health and welfare dimensions

- Policy and regulation – conflicts and interests
- Governance and quality control- AMR and injury risks
- TADs, emerging epidemics and trade restrictions
- Neglected Tropical Diseases especially with zoonotic implications e.g rabies
- Funding constraints to achieve sustainable and optimal services



Animal welfare dimensions

Contribution to address fundamental freedoms of animals



- Disease prevention and control e.g. rabies in dogs
- Feed, shelter and water provision in times of draught and or disasters
- Farmers education for awareness – zoonoses and welfare issues
- Capacity building – training and provisioning
- Communication and marketing

Thank you!



1. Freedom from Hunger and Thirst-The donkeys to have access to sufficient and fresh clean water and appropriate diet to maintain health and vigor.



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