



FAO China ECTAD assisting Guangxi Province to train local professionals on basic veterinary epidemiology, value chain analysis and biosecurity



Training workshop on veterinary epidemiology, value chain analysis and biosecurity in Guangxi © FAO

A training workshop on veterinary epidemiology, value chain analysis and biosecurity was held in Nanning, Guangxi from 28-31 March 2016. The four-day training workshop was jointly organized by the Veterinary Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Guangxi Animal Disease Control Center (ACDC) and FAO China Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) Office. The targeted participants included Guangxi local veterinary staff from 9 surveillance stations in the border area (with Viet Nam), 11 county-level surveillance stations, 14 prefectural ACDCs, and provincial ACDC. Around 50 local professionals participated in the training workshop.

The main objectives of the workshop were to enhance the participants' understanding on basic veterinary epidemiology and value chain analysis approaches and their application to animal disease control. The training focused on introduction to basic veterinary epidemiology, value chain analysis approaches, disease frequency, diagnosis test, outbreak investigation, surveillance, and Live Bird Market (LBM) biosecurity management. The training was jointly delivered by Dr Guo Fusheng and Mr Tang Hao (FAO China ECTAD) and Chinese trainers of the China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (CFETPV) - Drs Shen Chaojian and Lan Zouran. The trainer team adopted the participatory training approach, through group discussions and exercises, as well as practice on value chain analysis, to ensure better engagement of participants. The workshop received positive feedbacks, 90% participants were satisfied with the teaching approach.

One of the main recommendations of the workshop was to develop a syllabus for a training (not exceeding four days) on basic veterinary epidemiology, to align with the needs and roles of prefecture-level and county-level official veterinarians. It will facilitate the veterinary epidemiology roll-out at various levels, and will be one of the future focuses of the CFETPV.

FAO China ECTAD attendance at the Peste de Petits Ruminants (PPR) related meetings in Nepal

The first roadmap meeting for the formulation of a regional approach to the control and eradication of PPR in South Asia and the brainstorming meeting for the PPR global program formulation were held in Nagarkot, Nepal from 11-14 April 2016.

The main objectives of the roadmap meeting (11-12 April) were to implement the recommendations of the Abidjan international conference in PPR control and eradication (2015), and promote countries to engage in the implementation of the global strategy for the control and eradication of PPR (GCES). The meeting was attended by the Chief Veterinary Officers (CVOs), national epidemiologists, national laboratory experts from eight South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

member countries, representatives from the SAARC secretariat, Asian Development Bank (ADB), FAO HQs, the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) and ECTAD country offices, Regional Support Unit (RSU) for SAARC and World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). During the meeting, the SAARC member countries reported the PPR and animal health situation of their countries. Through the discussion, every country made their roadmap for PPR control and eradication.



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The brainstorming meeting (13-14 April) aimed to exchange views and opinions in order to facilitate the formulation of the PPR Global Control and Eradication Program (GCEP). The meeting was chaired and facilitated by the FAO-OIE Global PPR Secretariat. The secretariat and experts reviewed the GCES, Global Rinderpest Eradication Program (GREP) and lessons learnt for PPR control, vaccination strategy, surveillance strategy and other elements for consideration. Dr Guo Fusheng, Team Leader of the FAO China ECTAD Office participated in both meetings, and presented the PPR situation and control program in China to the participants.

◆ Promoting One Health in China - FAO China ECTAD participating in the first wildlife and public health workshop



Dr Guo Fusheng making a presentation in the workshop © FAO

The first wildlife and public health workshop in China was held in Beijing on 19 April 2016. The workshop was jointly organized by the State Forestry Administration (SFA) of China, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and EcoHealth Alliance. Around 70 representatives from the government agencies, universities, research institutions, international organizations, wildlife protection agencies and media, as well as wildlife activists attended the workshop. The major objectives of the workshop were to discuss the connection between wildlife and public health from different perspectives, evaluate the emerging infectious diseases that might link to wildlife and the threat to public health, discuss how to coordinate

different departments, animal health agencies, wildlife protection agencies, medical agencies and research institutions to work together to effectively tackle the public health issues caused by infectious diseases in wildlife, and further promote the application of One Health in China. Dr Guo Fusheng was invited to attend the workshop and deliver a presentation, in which he introduced the One Health concept and its importance in human and animal health.

! Upcoming activities

1. According to the CFETPV M&E plan, the evaluation for the CFETPV 3rd cohort is being carried out.
2. The 4th CFETPV stakeholder meeting (i.e. Workshop on role of veterinary epidemiology in evidence-based animal health policy development) will be held in Beijing in June 2016. FAO China ECTAD Office is preparing for the workshop.



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