



China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians trainees supporting epidemiology investigation in China

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China issued “2019 National Plan for Animal Disease Surveillance and Epidemiology Investigation” on 16 May 2019. In the document, graduates of China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (CFETPV) were referred to as the main technical force and participated in two specific investigation plans, which are "Social Economic Investigation on Poultry H7N9 Influenza Immunization Policy" and "Investigation on Pig Health Condition, Value Chain and Cost of African Swine Fever Prevention and Control", to provide technical support for subsequent policy decisions.

This was the first time that CFETPV fellows were included in China’s national work plan and undertook relevant technical tasks. This not only reflects the professionalism of China's epidemiological investigation work, but also reflects the strong technical capacity of CFETPV fellow, which is another milestone of CFETPV. The training program will continue to follow the principle of "learning by doing" and work closely with the partners to promote the development of animal health in China and the region.

The “National Plan for Animal Disease Surveillance and Epidemiology Investigation”, which is updated annually, serves as the guidance for animal disease surveillance and epidemiology investigation and all animal health agencies in China must follow. The Plan of 2019 includes 14 sub-surveillance plans and 11 specific epidemiology investigation plans for major animal diseases, each with specific requirements, methods and details of the assignments.

FAO China ECTAD attendance at the One Health Zoonotic Disease Prioritization China Workshop

The One Health Zoonotic Disease Prioritization China Workshop was held in Beijing, China from 13-17 May 2019. The workshop was attended by 57 participants from national and provincial public health, animal health, and wildlife sectors of China, and experts from U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC), US Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) China Office. Mr. Liu Lushi from FAO China Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) Office attended the opening ceremony of the Workshop and gave a presentation on One Health from FAO’s perspective.



Mr Liu Lushi giving a presentation on OH

The Workshop was co-organized by the US CDC and Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC), with the objectives to 1) gain One Health facilitation and leadership skills to support implementation of One Health through the use of the One Health Zoonotic Disease Prioritization (OHZDP) Process; 2) have an understanding of the 5-step OHZDP process, method and tool to support this workshop; and 3) develop the skills to use the OHZDP tool to lead and implement a OHZDP workshop at the country/regional/district level.

The Workshop included a 2-day training for facilitators, and a 3-day training to ordinary participants with support of the facilitators. FAO China ECTAD Office closely involved in the event preparation, by coordinating CFETPV fellows to participate as facilitators and contribute their epidemiological expertise.

➤ China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians trainees' attendance at Workshop on Harmonization of Value Chain Study Methodology and Proposal Development

In collaboration with the Regional Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (R-FETPV), FAO Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP) and Thailand Department of Livestock Development (DLD) co-organized the Workshop on Harmonization of Value Chain Study Methodology and Proposal Development from 27 to 30 May 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Workshop aimed to: 1) build capacity on value chain analysis for disease risk management among veterinary epidemiologists in African Swine Fever (ASF)-infected or at risk countries;



CFETPV trainees presenting at the Workshop

2) identify the main components of value chain investigations for swill feeding and for wild boar farming; 3) develop/harmonize methodologies and tools for conducting value chain investigations (stakeholders, surveys, focus group discussion); and 4) finalize the selected proposals for value chain studies to be supported by FETPV. To promote the ASF prevention and control in the region, FAO China ECTAD facilitated two China Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarians (CFETPV) graduates, Dr Wang Miao from the 2nd cohort and Dr Li Shubo from the 3rd cohort, to participated in the Workshop.

The four-day workshop reviewed the current situation in the Asia and the Pacific region, exchanged the experiences on ASF prevention and control and finalized the proposal on research. Drs Wang Miao and Li Shubo presented their research proposals respectively and communicated with the participants of the Workshop. Both trainees would further carry out their research with support of FAO China ECTAD.



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