



RAPID, COORDINATED, STRATEGIC RESPONSE TO ANIMAL DISEASE EMERGENCIES

Transboundary animal diseases threaten livestock, livelihoods and even human lives. The Crisis Management Centre – Animal Health (CMC-AH) deploys rapid, coordinated and strategic missions to help affected governments respond.

Diseases like highly pathogenic avian influenza, Rift Valley fever, foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever and many others represent an ever-present, global threat to food security, public health and the world economy. Moreover, critical events involving emerging viruses and pathogens are constant reminders of the pandemic risks all nations face in today's world.

Affected countries require rapid support to help contain disease emergencies. They also need to prepare for future crises in order to protect animal and human populations. The CMC-AH, based at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), provides needed support to countries when responding to quickly evolving disease emergencies with impacts on livelihoods, health and trade.

RAPID DEPLOYMENT

The Centre tracks continually the global animal disease situation and plans for potential deployment when animal disease emergencies appear imminent. Accessing the best-possible experts from the world's leading international institutions, the CMC-AH reacts quickly to country requests, providing rapid and targeted assistance to help assess the situation and deliver immediate solutions to stop disease spread.

COORDINATED EFFORT

As a primary facility of the United Nations, the CMC-AH brings a global network to bear on disease crises. The Centre coordinates closely with the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the World Health Organization and other international community partners. Mission teams work directly with governments. Constant collaboration is at the foundation of operations, since complex disease emergencies often require multidisciplinary response support and in-depth, regional knowledge.

STRATEGIC COMMITMENT

With the expertise of FAO and its partners underpinning CMC-AH efforts, the Centre approaches situations strategically by promoting transition from emergency response to medium- and longer-term efforts. CMC-AH missions serve as catalysts for increased cross-border communication, regional collaboration and international awareness. The CMC-AH also mobilizes local and international resources through follow-up projects for affected countries in need of continued assistance.

Through the CMC-AH, FAO and partners remain committed to deploying rapid assistance that provides immediate solutions and initiates longer-term actions with the ultimate goal of saving lives and protecting livelihoods.