

ECTAD Viet Nam's Coordination

ECTAD Viet Nam's approach to coordination and collaboration for addressing health-related issues is strongly rooted in the One Health, an approach developed in 2004 at a meeting of health experts hosted by the Rockefeller Foundation. One Health was first articulated in 2008, in an inter-agency document, *One World, One Health: A Strategic Framework for Reducing Risks of Infectious Diseases at the Animal-Human-Ecosystems Interface*, jointly drawn up by FAO, the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Organisation of Animal Health (OIE). Unicef, the UN System Influenza Coordination (UNSIC) and the World Bank.

One Health is an integrated approach that calls for increased multidisciplinary and intersectoral cooperation and communication to address diseases that emerge at the human-animal-ecosystem interface and that pose a threat to animal and human health. Diseases with the potential to jump between animals in wild livestock and humans are of special concern under One Health. These emerging infectious zoonotic diseases (EIDs) include HPAI H5N1, SARS, rabies, monkeypox and hantaviruses.

ECTAD Viet Nam's key national partners in One Health coordination include the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), the Ministry of Health (MOH) and WHO Viet Nam. The One Health approach has been recognized in Vietnam's Integrated National Operational Program on Avian Influenza, Pandemic Preparedness and Emerging Infectious Diseases (AIPED). Recently, [Circular 16\(legislation\)](#) and the ['2014-2018 National Strategy Plan'](#) was passed and it outlines the collaboration between MOH and MARD to address priority diseases of mutual concern. One Health implementation is an area where lessons are being learned and shared, in order to promote deeper commitment to such multidisciplinary collaboration. ECTAD Viet Nam's advocacy around this important is helping create new awareness and also political commitment as evidenced by the outcomes of the [Vietnam One Health Meeting](#) in April 2013.