**UN Programme on Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness in Ghana**

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**Implementation:** 03/08/2015 – 30/06/2016  
**Target areas:** Ghana  

**Objective:** To contribute to strengthening Ebola virus response capacities at the human-wildlife-ecosystem interface and mitigate the risk of spill-over of Ebola virus from wildlife to humans.

**Key partners:** Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA), Veterinary Service Directorate (VSD) and Wildlife Division of the Forestry Commission

**Beneficiaries reached:** Policy-makers, MoFA, VSD and Wildlife Division of the Forestry Commission, as well as the Emerging Pandemic Threat – 2 Programme in Ghana

**Activities implemented:**  
- Conducted two assessments/studies to identify risks and potential measures to reduce the risk of exposure to Ebola virus from wildlife  
- Conducted an analysis of the bushmeat commodity chain in Ghana and implications for EVD risk in Ghana.

**Results:**  
- Valuable evidence-base in regulation and monitoring of the bushmeat value chain and EVD surveillance.  
- Good foundation for EVD preparedness in the food and wildlife sectors as well as for the future work on the Emerging Pandemic Threat – 2 Programme in Ghana.  
- Better understanding of the disease dynamics at the interface between humans, animals, and their shared environment – including wildlife, as hunting activities are widely seen as a major risk factor for contact with Ebola, and bushmeat is an important source of quality nutrition for many people.  
- Strengthened EVD response capacities at the human-wildlife-ecosystem interface through the creation of up-to-date evidence/information base on potential risks for virus spill-over from wildlife to humans.

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