



# IHR-PVS Toolbox

## Supporting WHO in the Development of Toolboxes for Bridging IHR and PVS

### Duration

2019 – 2021

### Budget/year

approx. 200,000 EUR

### Partner countries

Global

### Challenges addressed by the project

With the overall aim to support countries in managing risks at the animal-human interface, the project backs the work of WHO (conducted in collaboration with the World Organisation for Animal Health, OIE) to ensure the contribution of the animal health sector in the implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR, 2005). In particular, the project aids to complement the methodology developed for IHR-PVS (Performance of Veterinary Services) bridging workshops, used by countries to develop roadmaps for improved coordination mechanisms between animal and human health sectors.

### Objectives

The main aim of the project is to develop tools based on established national bridging workshops (NBW) for IHR and PVS. The toolboxes target specific diseases focusing initially on rabies, potentially adaptable for further topics of current relevance such as antimicrobial resistance (AMR) or other “One Health” threats. This approach will facilitate the joint implementation of technically more rigorous control plans, thus supporting countries in the development of a truly “One Health”-oriented agenda to strengthen the human and veterinary health sectors. This project enables the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut in its capacity as a WHO collaborating centre for Rabies surveillance and research, as well as an OIE collaborating centre for Zoonosis in Europe, to provide the technical expertise for the WHO to advance this initiative.

### Overview of activities

The project contributes to pillar three of the Strategy on Global Health Security of the German Federal Ministry of Health. This pillar focusses on shaping the international agenda at global level, including the provision of technical support to international organisations such as the WHO.

The main components of the project are technical specifications and the development of a toolbox for national bridging workshops (NBWs) with a rabies focus. These comprise the following:

- » An agreed curriculum for a thematic NBW (applies in particular to rabies) with specified contents and procedures for the implementation
- » All training materials needed for the implementation of an NBW following the developed curriculum
- » A framework for feedback and evaluation by participants to enable continuous improvement throughout the NBWs’ implementation period



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Training of Regional Facilitators for IHR-PVS  
National Bridging Workshop (Photo ©WHO)



Proximity of humans and animals is a main driver  
for rabies transmission)



Vaccinating dogs against rabies is the main  
strategy to protect human health



Child receiving intradermal post exposure  
prophylaxis following a dog bite

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» Due to the high level of demand for coordination at global level under the tripartite collaboration, the project additionally provides opportunities for technical level consultations between WHO, OIE and FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) on the topics relevant for the project scope

A methodologic backbone of the workshop curriculum finalized, the training materials and documentation are currently being fine-tuned with pilot-testing of the format as a next step ahead.

### Partner institution

World Health Organization (WHO), Switzerland

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