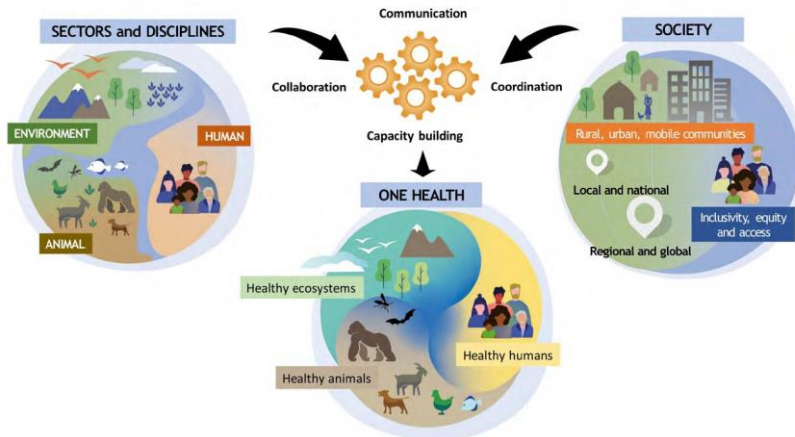


Implementing One Health at the national level: guided by the Quadripartite One Health Joint Plan of Action



A comprehensive definition of One Health concept developed by the One Health High-Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP)

One Health is an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals, and ecosystems. It recognizes the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment (including ecosystems) are closely linked and interdependent.

The approach mobilizes multiple sectors, disciplines and communities at varying levels of society to work together to foster well-being and tackle threats to health and ecosystems, while addressing the collective need for clean water, energy and air, safe and nutritious food, taking action on climate change, and contributing to sustainable development.

What is the One Health Joint Plan of Action?

The One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA), developed by the Quadripartite organizations (FAO, UNEP, WHO, and WOAH), is a global framework designed to create sustainable, holistic solutions to prevent, predict, detect, and respond to health threats. This involves developing national action plans or integrating into existing ones, all while contributing to sustainable development.

The OH JPA outlines practical pathways for One Health by identifying and addressing the deeper causes of critical global health risks. Delivered through six action tracks, it recommends specific actions for countries and international communities to help transform health systems and mitigate the impact of health challenges at global, regional, and country levels.

The One Health Joint Plan of Action Theory of Change

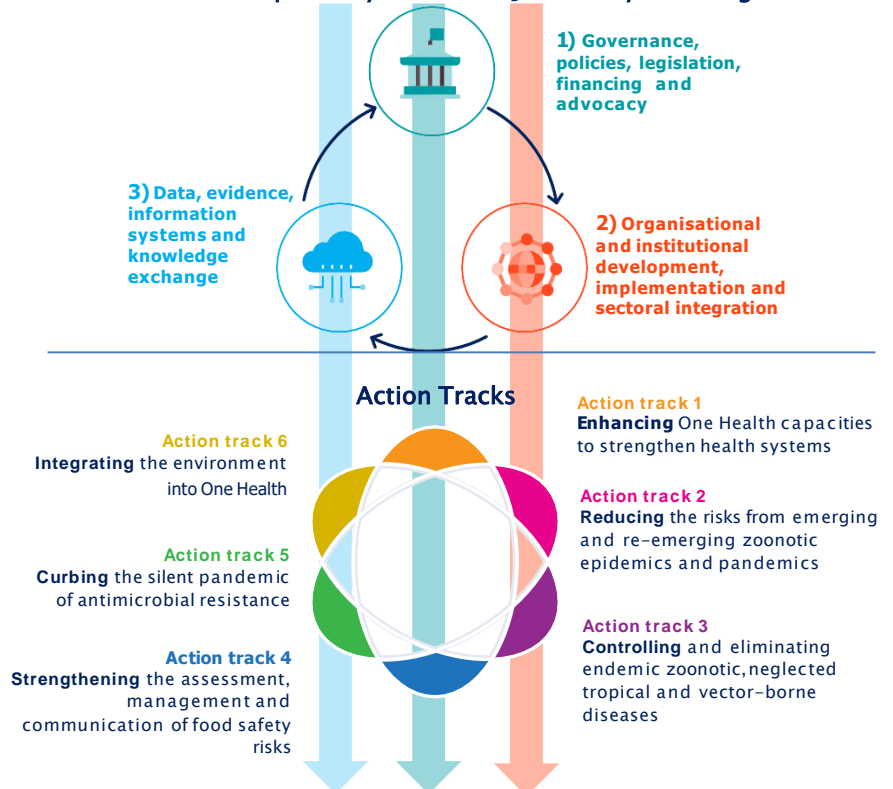
The theory of change of the OH JPA underscores the capacity of One Health to address critical health challenges. Comprising three interconnected and mutually supportive pathways, it identifies areas requiring sustainable and impactful interventions.

Countries can operationalize the One Health approach by embarking on the three pathways of change either through developing national One Health plans or integrating into existing ones.

The six Action Tracks of the One Health Joint Plan of Action

The six interdependent Action Tracks collectively contribute to achieving sustainable health and food systems, reducing global health threats, and improving ecosystem management.

The three pathways of the OH JPA Theory of Change



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A world better able to prevent, predict, detect and respond to health threats and improve the health of humans, animals, plants and the environment while contributing to sustainable development.

Benefits of implementing the One Health Joint Plan of Action

Improve health of humans, animals and the environment

Guide the development and update of national One Health action plans.

Prioritize interventions and optimize limited resources.

Establish or strengthen national multisectoral coordination mechanisms

Support sustainable policy and investments to support and accelerate the One Health framework.

Expected outcomes of operationalizing One Health

Enhanced stakeholder engagement

Improved national One Health governance and coordination

Developed multisectoral One Health Action Plans

One Health is prioritized and invested

Established functional monitoring, evaluation, and learning frameworks

Quadripartite's role in implementing OHJPA

- **Provide technical guidance** for developing and implementing national One Health action plans.
- **Build capacity** through national and regional workshops to enhance abilities and support OH JPA roll-out.
- **Facilitate cross-sector collaboration** by involving stakeholders from health, agriculture, and environment sectors.
- **Support countries in securing funds** and facilitate their access to funding mechanisms for One Health initiatives.
- **Provide technical support** for using One Health tools, including for monitoring and evaluation strategies.
- **Harmonize national actions** with global One Health efforts to ensure greater and meaningful impact.

National and regional workshops

To help countries roll-out the OH JPA, the Quadripartite provides technical support and resources that:

- Involve national authorities and stakeholders, NGOs, donors, intergovernmental organizations (including Quadripartite), academia, civil society, across human, animal and environmental sectors.
- Demonstrate and apply a *5-step* approach of the implementation guide of the OH JPA at national level considering their One Health advancement.
- Offer framework for starting OH JPA activities or aligning existing One Health action plans and interventions with the OH JPA.

To provide countries with practical guidance on how to implement the One Health approach through the adaptation and adoption of the OH JPA, considering the three pathways of the theory of change, the Quadripartite has developed the **Guide to Implementing the One Health Joint Plan of Action at National Level**.



Useful Resources (clickable):

- [One Health Joint Plan of Action](#)
- [A guide to implementing the One Health Joint Plan of Action at national level](#)
- Learn more about One Health initiatives of the Quadripartite here: [FAO](#), [UNEP](#), [WHO](#) and [WOAH](#).

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