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Strengthening One Health Governance through Transparent and Systematic Evidence-Informed Policy-Making: Lessons from Croatia, Ghana and Nigeria

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Global health threats, including pandemics, AMR, zoonotic diseases, and climate change, underscore the interdependence of human, animal, and environmental health. Although the One Health (OH) approach is increasingly recognized, translating evidence into effective policies remains complex. The OH-EVI project aimed to strengthen knowledge translation capacities and support evidence-informed policymaking across diverse national contexts.

Using the WHO EVIPNet four-stage methodology, OH-EVI worked in Croatia, Ghana, and Nigeria, where multisectoral stakeholders identified priority OH policy challenges through situational analyses. Systematic reviews informed Evidence Briefs for Policy (EBPs) outlining policy options and implementation considerations. Policy dialogues were then convened to contextualize the evidence, assess feasibility, and identify implementation priorities.

Main topics addressed in the EBPs were strengthening zoonoses surveillance (Croatia), integrating surveillance and preparedness systems (Ghana), and addressing AMR (Nigeria). Common barriers identified were fragmented governance, weak coordination, siloed data systems and workforce. The EBPs discuss context-adapted options for strengthening these areas, providing an evidence base to support the countries' OH operationalization.

OH-EVI demonstrates how structured evidence synthesis, stakeholder engagement, and policy dialogue can advance OH governance and support implementation of evidence-informed solutions.

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