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One Health Systems Readiness Assessment in Croatia, Ghana and Nigeria: Development of an Assessment Tool for Evidence-informed Policy Making

Inhalt

While One Health (OH) principles are widely recognized, countries have yet to fully embed them into operational governance systems, slowing progress on coordinated efforts to address zoonotic transmission, AMR, and environmental health. The “KOHSRA” tool was developed to assess national readiness for OH implementation and to identify governance and policy gaps, and piloted in Croatia, Ghana, and Nigeria.

KOHSRA’s protocol includes the following steps: desk review of legal and policy frameworks and stakeholder mapping; multisectoral deliberative workshops; consensus-based scoring across five domains; and consolidation through SWOT analysis and priority setting.

All pilot countries showed a certain level of OH integration, but institutionalization remained uneven. Nigeria had a strategic plan and coordinating unit but still faced coordination challenges. Ghana had an active technical working group and draft policy, but limited legal mandates and data integration. Croatia had strong surveillance and EU-aligned regulations but lacked a formal OH policy and coordinating body. Common gaps included absent OH policies and budgets, fragmented data, weak knowledge translation, limited community engagement, and inadequate evaluation.

Strengthening OH governance requires formalized policies, sustainable financing, interoperable data systems, and institutionalized coordination. KOHSRA offers a practical framework for diagnosing system gaps and guiding policy dialogue and investment.

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