



Evaluation of the One Health (Better Production 3) programme

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Why an evaluation?

In November 2022, the Programme Committee endorsed the Office of Evaluation (OED)'s work plan of evaluations 2022–2025, which included an evaluation of FAO's Programme Priority Area on One Health (Better Production 3).

This Programme Priority Area (Better Production 3), created under the Strategic Framework 2022–2031 has its roots in FAO's decades-long work on issues related to One Health.

In April 2010, FAO authored A Tripartite Concept Note, together with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, former OIE), on "Sharing responsibilities and coordinating global activities to address health risks at the animal-human-ecosystems interfaces", and thus creating the Tripartite on One Health. In 2021, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) joined and expanded the international collaboration into the Quadripartite. In May 2021, the One Health High-Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP) was launched to provide the Quadripartite with evidence-based scientific and policy advice to address the challenges raised at the animal-human-environment interface using the One Health approach.

Currently, FAO's work on One Health is framed not only by FAO's Strategic Framework (2022–2031), but it is also guided by the Joint Plan of Action (2022–2026) of the Quadripartite and is advised by OHHLEP.

The key outcome of BP3 is:

It will also contribute to strengthened and better performing national and international integrated One Health systems for human, animal and plant health achieved through improved pest and disease prevention, early warning and management of national and global health risks, including antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Timeline

Inception phase

December 2023–
February 2024

- Scoping interviews
- Portfolio analysis
- Inception report

Evaluative phase

March–May 2024

- Data collection
- Analysis of data
- Presentation of preliminary findings
- Draft report

Reporting phase

May–September 2024

- Quality assurance of the report
- Stakeholder feedback
- Final report
- Dissemination materials
- Presentation to the Programme Committee

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What will this evaluation cover?

The evaluation will be conducted through a three phased approach: i) a descriptive study; ii) a formative evaluation of BP3; and iii) an impact evaluation of a selected BP3 intervention. The results of the descriptive research will provide insights into the nature of the evolution of FAO's work in One Health and serve as a starting point for the formative and impact evaluations to follow.

The first phase, the descriptive study, is expected to be completed in 2024 and will cover the 2010–2022 period, analysing the available evidence base to identify the evolution of the Organization's work in four key areas in its One Health approach: conceptualization and operationalization of One Health; resourcing; measuring results; and role in the Tri/Quadripartite.

The guiding question for the first phase (the descriptive study) is:

How did FAO's work to promote a One Health approach evolve between 2010 and 2022?

Three priority questions will unpack the guiding question for the evaluation:

- How did FAO's work in One Health evolve and has been implemented from 2010 up until the creation of BP3?*
- How were results in One Health interventions measured?*
- How was FAO perceived by partners and donors?*

What will be the process and who will be involved?

The first phase of this evaluation will be led by the FAO Office of Evaluation, accompanied by a team of external independent experts specializing in different technical areas in One Health.

Internal FAO stakeholders, particularly the leadership team for the Programme Priority Area (BP3), will support this evaluation by providing inputs throughout its various stages. External stakeholders, such as key implementation and resource partners, will actively be consulted as key informants during the evaluation process.

