



**Beneficiary**

Veterinary Services in Latin America and the Caribbean (and worldwide)

**Led by**

OIE

**Time-frame**

May 2004 – May 2006

**STDF funding**

US\$39,960

## SHAPING KNOWLEDGE SOLUTIONS IN ANIMAL HEALTH WORLDWIDE: THE OIE PVS TOOL

### The safe trade gap

The potential spread of infectious animal diseases, including zoonosis, poses a threat to global animal and public health, and could have a devastating impact on the economic livelihoods of producers and exporters in developing countries. A country's ability to detect, control and eradicate animal diseases is often linked to the quality of its Veterinary Services. With consumer demand and opportunities for international trade in animal products increasing, there was a need for a common tool to evaluate the performance of national Veterinary Services against internationally recognized standards.

### Partnership approach

The OIE PVS Tool was developed from inter-agency dialogue between the STDF, the OIE, and IICA. STDF's seed funding played a catalytic role in supporting this dialogue. Today, the OIE PVS Tool is a widely recognized diagnostic instrument helping Veterinary Services worldwide to identify gaps in capacity and how to comply with international OIE standards supported by development financing. As such, the OIE PVS Tool is essential, in both assessing veterinary capacity, and as a basis for promoting the quality of Veterinary Services through cooperation between countries, international organisations and donors.

### Results

- STDF seed funding supported inter-agency dialogue, which led to the development of the OIE Tool for the Evaluation of Performance of Veterinary Services (OIE PVS Tool).

### Sustaining impact

- The development of the OIE PVS Tool demonstrates how a small STDF grant can have large scale impact. By May 2017, 133 OIE PVS Evaluation missions had been carried out worldwide.
- Building on the innovative OIE PVS Tool, other capacity building tools have been developed as part of the OIE PVS Pathway. The OIE PVS Gap Analysis Tool leads to a detailed strategy using the PVS Evaluation baseline of national livestock sector and veterinary priorities. Findings and recommendations then help to mobilize resources from government or donors.
- For more than a decade, the OIE PVS Pathway has proven to help national Veterinary Services to develop a systematic, sustainable approach to meet OIE international standards, including through veterinary legislation, public-private partnerships, veterinary education, and laboratory programmes. Countries can also request PVS Evaluation Follow-up missions to measure their progress in meeting OIE standards.
- The OIE remains committed to deliver on the PVS Pathway. In April 2017, the OIE PVS Pathway Think Tank Forum set out how OIE Members, partners and experts can continue working together on the strategic evolution of the PVS Pathway and keep improving animal health and welfare worldwide.

*"PVS results made us aware of the improvements that are needed within our Veterinary Services in order to build our staff capacities".*

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