

Global Programme Pandemic Prevention and Response, One Health

Building bridges for One Health through a Global Programme in Cameroon

Situated in the Congo Basin, Cameroon boasts the world's second largest tropical forest and is home to a wide range of climate zones, making it a treasure trove of biodiversity. This remarkable natural wealth creates a vibrant habitat that, if safeguarded, contributes towards the symbiotic well-being of humans, animals, and the environment. As an integrative and holistic approach, One Health acknowledges the links between human health, animal health and the health of our ecosystems while addressing complex health challenges ranging from zoonotic diseases to antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and environmental degradation. The relevance of these interlinkages has long been recognized in Cameroon leading to the integration of the One Health approach into national strategies and structures. The **GIZ Global Programme Pandemic Prevention and Response, One Health (PPOH)** supports key stakeholders in Cameroon to further strengthen these efforts.

The Global Programme intervenes in three main fields of action: a) improving multilateral and cross-sectoral One Health collaboration, b) developing the capacities of key institutions in partner countries and c) supporting countries based on urgent needs by the German Epidemic Preparedness Team (SEEG). This setup offers the significant advantage of linking global engagement, facilitating south-south exchange of practices and knowledge across sectors on priority topics such as laboratory diagnostics, surveillance, prevention of zoonoses and antimicrobial resistances, or One Health policy and governance. It fosters closer integration and coordination of national activities with regional and international initiatives, guidelines, and standards such as the Quadripartite's (Food and



Agriculture Organization, World Health Organization, United Nations Environmental Programme, World Organization of Animal Health) One Health Joint Plan of Action (JPA).

Our objectives and approach

The overall objective of the Global Programme's country support in Cameroon is to strengthen the capacities of national partners to further develop and implement its **One Health strategy**. It is implemented jointly by the governments of Cameroon and Germany and focusses on **reducing health risks at the human-livestock-environment interface and on improving the safety of food of animal origin**.

Project name	Global Programme Pandemic Prevention and Response, One Health (PPOH)
Commissioned by	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Project regions	Central level; Adamawa and Centre regions
Main political partner	National One Health Platform
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Budget	1 Mio. €

PPOH works in close collaboration with the national **One Health Platform**, a multisectoral coordination body under the Prime Minister, and with local councils, regional delegates, national laboratories, civil society organisations and other key actors. The partnership promotes and uses the One Health approach as an integrative, unifying approach that aims at sustainably balancing and optimising human, animal and ecosystem health. Four key ministries of

the One Health strategy (MINSANTE, MINEPIA, MINEPDED and MINFOF) are the main collaborating partners of PPOH. Activities are implemented at national level, but also at regional and local level in the **Adamawa and Centre Region**.

Our fields of activity



Strengthening of the national One Health strategy and One Health Platform

The One Health Platform serves as a central hub for driving the implementation of the One Health approach. Therefore, PPOH aims at strengthening the platform's capacities for communication, coordination and collaboration. The Global Programme supports the development and implementation of the National Action Plan for Antimicrobial Resistances (NAP-AMR), the One Health Capacity Development Strategy as well as the integration of the One Health concept into policies and legislation. PPOH further facilitates the interpretation of the global One Health JPA in the Cameroonian context to further develop the national One Health strategic plan and to strengthen One Health governance. In Adamawa and Centre regions, cross-sectoral cooperation is revitalised by strengthening regional One Health communication and coordination platforms.



Reduction of the transmission risks of zoonoses at livestock markets in Adamawa and Centre regions

Livestock markets provide an environment conducive for elevating health risks to humans, animals and the environment which includes both biological risks, such as disease transmission, as well as chemical risks such as from residues. Hence, markets are an important but often neglected part of the livestock value chain. Thus, PPOH encourages communities to improve the general management of markets and its hygienic conditions. Capacity building and awareness raising measures on food safety, hygiene and biosecurity, waste and water management as well as AMR are aimed at major market stakeholders

The two intervention regions of the projects:
Adamawa and Centre



Supporting One Health data sharing systems

Sharing data across different sectors allows for a more comprehensive understanding of complex health issues. It helps identify connections, patterns, and interactions between various factors that contribute to disease emergence, transmission, and impact. The Global Programme promotes interoperability between systems to improve cross-sectoral surveillance of health risks and builds up communities of practice, such as through a technical working group on data. In close collaboration with the bilateral health project ProPASSaR and the regional project "One Health Data Alliance Africa" (OHDAA), the Global Programme acts as catalyst.

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