

First Coordination Committee Meeting of OIE/JTF Project for FMD Control in Asia
13-14 November, Tokyo
Draft Conclusion and Recommendations

The first Coordination Committee Meeting recognises:

1. The result and recommendations of the Second Global Conference on FMD control (Bangkok, June 2012), and the endorsement of Global FMD Control Strategy;
2. The revised project framework of OIE/JTF Project for FMD Control in Asia and the list of eligible activities contributing to the SEACFMD Campaign; these activities will enhance prevention and control of FMD at the source and mitigate the risk posed to Members in the Region;
3. The progress and achievement of the OIE/JTF Project during 2011-2012, in particular National Contact Person (NCP) workshop, development of FMD Roadmap for East Asia, field implementation in Laos and other activities;
4. The progress and success of FMD vaccination and efficiency study in Xiengkhouang, Laos, which have been made possible by vaccine donation from MAFF, technical support from NIAH, policy commitment of provincial administration, effective public awareness campaign, and experience and skill of implementing team from Northern Laos;
5. The current knowledge of National FMD Control programme and FMD-PCP stage based on self-evaluation of each participating Member;
6. The potential use by Members of the official endorsement of control programmes by the OIE and the interest from governments and donors for the official endorsement;
7. The regional and national resources, especially, OIE Collaborating Centre in Japan, OIE Reference Laboratories in China and Thailand are capable for providing training, confirmative tests, and other technical support to Members. Joint research on FMD and Scientific Conference are also planned;
8. The programmes, projects or activities related to FMD being carried out by other partners such as SEACFMD, FAO, JICA, USDA;
9. Mongolia will apply and extend the diagnostic techniques acquired from a training in Japan on FMD diagnostic service and surveillance in the country.

The Meeting, therefore,

1. Adopts the revised project framework implementation scheme and activities presented by OIE Representation for Asia and the Pacific;
2. Endorses recommendations and report of the NCP Workshop (14-15 August 2012, Tokyo), including process to develop the Roadmap and the proposed outline of content with, among others, the following points to be considered in a revised version that will be circulated within the Coordination Committee;
 - a. To make reference to the PVS Pathway instead of the PVS Tool only

- b. To include background information on the need for a Roadmap in East Asia and linkages between the OIE/JTF Project and other relevant FMD related projects in the Region such as the SEACFMD
 - c. To align the “National Strategic Plans for FMD Control” with the requirements of the FMD Code Chapter and relevant questionnaire for the OIE endorsement of the National FMD control programme
 - d. To evaluate the options for sustainable mechanisms that could support FMD vaccines access in East Asia while taking into account vaccine quality, potency and purity, and the need for vaccine matching and post-vaccination monitoring
 - e. To describe governance arrangements and sustainable funding mechanism
3. Recommends that:
- a. A close collaboration and institutional coordination between OIE/JTF Project for FMD Control in Asia and SEACFMD Campaign as well as with other projects and organisations be put in place in order to ensure a complementarity;
 - b. National FMD Strategic and Control Plan be developed in each Members, in order to control FMD and to speed up official applications for OIE endorsement;
 - c. National Contact Persons be appointed by OIE Delegates to participate in drafting FMD Roadmap for East Asia, providing information as requested, and being contact point regarding activities of the Project; National Coordinators will be the contact persons in country Members of SEACFMD Sub-regional Commission;
 - d. Activities suggested by NCP Workshop on epidemiological surveillance, technical collaboration and scientific information exchange be encouraged and supported by the Project;
 - e. Field activity implemented in Laos be promoted as a model for other province in Laos and other countries when relevant, taking strongly into account the vaccine matching with strains circulating in the Sub-region;
 - f. Better information sharing on relevant FMD related topics, especially information on circulating viruses, be promoted and implemented in East Asia;
 - g. Veterinary Services better communicate on and harmonize their FMD related activities with all relevant stakeholders, including donors, while recognizing the importance of small holder’s collaboration for better controlling the disease;
 - h. The direct and indirect costs associated to FMD be better quantified so that Veterinary Services have the relevant information to advocate the need to invest in sustainable FMD control.

The Meeting compliments:

1. Participants from Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Korea, Mongolia and Chinese Taipei, as well as OIE Headquarters and the OIE Sub Regional Representation in Bangkok, for their active participation.
2. FAO-RAP, JICA and USDA for information sharing and collaborative activities.
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4. Department of Livestock and Fisheries and Xiengkhouang province for their advocacy towards the Project.
5. OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific for their efforts to make this meeting possible.

Note: The Meeting received apologise from China for not being able to attend this meeting.