

ASEAN One Health Joint Plan of Action (2023-2030)

Background

The ASEAN One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA) is established pursuant to the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on One Health Initiative issued at the 42nd ASEAN Summit, May 2023 in Indonesia and developed by taking into account the OH JPA of the Quadripartite – the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Health Organisation (WHO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) - (henceforth referred to as the Quadripartite OH JPA) and the Theory of Change¹. The Quadripartite OH JPA is organised into 6 Action Tracks, namely:

1. Enhancing One Health (OH) capacities to strengthen health systems;
2. Reducing the risks from emerging and re-emerging zoonotic epidemics and pandemics;
3. Controlling and eliminating endemic zoonotic, neglected tropical and vector-borne diseases;
4. Strengthening the assessment, management, and communication of food safety risks;
5. Curbing the silent pandemic of AMR; and
6. Integrating the Environment into OH.

The development of the ASEAN OH JPA takes into account the 5 stages articulated in the Implementation Guide to operationalise the Quadripartite OH JPA which outlines 5 stages, which currently being developed, namely:

1. Situation analysis
2. Multisectoral coordination mechanism
3. Implementation planning
4. Implementation
5. Review, sharing and incorporation of lessons learned

As part of the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on One Health Initiative, a comprehensive analysis of OH implementation is being conducted, for finalisation by September 2023 (stage 1) and a coordination mechanism is being developed, through the formation of an ASEAN One Health Network (AOHN) (stage 2):

“PURSUE comprehensive analysis of One Health implementation in ASEAN Member States and globally to assess national and regional capacity for strengthening the implementation of One Health”

“ESTABLISH ASEAN One Health Network supported by ASEAN secretariat, to develop and strengthen multisectoral collaboration and coordination of One Health Initiative among ASEAN Member States, including establishing linkage to existing and/or potential national mechanism of ASEAN Member States”

This ASEAN OH JPA outlines stage 3 – implementation planning – and will require updating upon the completion and operationalisation of stages 1 and 2. This document is intended to be a starting point for iterative development of the ASEAN OH JPA with the governance, monitoring and evaluation of the plan intended to be conducted through the AOHN.

¹ Quadripartite OH JPA

The establishment of the AOHN is a commitment stated in the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on One Health Initiative. As such, establishing and operationalising the AOHN will be the first priority in implementing the ASEAN OH JPA. The Terms of Reference for the AOHN and the ASEAN OH JPA will be notated at the 43rd ASEAN Leaders' Summit in September 2023.

Equity is also central to successfully implementing a OH approach. The ASEAN Charter Article 1.13 states the goal of promoting equity in all sectors of society.

Equity in OH requires moving towards a sustainable socioecological equilibrium where the trade-offs, risks and co-benefits between human, animal (domestic and wildlife), plant and environmental health as well as food safety and antimicrobial resistance are continually assessed and considered in decision making.

Each of the strategic objectives and activities has been considered in light of the following AOHN principles:

1. Respect for the sovereignty and national context of all ASEAN Member States in relation to the implementation of National OH JPA or other related mechanisms while appreciating the interdependence on regional OH strengthening;
2. Thinking with a OH mindset to build an inclusive multisectoral approach across regional sectoral priority areas;
3. Strengthening linkages and enabling the establishment of trusted relationships between and among ASEAN sectoral bodies and working groups, ASEAN centres and entities associated with ASEAN, partners and other relevant stakeholders for the purposes of creating regional synergies and harmonisation while ensuring integration and interoperability with global mechanisms;
4. Leveraging existing ASEAN mechanisms and organisations and recognising their regional strategic role in OH; and
5. Commitment to maintaining flexibility within the AOHN to adapt to changing priorities.

Pathways of Change

The ASEAN OH JPA has taken into consideration all the action tracks in the Quadripartite OH JPA while accounting for the existing ASEAN initiatives (agreements, frameworks, strategies, policies, plans, and others) as well as the ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, centres, working groups, and entities associated with ASEAN. The pathways of change outlined in the Quadripartite OH JPA provide a structure to ensure an OH approach is adopted at the national level. Some aspects of the pathways (such as legislation) may not be directly applicable to the regional or ASEAN context. As a result, the pathways have been adapted (as per below) to ensure applicability to the ASEAN context.

Pathway 1		Pathway 2		Pathway 3	
Quadripartite OH JPA	ASEAN OH JPA	Quadripartite OH JPA	ASEAN OH JPA	Quadripartite OH JPA	ASEAN OH JPA
Governance	Networking of ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, centres, working groups and entities associated with ASEAN	Organisational development	ASEAN Workforce Development	Data and evidence	Data and evidence
Policy and legislation	ASEAN agreements, frameworks, strategies, policies and initiatives	Implementation	ASEAN Regional Implementation	Knowledge exchange	Knowledge exchange
Financing	Financing	Sectoral integration	ASEAN Sectoral Integration		
Advocacy	ASEAN Advocacy and communication				

Vision

The optimised and sustainably balanced health of humans, animals (domestic and wildlife), plants and environment for ASEAN Member States (AMS)².

Mission

To improve regional and national capacity and capabilities with targets that are tangible, measurable, and time-bound, that calls for a stronger cross-sectoral collaboration between the relevant sectors involved in human, animal (domestic and wildlife), plant, and environmental health, as well as food safety and antimicrobial resistance among the ASEAN Member States, including through bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Objectives

- Guide the AOHN in facilitating and streamlining the implementation and resource mobilisation for identified OH priorities;
- Serve as reference for the AMS in developing and operationalising their respective national OH JPAs or equivalent in line with the ASEAN OH JPA; and
- Strengthen the health of humans, animals (domestic and wildlife), plants, and environment, as well as food safety, and antimicrobial resistance, through cross-sectoral collaboration between the relevant sectors, including bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

² Adapted from the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on One Health Initiative

Approach

The ASEAN OH JPA will take into account the following in its implementation:

1. The Pathway of Change that encompasses all aspects and sectors of OH and the 6 Action Tracks;
2. Consultative approach with both existing governance structures of the ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, centres, working groups, and entities associated with ASEAN and those being developed, and in cooperation with development and dialogue partners;
3. Consideration on the ongoing discussions of OH, with an agile approach to remain responsive to the evolving priorities and opportunities in OH.

ASEAN OH JPA will be implemented in three (3) phases with the targeted timelines as follows:

- 1) Short term – 2023 until 2024
- 2) Medium term – 2025 – 2026
- 3) Long term – 2027 – 2030

The ASEAN OH JPA is a living document and will be iteratively updated reflecting the priorities of ASEAN Member States through the AOHN.

Annexure 1. Implementation Plan – Short Term

		Strategic Objective	Activity	Deliverables	Short Term	Mid Term	Long Term	Responsible Bodies/lead countries
Pathway 1 and 2	Networking of ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, centres, working groups and entities associated with ASEAN	To promote a network for One Health coordination, communication and collaboration (and sharing of information) between ASEAN Member States and relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, centres, working groups and entities associated with ASEAN at regional level	Establish and operationalise the ASEAN One Health Network, ensuring multi-sectoral representation across ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, centres, working groups and entities associated with ASEAN, partner organisations, and ASEAN networks	1. ToR of ASEAN One Health Network 2. Operationalisation of ASEAN One Health Network	v			Immediate Past, Current, and Upcoming ASEAN Chairmanship
	ASEAN Regional Implementation		Comprehensive analysis of One Health implementation in ASEAN Member States and the region	1. Report on Country-level One Health Stakeholder Mappings and Analysis 2. Stock taking analysis of ASEAN Regional-level One Health Initiatives	v			AMS and Current ASEAN Chairmanship
			Develop a monitoring and evaluation plan for the OH JPA	Monitoring and evaluation plan for OH JPA	v			AOHN
			Review the proposal of mid-term workplan	Final mid-term OH JPA	v			AOHN
	ASEAN agreements, framework, strategies, policies and initiatives	To incorporate a One Health approach in subsequent iterations of existing strategies and frameworks	Advocate for a One Health approach in future iterations of existing ASEAN documents (agreements, frameworks, strategies, policies, plans and initiatives)	Participate and advocate for One Health implementation in two relevant ASEAN pillars	v			AOHN

Pathway 3	ASEAN Sectoral Integration						
	Financing	To appropriately fund the One Health commitments made by ASEAN through the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on One Health Initiative	Develop and operationalize a TOR for the ASEAN One Health Network Secretariat	ToR of ASEAN OH Network Secretariat	V		AOHN
	ASEAN Advocacy and Communication	To enhance the effectiveness of advocacy and communication in relation to One Health in ASEAN	Identify needs and gaps in One Health advocacy and communication	Communication needs and gap analysis	v	v	AOHN
			Development of ASEAN One Health Advocacy and Communication plan	ASEAN One Health Advocacy and Communication plan	v	v	
		Data and Evidence	Identify, disseminate and share knowledge on available Operational Tools to support surveillance implementation and other relevant activities	Operational Tools are identified and disseminated	v		AMS and AOHN
			Undertake a regional consultative meeting to start defining priority health threats including zoonotic pathogens with outbreak or pandemic potential	Regional Consultative meeting is conducted	v		Indonesia
		To "DEFINE priority health threats to human, animals, plant and environment including zoonotic pathogens that caused outbreaks and those with pandemic potential, to guide investment, research, and development for prevention, preparedness and response (PPR) activities."					

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	Knowledge Exchange	To promote knowledge exchange / support across sectors and across ASEAN Member States	Conduct cross-sectoral educational events to facilitate knowledge exchange on One Health	Educational events conducted	v	v	v	AOHN
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Annexure 2. Implementation Plan – Medium Term³

Annexure 3. Implementation Plan – Long Term³

³ The medium term (i.e. 2025-2026) and long term (i.e. 2027-2030) implementation plans will be inserted in these particular sections once the follow-up consultative meetings have been conducted/concluded and will be arranged in accordance with the 6 Action Tracks of the Quadripartite OH JPA.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AMR	Antimicrobial Resistance
AMS	ASEAN Member States
AOHN	ASEAN One Health Network
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organisation
JPA	Joint Plan of Action
OH	One Health
PPR	Prevention, preparedness and response
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
WHO	World Health Organisation
WOAH	World Organisation for Animal Health