Overview of Viet Nam One Health Platform Structure

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On March 23, 2022 the <u>Viet Nam One Health Partnership (OHP) Master</u> <u>Plan 2021-2025</u> was approved by the Deputy Prime Minister and signed among 3 co-chairing Ministries (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD); Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MONRE) and Ministry of Health (MOH) with 29 partners. MARD takes the leading role and serves as Secretariat of the OHP.

The Overall objectives of the OHP is "to minimize the risks of zoonotic pathogens and environmental agents' spillover *and antimicrobial resistance* by improving multi-sectoral OH collaboration."

The OHP structure includes:

- Steering Committee (3 vice Ministers)
- OHP Secretariat (OHPS, 1 director and 3 coordinators from 3 Ministries)
- 1 multi sectoral technical coordination board (including all technical agencies under 3 Ministries to address the technical issues along 3 Ministries.

The OHP Secretariat is based in MARD International Cooperation Department (ICD); it obeys the coordination regulations and covers the following tasks:

- Fulfillment of international obligations/linkage/commitments within the framework of the global health security agenda;
- Activities and areas of the One Health Partnership Framework on the prevention of zoonotic disease from animals to humans;
- In order to manage and coordinate the OH partnership framework in a *participatory manner*, the main players of the framework are partners from different sectors (international, domestic, NGO, private sectors). Ministries take the role of coordinating and connecting stakeholders to jointly perform the tasks of the National Master Plan for the period of 2021-2025;
- OHPS is the agency that directly supports the Steering Committee (SC); acting as a bridge among stakeholders, international partners and the Government of Vietnam; assist in handling difficulties and problems regarding the process and procedures of receiving technical and financial support activities, programs and projects; Report to the SC, propose solutions, recommendations for changes and adjustments to relevant policies;
- DPs contact and through the OHPS on cooperation activities, cooperation programs and projects to receive support and handle proposals on OH cooperation initiatives; progress, arrangement for implementation, legal procedures for incoming and upcoming OHP projects and activities.

Six specific objectives of the Viet Nam One Health Platform have been identified:

- 1. To strengthen the institutional capacity and human resources; to establish a framework and forum for multi-sectoral dialogue and collaboration for minimizing the spillover risks at human, animal, and ecosystem interfaces.
- 2. To minimize the risks of emerging and transmitting new zoonotic disease pathogens due to the biological, environmental, and human behavior impacts.
- 3. To step up the governance of food safety; management and supervision of antibiotic use and to curb antimicrobial resistance.
- 4. To minimize the human health impacts of some zoonoses (as prioritized in the Joint Circular 16/2013/TTLT-BYT-BNN&PTNT dated 27 May 2013) and other resurging diseases.
- 5. To enhance the mobilization of resources for recovery, reconstruction, and the management of risks caused by emerging and resurging dangerous diseases.
- 6. To strengthen the control and management of environmental factors that have human's health impacts.

