Progress in line with
the 2022–23 WHO Vision Paper
CHAPTER 1

Introduction

In March 2022, the World Health Organization (WHO) assumed the Chair of the Quadripartite and its Secretariat. The Quadripartite agreed to work together to further strengthen efforts in One Health at a global, regional, national, and local level, and thus to achieve a unified vision with its Quadripartite partner organizations, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE), WHO launched a Vision Paper to outline its vision and strategic priorities during its chairmanship. Great strides have since been made under WHO’s leadership over the past year, to continue the success of previous years and further improve collaboration amongst the four organizations. The following report outlines the progress against each strategic priority made by WHO, together with the Quadripartite partners, during its time as Chair.
CHAPTER 2

Progress in key areas

2.1 Strategic Priority 1 – One Health Joint Plan of Action

2.1.1 Finalization and launch of the OH JPA
The draft One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA) was agreed by the Principals of the four organisations at the 28th Tripartite Executive Annual Meeting (TEAM28), serving as a high-level workplan among the Quadripartite to support countries in implementing the One Health approach. Immediately following this, Country consultations were held within each of the four organizations to collate feedback on the draft OH JPA. FAO led the consolidation of the comments received from 22 countries, and addressed the comment and inputs, together with the Quadripartite drafting team and technical focal points for each of the six action tracks of the OH JPA.

The OH JPA was jointly finalized and launched on each of the four Quadripartite organizations websites, together with a joint launch and advocacy event during the World Health Summit in Berlin, Germany, in October 2022. Since its finalization, the OH JPA has continuously been advocated for at several high-level events, and is currently being translated into the five UN languages, to maximise its reach.

2.1.2 Drafting of the implementation guide
Following the finalization of the OH JPA, WHO, together with the Quadripartite partners, has been leading the development of an implementation guide to support and translate the objectives and high-level activities described in the OH JPA into practical guidance that can be adapted to national level contexts. The guide is complementary to the OH JPA and is based on the three pathways of the Theory of Change outlined in the OH JPA. It aims to provide guidance to countries to develop, adapt, and enhance national One Health implementation strategies and plans with clear roles and responsibilities for stakeholder groups at all levels.

The development of the draft implementation guide has followed a collaborative and inclusive approach. The overall design and objectives of the guide was agreed during the Quadripartite Retreat in July 2022. Following the discussion, WHO produced a concept note outlining the scope and principles for agreement with the Quadripartite partners. Brainstorming meetings, organized by WHO, were held with Quadripartite colleagues, including at headquarter and regional levels, and technical focal points for each of the six action tracks of the OH JPA, to discuss and agree on the content of the guide, and ensure alignment with ongoing work. As a result of these discussions, WHO led the drafting of the guide with support and inputs from regional and technical Quadripartite colleagues as well as from the One Health High Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP).

2.1.3 Resource Mobilization Plan
To enable effective implementation of the OH JPA, the Quadripartite Resource Mobilization Taskforce have developed a joint Resource Mobilization (RM) Plan (2023-2024) which aims to leverage and sustain longer-term investments for One Health at country, regional and global level by considering the current One Health ecosystem of existing mechanisms and partners. The plan provides an analysis of the One Health funding ecosystem and maps out possible partners by the action tracks of the OH JPA. The RM plan will guide Quadripartite engagement with partners to secure sustainable resources at all levels to support and scale up the implementation of the OH JPA, in accordance with country and regional priorities.

The RM Taskforce conducted a costing exercise, together with the technical focal points for each action track of the OH JPA, to determine an estimated financial 5-year target of USD 3.7 billion to support an average of 10-20 countries per year, to pursue and strengthen a One Health approach, using the OH JPA as a guide.

Suggested areas for future attention
Next, the Quadripartite will proceed with the finalization and launch of the implementation guide and promote it as a resource for the operationalisation of the OH JPA at regional and country levels. This process will include wider stakeholder consultations (including countries, academia, civil societies, private sectors, etc), and regional stakeholder workshops to address key steps needed for the operationalization of the OH JPA, and provide an
opportunity for feedback on the guide. A Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework will also need to be developed, as outlined in the implementation guide, and include a set of targets and indicators to allow regular tracking of progress on the implementation of the OH JPA.

2.2 Strategic Priority 2 – OHHLEP

WHO has continued its role as the Secretariat for OHHLEP since its establishment in May 2021. As part of this role, WHO has coordinated bi-weekly OHHLEP Bureau meetings, which bring together the OHHLEP chairs, the OHHLEP Secretariat and representatives from the Quadripartite organizations, as well as full panel OHHLEP meetings with the Quadripartite representatives on a quarterly basis, both online and in-person.

To further strengthen and communicate the work of OHHLEP, WHO established a dedicated webpage for OHHLEP in May 2022 to increase the visibility and impact of OHHLEP. To provide further visibility to OHHLEP, WHO hosted the first physical OHHLEP full panel meeting at the WHO Headquarters, following the Geneva Health Forum in May 2022. WHO, together with the Quadripartite partners, further led the organization of the second physical OHHLEP meeting during the World One Health Congress in Singapore in November 2022. The meeting strengthened the collaboration between OHHLEP and the Quadripartite, allowing for a more efficient exchange of ideas and updates on relevant workstreams.

The four OHHLEP thematic panels, with continuous support from the WHO, have made significant progress on a number of key deliverables in OHHLEP’s workplan:

- Publication of the OHHLEP Theory of Change in November 2022.
- Commentary on this Theory of Change in the Lancet journal.
- Publication of the One Health definition and underlying principles in a peer-reviewed journal in June 2022.
- Publication of a whitepaper on the Prevention of Zoonotic Spillover in February 2023, which has been used to inform discussions on the pandemic instrument and the Pandemic Fund.
- Report on the elements of an optimized One Health Surveillance System and submission of manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal.
- An inventory of One Health tools, which will facilitate the implementation of the OH JPA, ongoing, with the aim to become available for use in June 2023.
- A literature review identifying the drivers contributing to Zoonotic Spillover and subsequent spread of zoonotic diseases, ongoing.
- Development of One Health best practice case studies with the aim of publishing in mid-2023.

Suggested areas for future attention

The Quadripartite will continue working closely with OHHLEP to integrate its scientific guidance and evidence-based knowledge and data into One Health activities and policies of the Quadripartite. This includes reviewing the priorities of the Quadripartite for OHHLEP’s second term, developing an accompanying workplan, agreeing on budget/resource commitments, and reviewing the composition of OHHLEP to ensure ability to deliver on those priorities.

2.3 Strategic Priority 3 – Communication and outreach activities

The Quadripartite continues to advocate for One Health through a coordinated and unified voice amongst the four organizations who all follow a joint narrative for One Health. As such, the Communications Taskforce have developed a joint Communication and Advocacy Strategy for One Health. The Strategy outlines joint communication methods and activities for engagement with stakeholders and broader audiences to act on One Health to achieve the outcomes of the OH JPA. WHO, together with the Quadripartite organisations, have already started dialogues to establish partnerships with some stakeholder groups, including One Health academic groups and NGO’s, and aims to utilise the Communication and Advocacy Strategy to further strengthen these partnerships and engagement with other stakeholders.

The Quadripartite Communication Taskforce continue to meet regularly to coordinate on joint communications activities and products, including:

- Quadripartite Joint publication agreement
- One Health related audio-visual contents (i.e. One Health definition animation and OH JPA storyboard)
- Upcoming high-level advocacy events
- Establishment of a webpage dedicated to the OH JPA on the WHO website

Over the past year, WHO, together with the Quadripartite organisations and Communications Taskforce, also continue to ensure One Health is communicated to a wide stakeholder group through participation in several joint high-level events, including:
• **Geneva Health Forum**, 3-5 May 2022  
  *High Level Discussion - One Health: is there a paradigm shift?*  
  *OHHLEP: Meet the experts*

• **World Health Summit**, 18 October 2022, Berlin Germany:  
  *One Health Joint Plan of Action - Hybrid High-level Advocacy Event*

• **7th World One Health Congress**, 7-11 November 2022, Singapore:  
  *The Quadripartite One Health Joint Plan of Action – Keynote Session*

• **UN Climate Change Conference (COP27)**, 18 November 2022, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt:  
  *Integrating the environment into One Health*

• **UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15)**, 7 December 2022, Montreal, Canada:  
  *Capacity-building workshop on Health, Climate, and Biodiversity: Mainstreaming biodiversity and climate solutions for sustainable and healthy food systems*

• **Prince Mahidol Award Conference**, 24 January 2023, Bangkok, Thailand:  
  *Challenges and Opportunities for strengthening biodiversity, climate change and environmental determinants in One Health to build resilient health (eco) systems and societies: the implementation of the One Health Quadripartite Joint Plan of Action*

To further strengthen the coordination and collaboration amongst the four Quadripartite organisations, WHO hosted the first physical Quadripartite retreat in July 2022 which aimed to identify key priorities and agree on a strategic roadmap/workplan for the Quadripartite collaboration. The outcomes of the retreat lead to agreements and actions related to the key activities of the Quadripartite, including, reflection of current coordination mechanisms within the Quadripartite, finalization of the OH JPA and development of an implementation guide, resource mobilization, advocacy and outreach activities, and political advocacy for One Health. Acknowledgement of these priorities guided the vision of WHO to strengthen the coordination of the Quadripartite during the remainder of its Chairmanship.

2.4.2 Regional Quadripartite Coordination

It is essential that Quadripartite coordination also exists at regional level. In line with this, WHO hosted its first physical internal regional retreat in October 2022 to strengthen the coordination between regions and HQ. The retreat presented an opportunity for regions to update on their governance and coordination mechanisms and workplans for One Health, and how these can be better aligned with One Health efforts at HQ level, as well as better utilization of existing One Health resources to aid in the operationalization of One Health.

The aim is to organise similar regional retreat amongst all four of the Quadripartite organisations to establish synergies amongst all Quadripartite regions.

2.4.3 Transition from the Tripartite workplan to the OH JPA

Given the finalization of the OH JPA, there is a need to transition the activities under each technical area of the Tripartite workplan into the OH JPA. As such in January 2023, WHO completed a mapping exercise of the Tripartite workplan against the OH JPA, as a follow-up to the initial exercise submitted by the Tripartite Secretariat at the TEAM28. The mapping exercise was done in close consultation with the Quadripartite Secretariat and Tripartite workplan focal points. The exercise validated the results of the initial mapping exercise, and identified further linkages between the Tripartite workplan and OH JPA, as well as identifying output areas that involved engagement with UNEP and those outputs which are no longer active. The results highlighted that the OH JPA encompasses all the outputs under the Tripartite workplan, and thus can be fully integrated with the OH JPA, ensuring continuity within the new framework.

**Suggested areas for future attention**

Implement the Quadripartite Communications Strategy and develop joint communications products with a joint narrative to support Quadripartite One Health advocacy. Recognise and develop new opportunities for high-level engagement to continue advocating for One Health with wider stakeholder groups.

2.4 Strategic Priority 4 – Quadripartite coordination

2.4.1 Quadripartite Secretariat Coordination

As chair of the Quadripartite, WHO has an integral role to ensure coordination between the four organisations. The Quadripartite Secretariat meet on a regular basis where WHO provides updates on the progress of relevant One Health activities and matters of strategic interest. The Quadripartite Senior Management also meet a bi-weekly to establish decisions and agreements of key strategic matters.
**Suggested areas for future attention**

Continue to strengthen the coordination between the Quadripartite organisations at both regional and HQ levels, through regular communication and organisation of future regional and Quadripartite Secretariat retreats. It will also be important to ensure the smooth transition of the activities of the Tripartite workplan into the OH JPA. With the inclusion of UNEP to form the Quadripartite, it is important to engage with UNEP to integrate the environmental components into the existing Tripartite projects when needed, and ensuring full representation of the Quadripartite organizations in the activities of the former Tripartite workplan (where considered appropriate).

2.5 **Strategic Priority 5 – One Health within global instruments**

Throughout this year, the Quadripartite has been involved extensively in the INB process to ensure the One Health approach is included as a guiding principle in global instruments, such as the pandemic instrument and the pandemic fund for prevention, preparedness and response. To enable this and further advocate for One Health, The One Health Group of Friends was established during the Quadripartite Retreat hosted by WHO. The One Health Group of Friends consists of Countries with a keen interest in One Health, who have an integral role in advocating for One Health in the wider political and global agenda. WHO also coordinated an informal, focused consultation in relation to the pandemic instrument: One Health and antimicrobial resistance, climate change and zoonoses, in which Quadripartite representatives and OHHLEP experts served as the panellists and successfully advocated and provided critical solutions on how One Health should be reflected in the instrument. The role of the One Health Group of Friends is integral for scaling up One Health and to strengthen the political commitment for One Health.

**Suggested areas for future attention**

Continue to promote One Health in global instruments, and expand the One Health Group of Friends in Geneva.
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Suggested areas for future attention

Throughout its Chairmanship of the Quadripartite, WHO has enabled great progress to be made in each of the five strategic priorities outlined in the 2022/23 Vision Paper. As WHO hands over the Chair of the Quadripartite to UNEP in March 2023, it is important that the four organisations continue efforts in these strategic priorities, which complement the broader work of the four organisations in One Health. For continuity, WHO will maintain its coordinating role regarding the implementation of the OH JPA, especially for the finalization of the implementation guide and the planned joint Quadripartite regional stakeholders workshops. Further to this, WHO proposes that the suggested areas for future attention outlined above be considered by UNEP during their Chairmanship to drive forward the work of the Quadripartite in One Health. In particular, WHO envisions that future work will centre around strengthening the Quadripartite collaboration to continue advocating for the OH JPA and its implementation, strengthening the science and evidence base for One Health and increasing the political commitment for driving the One Health approach forward to sustainably improve the health of humans, animals, plants and the environment.