



## WOAH Report Card Shows High Marks from Resource Partners



(l to r) Emily Tagliaro, Head of E&ID, Dr Monique Éloit, Director General, Dr Hans Wyss, Chair of the Advisory Committee and Delegate for Switzerland © WOAH

**The 18th meeting of the Advisory Committee of the WOAH World Animal Health and Welfare Fund (World Fund) was held on the occasion of the 90th WOAH General Session in Paris on 23 May 2023. In preparation for this meeting, we sent a survey designed by the E&ID team to all resource partners to better understand their priorities and motivation for investing in our Organisation.**

The data collection ran from February to April this year and resulted in 25 responses which were analysed anonymously in aggregate. The survey received a 78% response rate and the organisations represented by the respondents accounted for 83% of investments through the World Fund since its establishment in 2006. The survey queried the resource partners on their priority topics of investment and their motivation to invest in our Organisation. E&ID staff members, Lorenz Nake and Liana Mehring, presented the results and analysis of the survey to the Advisory Committee.

### **Priorities for investing in our Organisation**

The first section described WOAH's areas of work within animal health and asked resource partners to rank the importance of each area of work relative to their own organisation and strategic priorities.

***'Resource partners consistently rated One Health, standards setting, transboundary animal diseases (TADs), notification and emergency preparedness as the most important areas of work to their organisations.'***

In contrast, biological threat reduction, animal welfare, aquatic animal health and wildlife were rated as less important. Some participants expressed surprise in seeing these four topics listed in the bottom range. One explanation is that these topics overlap and run across other high-ranking priorities or lie outside the resource partners responsibility within their respective governments.

## High level of satisfaction

In the second section of the survey, our resource partners were asked to strongly disagree, disagree, agree, or strongly agree with a series of statements about their work with WOA. These statements related to WOA's administration, results from delivery, relationship with the resource partner, and overall project implementation. Resource partners indicated agreement and strong agreement in nearly all the statements proposed and affirmed their overall satisfaction with WOA's performance. They expressed that

***'WOAH is a good project implementor, easy to engage with administratively, shares timely and transparent information on the use of funds, demonstrates strong technical expertise, and provides a unique service that cannot be provided by other organisations.'***

The E&ID team uses this data to target its active resource partners when mobilising resources for a specific topic and to further improve its resource mobilisation and grant management efforts.

On behalf of our resource partners, we would like to extend our gratitude to the teams for their support and fruitful collaboration in securing and implementing grants through the World Fund. Your contribution is instrumental to our success. As we move forward, we anticipate further collaboration on ongoing projects and future initiatives, all while ensuring a mutually beneficial partnership with our valued resource partners, yielding positive returns for everyone involved.

The results of the survey are available on our website.



*Lorenz Nake, Resource Mobilisation and Grants Management Officer within E&ID, presenting the findings of the survey to the members of the Advisory Committee © WOAH*

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