

One Risk West and Central Africa

The One Risk program embraces the One Health approach to prevent and control health threats at the interface between production animals, wildlife and humans.

Action toward addressing these threats should be guided by available evidence and requires cross-sector collaboration efforts – at national, regional and international levels.

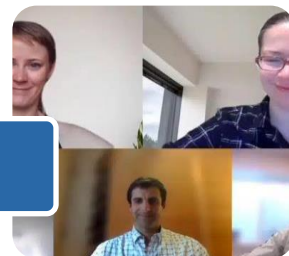
Funded by USDA-APHIS and supported by WOA, One Risk will initially focus on West and Central Africa. Led by **EpiX Analytics**, One Risk aims to:

- Support the development of sustainable capacity for the quantitative analysis of available surveillance data and risk modeling and development of evidence-based policy
- Improve animal health and surveillance systems, including One Health systems; and promote 'safe and fair' trade at the regional and international level;
- Strengthen communication within and between regions and at international level; and
- Foster regional collaboration & research.

One Risk West & Central Africa comprises four main activities:



1. Onsite workshop
Q2 2024



2. Online training
Q3 2024



3. Mentored projects
Q3 2024 – Q1 2025



4. Final workshop
Q1 2025

Why participate?

- Develop capacity in analysis of surveillance data to inform policy and response to health risks
- Foster One Health collaboration within and between countries
- Mentored projects provide opportunities to assess specific health risks using available data and inform decision-making
- Attendance to workshop with scientific peers, experts, regional and international organizations, and development partners

Mentored projects

One Risk aims to create and strengthen sustainable capability for the effective management of Animal and One Health issues, and the safety of trade of animals and their commodities, through evidence-based policy. Mentored projects are a key component of this initiative.

Mentored project will empower trainees to incorporate taught skills into their work. This ensures **long-term integration of skills**, while fostering cross-sectional collaboration.

Small teams of 3-5 will focus on a topic of their choice, **related to their work**. The project's emphasis is on **analysis of existing data to inform decisions** - whether response to a risk, or development of protocol or policy, depending on the context of the team's work.

Project plans will collaboratively be finalized at the first workshop. Team members dedicated to data analysis and modeling will attend an **online training**. During the following **six to eight months**, teams will conduct their **modeling and analysis with the support from mentors**. Teams will present their project at the final project workshop.

This project contributes to several UN SDG:

1 NO POVERTY	2 ZERO HUNGER	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	4 QUALITY EDUCATION	5 GENDER EQUALITY	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

During the mentored projects, trainees will receive tailored technical support in the context of their work. Attendance to webinars and scientific meetings will offer opportunities to present and discuss their work with experts. Salary support is not available for this capacity building program.

How to participate?

Up to 10 mentored projects from West and Central Africa will be selected from two-page proposals.

Criteria will be used to rank proposals, to achieve diversity in terms of institutions and countries involved, diseases covered, and aspects of surveillance involved (One Health, wildlife component, regional or international trade, etc.).

Applications to participate will open in late Q1 2024. A submission guide will provide information on proposal requirements and selection criteria.

We encourage applications from teams working on animal health and One Health – whether in government agencies, academia or research institutes.

Teams should include both members involved in data collection or analysis of surveillance, and at least one member involved in developing recommendations or decision-making.

More details to come soon!

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