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Draft Post Rinderpest Eradication Contingency Plan for Africa

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- **Introduction**
- **Maintaining vigilance for rinderpest**
- **Draft post-rinderpest contingency plan for Africa**
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Introduction

- **Eradication of rinderpest from Africa by 2010 paved the way for the declaration of its Global eradication in June 2011 by FAO and OIE.**
- **The 8th Conference of Ministers responsible for animal resources in Africa (May 2010, Entebbe Uganda) recommended that all rinderpest virus containing materials held by African countries be destroyed and any materials deemed necessary for retention be sequestered in secure facilities at the African Union Pan-African Vaccine Centre (AU-PANVAC) laboratory in Debre-Zeit, Ethiopia.**
- **Ministers' recommendation endorsed by the African Union Heads of State and Government in January 2011 (EX. CL/Dec. 600 – 643 (XVIII)).**
- **Subsequently, the capacity of AU-PANVAC for containment of rinderpest virus materials was appropriately strengthened.**
- **Actions clearly demonstrated Africa's commitment to sustain the eradication of rinderpest.**
- **Activities maintained to ensure continued vigilance for rinderpest**

Maintaining vigilance for Rinderpest

Maintaining Rinderpest awareness

- Annual CVOs meetings (2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021)
- African Association of Veterinary Education Institutions (2A2E-V) since 2018
- African Association of Veterinary Statutory Bodies (2AVSB) since 2018
- Ensuring the Rinderpest remains in the curricula of VEEs in Africa
- Political level through the African Union Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (ARDWE)

Projects for strengthening of national veterinary services:

- Vet-Gov (2012 – 2017)
- Live2Africa (2016 – 2021)
- Surveillance for Trade sensitive diseases in the IGAD region (2013 -2018)
 - Enhanced capacities for disease surveillance, risk analysis , risk mapping and lab. diagnosis
- Standard Methods and Procedures in Animal Health- SMP-AH (2012 – 2017)
 - SMPs for Containment of Rinderpest (RP) in the GHoA
 - Syndromic surveillance manual for field use
- Reinforcing Animal Health Services in Somalia (2013 -2017)
- PANSPSO (2012 -2017)

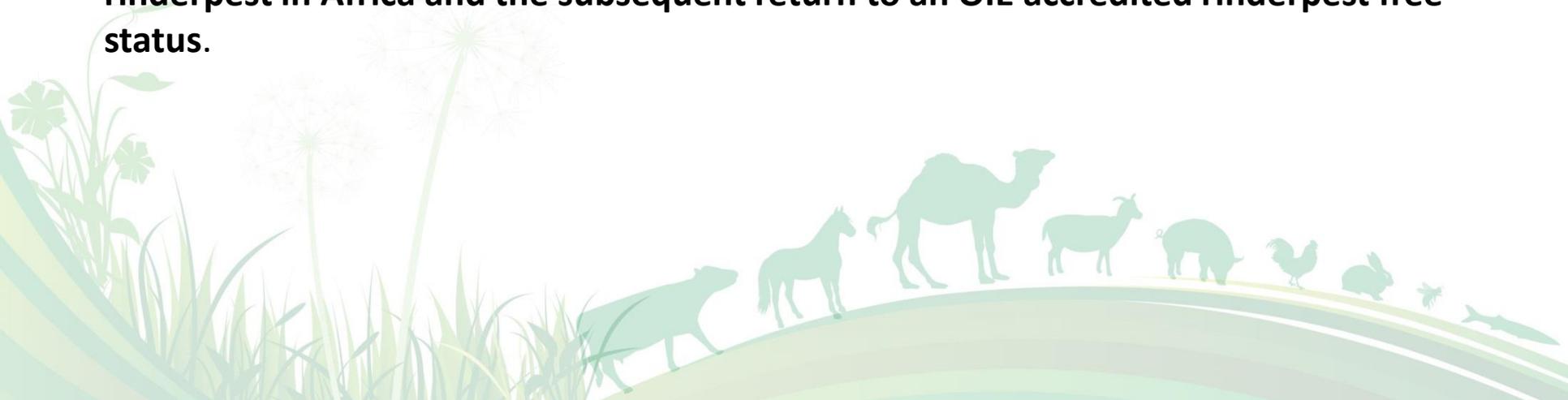
Draft Post-rinderpest Contingency Plan for Africa

Need for the Contingency Plan

- Any outbreak of rinderpest anywhere in the world would constitute a Global emergency.
- The post rinderpest eradication contingency plan for Africa is necessary to guide adequate planning and preparation for the prevention of outbreaks, rapid detection in the event of any re-emergence of the disease, effective response for containment and elimination of the disease and subsequent recovery of the OIE rinderpest free status.

Purpose of the Contingency Plan

- To identify key actions, actors and resources at national, regional, continental and global levels to ensure the rapid containment and elimination of any outbreak of rinderpest in Africa and the subsequent return to an OIE accredited rinderpest free status.



Outline of RP Contingency Plan for Africa

- **Introduction**
- **Rinderpest: the disease**
- **Risk analysis for rinderpest in Africa**
- **Size structure movements and trading patterns of susceptible livestock populations**
- **Wildlife**
- **Policy and strategy**
- **Laboratories**
- **Vaccine and Vaccination**
- **Public awareness**
- **Communication**
- **Resource Plans (To adapt from Africa-CDC)**
- **Governance and institutions (national, RECs, AU-IBAR, AU-PANVAC, AUC, STC-ARDWE, OIE, FAO, OIE reference laboratories for rinderpest, Global rinderpest Secretariat and FAO/OIE joint Advisory Committee (JAC) on rinderpest)**
- **Finance** (Establishment of an African Union Emergency Fund mooted to support emergency interventions)
- **Command, control and communication** (To adapt from Africa-CDC framework with AU-IBAR as the Command Centre).
- **Recover** (Guided by provisions of the OIE Terrestrial Code Chapter 8.6 on Rinderpest).

Way Forward

- **Finalisation of the draft, validation by stakeholders**
- **Submission to AUC and STC-ARDWE for endorsement**
- **Decision/Endorsement by AU Summit**
- **Support RECs to prepare Regional Contingency Plans for Rinderpest**
- **Support Member States to update National Contingency Plans including Recovery Phase.**





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