



**Action
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Key Facts:

1.3 billion people depend on livestock for their livelihoods (World Bank).

1 in 5 farm animals are lost to disease (Health for Animals).

Livestock producers lose \$21billion to animal disease every year (Health for Animals).

More than 75% of new human infections come from animals (WHO).

There are over 200 known types of zoonoses (WHO).

The direct cost of zoonotic diseases over the last decade has been estimated to be more than \$20 billion with over \$200 billion indirect losses to affected economies as a whole (World Bank).

Zoonotic diseases cause more than 2.5 billion cases of human illness and 2.7 million deaths a year (CDC).

Worldwide it is estimated there are up to 850,000 undiscovered viruses in mammals and birds with the ability to make the jump to humans (Global Commission for Post-Pandemic Policy).

Key Messages:

75% of emerging human infections are zoonotic. A strong animal health system protects people through prevention, surveillance, diagnostics and treatment of animal diseases.

Animal health and welfare are critical to progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

Action for Animal Health calls for greater investment in animal health through five pillars of action:

- Community engagement
- Animal Health workforce
- Veterinary medicines and vaccines
- Improved surveillance
- Collaboration for One Health