



# Managing an OIE PVS Evaluation

## *Part 1: from mission request to site selection*

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# PRE-MISSION ACTIVITIES

# Request

- Request from national OIE Delegate to OIE Director General
- OIE reply to Delegate proposing team and dates
- If approved--> OIE letter to team members
  - administrative steps, tools, reports, roles, etc.
- Template letter from Team Leader to OIE Delegate on preparation of mission, information requests, draft itinerary, etc.

# Funding

- Eligible missions are funded by donors through the OIE *World Animal Health and Welfare Fund*
- OIE funds the team (intl. travel, per diem, fees)
- Country funds local travel, translation, meetings
- Donors set limits based on national eligibility
- Developed countries can self-fund a mission through OIE → OIE administers the mission.

# Team



## **Team members:**

2 – 4 persons (often split for field visits)  
plus OIE regional observer (closing meeting)

## **Language skills:**

Ideally language of the evaluated country – listening is key  
- if translation is required seek professionals  
Writing skills for the report (English, French or Spanish)

## **Skills and Experience:**

Variety of experience amongst the team  
Ideally one member with past PVS experience in the country  
Need to update the expert pool → new trainees

## **Country of origin:**

Geographically mixed  
No real or perceived conflict of interest with country  
Approved by the country under evaluation

# ...Team



## Team Leader

- › Lead mission planning: division of workload and in-country work
- › Coordinate travel, visa & accommodation, budget requirements
- › Lead opening and closing presentations
- › Compile, edit and submit report
- › Address peer reviewer's comments

## 1-3 Technical Experts

- › Arrange flights with OIE Travel (OIE provides medical insurance)
- › Secure visa if needed
- › Gather, assess and compile evidence, draft findings, ratings, recommendations and parts of the report

## Requirements

- › Knowledge/experience of veterinary services and OIE codes
- › Professional, ethical, independent, listens and can offer frank, sound advice
- › Relevant VS experience; OIE mission training and experience

# ...Team



## Observers / Trainees:

- > From OIE HQ or regions, partner agencies and member countries
- > Candidates for work as future PVS Experts
- > Knowledge of issues relevant to the country under evaluation

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**this could be YOU !**



# Governance &

## Communication

- How will TL coordinate the mission?
  - Roles of team members?
  - Meetings? Conference calls?
  - Liaison with OIE HQ and regions
- Collaboration with Delegate/CVO on engagement:
  - Up to senior executive/Ministers
  - Down to provincial/field staff
  - Across to partner agencies, and
  - Out to academia / VSB / private vets / industry

# Pre-Mission Information

- OIE provides a template to gather baseline documents and information
- Good pre-mission information is essential, but...
- ....often lacking !
- Engage OIE regional officials pre-mission for local knowledge/advice
- Engage OIE Information Services for data and feedback on the country
- Web research by team members

# OIE References

- Download from the OIE website:

- Terrestrial Animal Health Code

(<http://www.oie.int/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/>)

- OIE Tool for the Evaluation of Performance of Veterinary Services (OIE PVS Tool), **7th edition, 2018 will be available in coming weeks**

([http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Support\\_to\\_OIE\\_Members/pdf/PVS\\_A\\_Tool\\_Final\\_Edition\\_2013.pdf](http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Support_to_OIE_Members/pdf/PVS_A_Tool_Final_Edition_2013.pdf))

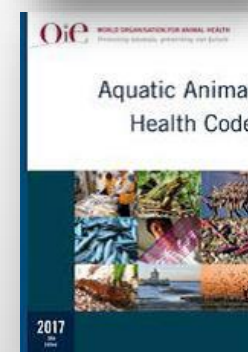
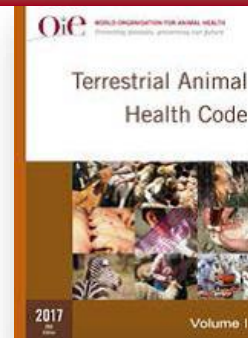
- In the case of Aquatic Animal Health Services:

- Aquatic Animal Health Code

(<http://www.oie.int/international-standard-setting/aquatic-code/access-online/>)

- OIE Tool for the Evaluation of Performance of Veterinary Services and/or Aquatic Animal Health Services, First edition, 2013

([http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Support\\_to\\_OIE\\_Members/pdf/A\\_PVS\\_Tool\\_aquatic\\_animals.pdf](http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Support_to_OIE_Members/pdf/A_PVS_Tool_aquatic_animals.pdf))



# Duration

- Usually **2-3 weeks** depending on:
  - Size of the country
  - Organisation (centralised *or* federal)
  - Complexity of the field technical networks (laboratories, field services, slaughterhouses, border inspection)
- Range from one week to six weeks in special cases



# Itinerary & site selection

- Opening meeting
- “Courtesy” visit to Minister or Deputy (if appropriate)
- Typically first 3-5 days in capital together
- Split (or not?) for next week or weeks to the field
  - site selection and team deployment need thought



- Regroup in capital, usually 3-4 days before closing meeting (i.e. weekend)
- Compare notes, seek further documentation, consensus on ratings, draft preliminary findings
- Closing meeting

# Table 4 site sampling

Site	Terminology or names used in the country	No. of sites	“Ideal” sample	Actual sampling
<b>FIELD ANIMAL HEALTH NETWORK</b>				
Field level of the VS (animal health)				
Private veterinary sector				
Other sites (dip tanks, crush pens....)				
<b>VETERINARY MEDICINES &amp; BIOLOGICALS</b>				
Production sector				
Import and wholesale sector				
Retail sector				
Other partners involved				
<b>VETERINARY LABORATORIES</b>				
National, Regional and local labs				
Associated, accredited and other labs				
<b>ANIMAL AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS MOVEMENT CONTROL</b>				
Bordering countries				
Airports and seaports border posts				
Main terrestrial border posts				
Minor terrestrial border posts				
Quarantine stations for import or export				
Internal check points				
Live animal markets				
Zones / compartments				

## 2. SITE SELECTION EXERCISE