I. Project Context

Country Context

Many countries, in particular developing countries, continue to face challenges in fulfilling minimum core public health and veterinary services requirements developed by WHO (World Health Organization) and OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health) and fail to implement efficient strategies and programs due to inadequate structures and resources. Having appropriate surveillance, reporting and response capacity are common requirements for both human and animal health services to effectively prevent and control infectious diseases, including zoonotic diseases. Human and animal health systems need to be strong, but they also have to work in close partnership to address common issues as effectively and efficiently as possible.

It is essential to strengthen the governance of such systems for countries to be able to address their weaknesses in a sustainable manner and to reduce risks to human and animal health, economies, trade, nutrition, food safety, and food security. These risks cross borders, and if not addressed can impact entire regions, continents, and the world. Assessments of human and animal health systems are also key for donors and partners because the efficiency and sustainability of the projects and programs they support critically depend on the quality of governance of national systems. Appropriate tools and guidance are needed for individual countries to evaluate objectively their situation and address
deficiencies and to comply with international requirements.

II. Sectoral and institutional Context

Two main global institutions (WHO and OIE) are responsible for international standards affecting human and animal health. The WHO establishes public health regulations which are laid down in the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005). The OIE is responsible for developing standards, guidelines and recommendations for animal health and zoonoses in accordance with the World Trade Organization Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures (WTO/SPS Agreement).

These international organizations are committed to develop and expand appropriate tools and collaborate across the sectors, where appropriate, to support countries to improve public health and animal health globally. The WHO plans to further develop operational tools for countries to help them address identified gaps and for planning and budgeting purposes to meet their obligations in the development and maintenance of IHR core capacities in the area of infectious disease surveillance and response. The OIE has developed the Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) Pathway, which includes different tools for countries to objectively assess and address the main weaknesses of their Veterinary Services but those tools need continuous refinement and updates to take recent developments into account, including strengthening cooperation with other national authorities, in particular public health services.

During the last decade, dialogue amongst international organizations and joint events to address these common topics have grown continuously. In a context of a globalized world, it is essential that such cooperation and synergies be built at national level as well to best address existing and (re)emerging threats of both national and international importance. The World Bank has been actively involved and instrumental in pushing this agenda forward. It had a catalytic role at the institutional level through its continuous dialogue with international and regional organizations involved and through its pro-active participation in international fora on human health, animal health and “One Health”. At the corporate level, the Bank has been a strong advocate of systemic and cross-sectoral approaches. Its aim is to ensure operationalization of this Grant going forward. In particular, a specific operational framework on human and animal health governance would be developed to provide further guidance to task teams in building human and animal health projects, taking full advantage of the products developed through this Grant.

III. Project Development Objectives

The objective of this Grant is to support the development and refinement of harmonized operational assessment tools and guide by leading international organizations on human and animal health. This would contribute to increase capacity of countries to address priority diseases, including zoonoses and pandemic threat, and build synergies among human and animal health systems.

IV. Project Description

Component Name

- Component 1: Development of tools for further deployment and implementation of WHO IHR. Such tools would include a WHO/IHR assessment tool, a costing tool, and a laboratory assessment tool.

- Component 2: Refinement of OIE PVS Pathway tools. Such tools would include the PVS Tool, the PVS Gap Analysis Tool, and a Veterinary Laboratory Gap.
Analysis Tool and respective manuals for the assessors.

- Component 3: Development of an operational guide for countries on good governance of human and animal health services
  This joint WHO/OIE Guide would be composed of OIE and WHO manuals on processes to strengthen public health and veterinary services governance as well as approaches to build joint strategies and programs to address issues at the human/animal interface.

- Component 4: Management, coordination, monitoring and evaluation

V. Financing (in USD Million)

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VI. Implementation

This 1 year project would be implemented by the OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health) and WHO (World Health Organization). The OIE, through its World Animal Health and Welfare Fund Coordination Unit, will be the recipient of the Grant and will have overall responsibility for project implementation. Between the two organizations a subsidiary agreement will be signed to establish respective responsibilities as well as financial and procurement provisions and reporting requirements. The closing date of the Grant will be December 31, 2013. This project will follow the Bank small recipient-executed trust fund grants procedures. It will be managed by the Agriculture and Environmental Services Department.

VII. Safeguard Policies (including public consultation)

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