

KAZA AHSWG workplan: priority activities for 2024

Priority


Critical: most important

High: very important


Medium: important, needs to be done

Low: desirable, not urgent (long term)

Status






 In progress, on track this year

 No action required this year

 Little to no progress

Timeframe

 Priority for 2024

Topic	Objective	WP No.	Activity	Responsible	Location	Details	Priority	Status	Timeline				
									'24	'25	'26	'27	'28
ANIMAL PRODUCTION & LIVELIHOODS	Facilitate sustainable integrated land use & livelihoods in KAZA	1.1	Initiate, then expand, CBT- Herding for Health model (H4H) pilot sites across KAZA	PSs, H4Hope, communities, CLAWS, WEA, CI, PPF, VFWT, AHEAD	BW, ZM, ZW	Various stages from feasibility studies to implementation at production level (e.g. herding/kraaling pilots), with protocols & Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Involve policy makers & land authorities. Source funding to implement H4H in BW eastern panhandle (a priority), as per risk mitigation identified in phase 2 fencing disease risk assessment.			X	X	X	X	X
		1.2	Conduct State of Livestock Assessment for KAZA	van Rooyen (H4Hope), PS reps (contacts)	KAZA region	Phase 1 (gap analysis) to source data & assess gaps. Phase 2 (gap filling) thereafter, pending funding. PSs to provide points of contact for data needs. Consultation, field visits. Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> livestock no's & distribution, cattleposts, water spatial prioritisation for key WDAs, border areas & fences info on current livestock ID systems in KAZA assess regional abattoir capacity assess CBT market opportunities for other KAZA sites highlight regional synergies e.g. certifying abattoirs 			X	X	X		
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	Build surveillance, diagnostic & forensic capacity in KAZA	3.1	Conduct training needs assessment for KAZA	Rosen (AHSWG epi), Foggin (VFWT), PS reps (contacts)	KAZA region	Survey &/or interviews. ID training needs within KAZA & for which target group(s); ID existing capacities (for trainings). To inform capacity building interventions, incl. for field operatives & laboratory staff. PSs to provide points of contact.			X				
SURVEILLANCE	Strengthen disease surveillance, monitoring & response	4.2	Collate data on recent & planned surveillance operations within KAZA	PS reps (DVS, Wildlife), Rosen (AHSWG epi)	KAZA region	Compile list of surveillance operations (where/when) to improve understanding of current scope of surveillance efforts across PSs. Data from 2022 onwards (passive & active operations); update annually. CVOs to direct their epidemiologist (epi) to collaborate.			X	X	X	X	X
		4.6	Undertake joint cross border harmonisation meetings	PSs (DVS), WOA, FAO, Rosen (AHSWG epi)	KAZA region	PSs to start to plan collaboratively. To improve coordination & harmonisation of TADs prevention & control across borders. Process to eventually include development of strategies & implementation plans. Zambia to host next meeting (per resolutions from 2023 Namibia mtg). Ideally with representation from 5 PSs, WOA, FAO, AHSWG epi.			X	X	X	X	X

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DIAGNOSTICS	Strengthen diagnostic & forensic capability to improve disease management & forensic ID	5.1	Conduct assessment of specific diagnostic testing needs in KAZA	Foggin (VFWT), Rosen (AHSWG epi), PS reps (contacts)	KAZA region	Survey of key stakeholders in KAZA. Identify specific testing needs within KAZA & ID which labs can or cannot perform them. Logical next step to lab capacity assessment. PSs to provide points of contact.			X				
		5.6	Develop protocol for simplified permitting of diagnostic & forensic sample movement in KAZA	Rosen (AHSWG epi), Foggin (VFWT), PS reps (contacts)		Develop blanket permit. Start with proposal for wildlife sample movement using simplified procedures, for considerations by Directors. SOPs thereafter. May eventually require MoU. Consider forming small task team that works on modalities of sample movement within KAZA. Relevant PS reps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AN - TBD • BW - DVS, Import/Export, Asst Dir DWNP, CITES office • NA - DVS, Import/Export, MEFT DSS • ZM - TBD • ZW - DVS DVTS, ZPWMA 			X				
DISEASE CONTROL	Ensure fencing decisions are based on sound cross-sectoral cost/benefit analysis	6.8	Conduct veterinary fences assessment (phase 1) - impacts on wildlife in KAZA's WDAs	AHEAD consortium in partnership with BW & KAZA Sec	BW & BW-NA border fences	Ground & aerial surveys; analysis of GPS collared wildlife. Draft report presented to BW national fencing committee (2020/2021). KAZA Secretariat/Defra awaiting official Botswana clearance to place final April 2022 report in the public domain.			X				
		6.9	Conduct veterinary fencing assessment (phase 2) – disease risk	AHEAD in partnership with BW & NA, AHSWG	BW & BW-NA border fences	Focus on fences identified as most problematic to wildlife movement (from phase 1). Report being finalised, based on May 2024 validation meeting recommended actions.			X				
		6.10	Conduct veterinary fencing assessment (phase 3) – community perspectives	AHEAD in partnership with BW & NA, AHSWG	BW & BW-NA border fences	Source funding. Focus on communities living near Northern Buffalo fence and Zambezi Border fence (east of Okavango River), as identified in phase 2 (disease risk) recommended actions.			X	X			
COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION & OUTREACH	Enable effective transboundary communication & collaboration	7.1	Set up & maintain WhatsApp group for field level operatives	Ramsden (AHEAD), 1 admin per PS	Virtual	Initiated (2019). Include PS reps (DVS, Animal Prod, Wildlife) & private sector. Develop rules of communication.			X	X	X	X	X
		7.2	Institute veterinary officer meetings (field level)	PS reps	Virtual	For DVS & wildlife officers stationed in KAZA. Initial step: brief &/or write to superiors in PSs. Use existing mechanisms where possible e.g. TBNRM forum. Some ad-hoc comms at field level, but no deliberate KAZA meetings yet. Host one meeting in 2024; more frequently thereafter.			X	X	X	X	X
	Promote effective comms & info sharing, with emphasis on One Health	7.4	Evaluate existing databases & determine feasibility of establishing shared database	PS reps, AHSWG SC, Rosen (AHSWG epi)	KAZA wide	Long term. Consider filters to WAHIS database (look at USGS National Wildlife Health Center database as example). Short term - develop Excel contact lists of AHSWG members, PSs epi & field officers stationed in KAZA. Share with respective groups, incl. KAZA Desk Officers.			X		X	X	