Veterinarians Without Borders (VWB)/ Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF)

Veterinarians Sustainably Improving Animal, Human, and Environmental Health

Description	Multiple organizations from different countries exist under the same general title of Veterinarians Without Borders (VWB) or Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF). These organizations are generally non-governmental, non-profit organizations that share a common mission to improve the health of animals, people, and the environment in developing countries in a sustainable fashion. This mission is accomplished by working for and with local communities (e.g., community animal health workers, farmers, veterinarians) to improve animal husbandry and veterinary care. Activities of VWB/VSF organizations include advancing veterinary knowledge through training and education; supporting community-based animal health programs, local veterinary services, and capacity building; working toward preventing, controlling and eliminating priority diseases; assisting with natural resource management, forage production, and conservation; promoting food sovereignty and market access for small scale farmers; supporting income generating activities and economic growth; and, providing emergency relief and preparedness expertise.
Purpose	To enhance human health by improving animal health and productivity, all while promoting animal welfare and human rights, protecting the environment, respecting local culture and laws, increasing awareness, and aiming for sustainable development.
Scope	International.
Primary Funders	Individual donations and support from partner organizations (primary funders vary by organization).
Participants & Key Collaborators	Individual volunteers, public and private organizations, academia, government agencies, and local populations in developing countries.
Definition of One Health	None. VWB/VSF organizations generally all recognize that animals, people, and the environment are inextricably linked and their work intends to improve the health of all.
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	Many organizations provide project updates and summaries on their websites; some provide annual reports. No formal monitoring and evaluation strategies appear to be available online.
Sources of Information	Multiple VWB/VSF Websites: http://www.vwb-vsf.ca/english/index.shtml http://www.vetswithoutbordersus.org/index.html http://www.vsfe.org/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/Public/Members
Contact	See individual VWB/VSF organization websites