



Risk Analysis to Support Safe Trade and FMD Control training course

Workshop Report



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The IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas & Livestock Development (ICPALD) has requested the European Commission for the Control of foot-and-mouth disease (EuFMD) to collaborate in the development and delivery of a training course on risk analysis (RA). The Regional Pastoral Livelihoods Resilience Project (RPLRP) has financially supported the participation of the trainee; and EUFMD financed the resource persons. IGAD seeks to establish a critical mass of experts working in the livestock public sector in the region trained in risk analysis, so that this tool is applied to support safe trade and transboundary animal disease control in the region. Risk analysis is an essential tool to characterize and evaluate risks, and inform preventive, preparedness and control measures. However, knowledge and skills to apply risk analysis are still limited and fragmented among national veterinary authorities in East Africa.

An integrated training approach composed of online e-learning, two face-to-face sessions and application and reporting phases will be applied to provide the trainees with practical, in-depth training on qualitative risk analysis for, and support to apply the approach in the participant's routine work (table 1). FMD will be used as a model disease during the e-learning introduction phase and first face-to-face workshop; however, the skills and approaches taught may be applied to other priority transboundary animal diseases (TADs).

After completion of the whole course, participants should be able to:

- Identify the context and situations where risk analysis should be used to support disease control and safe trade;
- Define risk, and describe and apply the components of risk analysis *as per* the OIE Terrestrial Code (hazard identification, risk assessment, risk management, risk communication);
- Undertake a qualitative risk assessment;
- Identify and evaluate risk management options;
- Communicating the risk analysis findings to disease manager and decision makers.

The *expected output* of the training will be to provide the trainees of each country with the knowledge and capacity to **design and conduct a qualitative risk assessment for FMD or another priority TAD**, and be able to develop a report to help informing evidence-based and risk-based decision making.

Induction phase	 E-learning material, to allow participants to become familiar with theoretical content before the course, and thus allowing more time for discussion during the face-to-face sessions. This will consist of: 10 min recording to introduce the course 4 modules, with approximately 4 hours required to complete the entire course. 	Open from week of 8 January 2020 to 31 January 2020 Participants may complete this at their own pace and schedule.			
Skill acquisition phase (1 st face-to- face session)	Training on risk analysis, identify risk questions for participants to work on during the project phase	Face-to-face workshop, 27-31 January 2020			
Application phase	Participants return to their own countries, and collect data and conduct the analysis to produce a qualitative risk assessment	Backstopping available by email/skype/WhatsApp			
Reporting phase (2 nd face-to-face session)	Participants share their risk assessments with the group, feedback will be shared and received to refine and finalize the qualitative risk assessment	Face-to-face workshop, April 30-May 01, 2020			





Table 1: Integrated training approach for risk analysis to support safe trade and FMD control in East Africa

2. Objectives of the workshop

The learning objectives for the workshp were defined as follows: after the workshop, participants will be able to

- Explain the OIE risk analysis framework;
- Identify situations when risk analysis could be used in their jobs;
- Do a hazard identification, entry assessment, exposure assessment, consequence assessment;
- Identify the data needed to complete a risk assessment, and the options to obtain the data;
- Describe risk management options;
- Identify the different stakeholders that should be involved in a risk analysis;
- Communicate about risk and risk assessment results.

3. Workshop report

3.1. Participants

Nine participants attended the workshop, three from Ethiopia, three from Kenya and three from Uganda. Please refer to the figures below to find out more on participants' positions and age. The list of participants is provided in Annex 1.



3.2. Trainers and official representatives

Four trainers from EuFMD facilitated the workshop. IGAD ICPALD was represented by Dr Ameha Sebsibe and OIE Sub Regional Representation for East Africa and Horn of Africa was represented by Dr Thomas Daido Dulu. Representatives of FAO and the Kenyan authorities were excused. The list of facilitators is provided in Annex 1.





3.3. Workshop programme

A pre-workshop survey was conducted between the induction and skill acquisition phases for the participants to assess what they have learnt during the eLearning modules and inform trainers, prior to the workshop, on what they want to cover more in the workshop. Answers to this survey were used to reshape the agenda (the survey report is provided in Annex 4).

The 4.5 day-workshop followed the updated agenda shown in Annex 1. Twenty-nine sessions out of 39 were group work sessions (exercises, discussion or presentations) matching with the applied and practical nature of the training approach. Participants were supported by IGAD whereas trainers were supported by EuFMD. Logistics were arranged by IGAD colleagues.

Overall, **the first day** was dedicated to refresher lectures on risk analysis framework (qualitative versus quantitative) and applications, OIE import risk analysis (with the support of Dr Daido Dulu) and hazard identification.

During **second day** a mixed-country group exercise (3 groups with 1 participant per country) focusing on the OIE framework for import risk assessment was conducted to design risk pathways (as part of entry and exposure assessment), to identify the factors needed to assess the likelihood of theses pathways (data sources, variability, uncertainty and assumptions) and the consequence assessment.

During third day, the mixed-country groups formed in day 2, continued the exercise focusing on the estimation of the risk based on the entry, exposure and consequence assessments; an additional presentation on risk management was delivered between the exercise sessions. To introduce participants to further application of the qualitative risk assessment framework to disease control, the three teams were assigned one research publication each to review and present. Finally, the proposals for the risk assessment project (main assignment of the training course) were presented by the country teams in preparation of the work in the next two days of the workshop.

The fourth day started with the mixed-country groups presenting the review of the assigned publications, followed by a short presentation of the PCP-FMD and the use of risk analysis principles in this context (as per specific request by the training participants). Country teams were then closely tutored to draft their own risk assessment project, timeline of activities (Annex 3) and the template for developing the risk assessment report (Annex 4) were introduced.

The fifth half day a plenary session was useful to promote collaboration and cross-fertilization between country groups in order to consolidate the 3 country proposals. Dedicated tutors among the trainees were assigned to each country team and a timeline of activities and communication modalities were agreed (Annex 3). Three trade related proposals for qualitative risk assessment were proposed and agreed by the 3 country teams at the end of the workshop, in coordination with their line managers and alignment with the country priorities (please refer to table 2).









The dedicated page on the eLearning website (<u>https://eufmdlearning.works/course/view.php?id=221</u>) was daily updated with lectures, group responses and additional resources.

A post-workshop anonymous survey was conducted at the end of the fifth day to assess whether the trainers meet the participants' expectations (the survey report is provided in Annex 5). Overall appreciation feedback was 5 out 5, and highlights as follows: participants enjoyed the group sessions and committed themselves to share their knowledge on qualitative risk assessment (resources available from the course page) with their colleagues and services, improving the ownership of the methodology and ensuring their colleagues and line managers' implication into the risk assessment country project (further details in Annex 5). The post workshop survey results will be used to tailor lecturing sessions in the second face-to-face workshop.





4. Workshop follow-up during the application phase

The proposed training approach stands out by the close follow-up of country groups by assigned EuFMD tutors during the application phase. Further details on the workplan for the RA project can be found in Annex 2. During the application phase, IGAD will ensure the full commitment of participants' line managers to ensure sufficient time and resources are allocated for the completion of the RA project. Please find below the qualitative RA projects by country, with the team leader and members, and assigned tutors:

Country	Ethiopia
Risk question	What is the risk that small ruminant meat destined for export from Borena, Guji
	and Liban is contaminated with FMD virus?
Tutor(s)	Melissa Mc Laws
Team leader	Wubishet Zewdie Wakene
Team member	Gashaw Beyene Asfaw; Seid Hussein Ibrahim

Country	Kenya
Risk question	What is the risk of RVF virus contaminating small ruminant meat destined for Middle East countries from North Eastern Kenya, during the month of May to
	June (long rain season)?
Tutor(s)	Michael Bulea Apamaku
Team leader	Hector Kusiru
Team member	Alfred Maza; Ronald Rokindo

Country	Uganda
Risk question	What is the risk of spreading FMD infection through live cattle from the
	Tanzania-Uganda border to other cattle rearing areas of Uganda during the dry
	season?
Tutor(s)	Paolo Motta and Etienne Chevanne
Team leader	Michael Kimaanga
Team member	Israel Mugezi; Aminah Namwabira

Table 2: Qualitative Risk Assessment projects for Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda, with team leader, team members and assigned tutors.





Annex 1: Updated workshop agenda with updated list of participants

Day 1 / Mo	Day 1 / Monday 27 January								
08:45-09:10	1	Welcome and opening remarks by the Kenyan Authorities and International Organizations (and group picture)	Representatives						
09:10-09:30	2	Presentation of the course Introduction and expectations (trainers and participants)	M. McLaws lead						
09:30-10:10	3	Jeopardy game: Review of the Induction Phase (eLearning)	E. Chevanne lead						
10:10-10:30	Cof	fee Break							
10:30-11:00	4	Presentation: Risk analysis applications	M. Mc Laws lead						
11:00-11:30	5	Group discussion: Country risk analysis priorities	All, in country groups						
11:30-12:00	6	Group presentations: summary of discussions to the whole group (10 mins/group)	All, rapporteurs						
12:00-13:00	Lun	ch Break							
13:00-13:30	7	Presentation: Introduction to risk analysis	E. Chevanne to lead						
13:30-13:45	8	Presentation: Framing the risk question	M.B. Apamaku to lead						
13:45-14:30	9	 Group exercise: Participants will work in small mixed groups, and 1) describe the issue 2) frame a risk question 3) present to the rest of the group: 1) FMD and wildlife 2) FMD risk associated with swill feeding 3) FMD outbreak in neighbouring countries 	All, in mixed groups, M. Apamaku lead						
14:30-15:00	Cof	fee Break							
15:00-15:30	10	Presentation: Import Risk Analysis and risk pathways	M. McLaws lead						
15:30-16:30	11	Group presentation (exercise session 9)	All, rapporteurs						
16:30	End	of day 1							

Day 2 / Tuesday 28 January								
08:45-09:00	12	Recap on Day 1	Volunteer participant					
09:00-09:30	13	Group exercise: Import risk assessment (IRA) - Hazard identification. Import from India to Kenya of: 1) Live cattle; 2) Live goat; 3) Fresh cheese made of sheep milk	All, in mixed groups M.B. Apamaku lead					
09:30-10:00	14	Group presentations: Hazard identification (10mins/group)	All, rapporteurs					
10:00 -10:20	Coff	ee Break						
10:20-10:50	15	Presentation: IRA- Entry, Exposure Assessments and Risk pathways	M. McLaws to lead					
10:50-12:00	16	Group exercise: Risk pathways	All, in mixed groups M. McLaws lead					
		Lunch Break						
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Lecture







Day 3 / Wednesday 29 January							
08:45-09:00	22	Recap on Day 2	Volunteer participant				
09:00-09:30	23	Group presentations: Consequence Assessment (10mins/group)	All, rapporteurs				
09:30-10:00	24	Presentation: IRA - Risk estimation	M. McLaws lead				
10:00 - 10:20	Coffee B	reak					
10:20-11:30	10:20-11:30Croup exercise: Risk estimation and finalise risk assessment (continuing with same example from Day 2)		All, in mixed groups M. McLaws lead				
11:30-12:00	24	Group presentations: Risk estimation	All, rapporteurs				
12:00-13:00	Lunch Br	Lunch Break					
13:00-13:30	25	Presentation: IRA - Risk management	M.B. Apamaku lead				
13:30-14:00	26	Group discussion: RA policy options	All, in mixed groups M.B. Apamaku lead				
14:00-14:30	27	Group exercise: Review a risk assessment study	All, in mixed groups				
14:30-15:00	Coffee B	Coffee Break					
15:00-15:30	28	Group exercise: Review a risk assessment study (continued)	All, in mixed groups				
15:30-16:00	29	Group presentation: Review a risk assessment study	All, rapporteurs				
16:00-16:30	30	Group exercise: Develop your country RA project	All, in country groups				
16:30 End of day 3							

Day 4 / Thursday 30 January							
08:45-09:00	31	Recap on Day 3	Volunteer participant				
09:00-10:00	32	Group exercise: Develop your country RA project (cont.)	All, in country groups				
10:00 - 10:20	Coffee B	reak					
10:20-11:30	33	Group exercise: Develop your country RA project (cont.)	All, in country groups				
11:30-12:00	34	Presentation: Introduction to the principles of the PCP and the Global Strategy for FMD control	E. Chevanne to lead				
12:00-13:00	Lunch Br	eak					
13:00-14:00	35	Group exercise: Develop your country RA project (cont.)	All, in country groups				
14:00-14:30	36	Group exercise: Develop your country RA project (cont.)	All, in country groups				
14:30-15:00	Coffee B	reak					
15:00-16:30	37	All, P. Motta to lead					
16:30	16:30 End of day 4						

Day 5 / Friday 31 January									
09:00-10:00	38	Group exercise: Finalise plans for the project of your country RA project (continued)	All, in country groups with tutors						
10:00 - 10:20	Coffee B	reak							
10:20-12:00	10:20-12:00 Wrap up and feedback sessions, and follow-up actions (riassessment report)		All, in country groups with tutors						
12:00-13:00	Lunch Br	eak and closure of the workshop							









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Annex 2: Agreed Gantt chart for the application phase

Agreed workplan of the Risk Assessment project January-April 2020	January		Febr	uary		March				April
		7	14	21	28	6	13	20	27	3
Skill acquisition phase										
E-learning course										
1st Workshop in Naivasha										
Risk Assessment Project										
Project proposal										
Team composition and Lead										
Risk Question and Hazard Identification										
Draft RA structure (including Risk Pathways and plan for estimating risk likelihood)										
Write the Introduction and Background, and Hazard Identification										
Collect the information and data sources (and identify gaps)										
Online Meeting for review and time scheduling (all country teams, IGAD, tutors)										
Develop Entry, Exposure and Consequence assessments										
Finalize draft Entry, Exposure and Consequence assessments										
Risk Estimation and draft conclusion and recommendations										
Finalization of the draft Report for Review (country and tutors)										
Online Meeting for review of the project report (all country teams, IGAD, tutors)										
Others										
Provide cascading presentation to country staff										
Funds for sustainability										





Annex 3: Proposed table of content for the risk assessment report

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Annex 4: Pre-workshop survey

This survey aims at assessing the induction phase (eLearning course) of the integrated training approach and asking participants, prior to the workshops, which topics they would like to be covered more in detail during the workshop:

Q2 How confident are you to do each of the following tasks?Please rate as following:1= Not confident5= Very confident



Which part of the eLearning you have understood well?

All four modules were mentioned.

Which topic you would be interested for us to cover in more depth during the workshop?

WTO SPS, OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, zoning and compartmentalization, PCP stages, certifications, all the steps of RA, Risk management.

Additional comments:

Estimated time for eLearning completion is too short





Annex 5: Post-workshop survey

How useful was this workshop to your professional programme?	5/5, Very useful	(n=9)
How enjoyable did you find the workshop?	5/5, Very enjoyable	(n=9)

Which technical aspects did you find the most interesting?

Using the OIE WAHIS interface for hazard identifications; all aspects are interesting but the group work exercises and discussions with all participants and trainers is the most interesting one; developing risk assessment pathways and scenario; convey up with risk assessment and conclusion; the steps of risk analysis and detailed practical work on risk assessment; entry, exposure and consequence assessments and risk estimation; risk assessment, hazard identification, risk estimation, consequence assessments and risk communication, basic management; making the risk pathways, using WAHIS to find out about animal disease information in other countries; the group work aspect was the most interesting and useful; the process of risk assessment, the PCP; risk pathways and formulating risk questions; approaching the risk analysis.

Which parts of the training have you found challenging or difficult to understand?

The PCP has many steps that need some good level of concentration to comprehend; to decide or to estimate the level of risk was difficult for me as there is no one correct answer for it. It depends on personal understanding; the understanding of standard codes which required more time; constructing scenario for assessing likelihood and estimating uncertainty; development of various risk pathways and risk estimation; main steps of the risk assessment methodology, it was handled very quickly.

Which topic would you prefer to be covered in more details?

Entry and exposure assessments, risk pathways ; determining the risk levels requires more detail training; PCP, risk assessment; risk communication, detailed risk estimation and management; risk communication and stakeholder engagement; the steps of risk assessment; identifying type of data long the risk pathways.

Now that you have completed the workshop and associated eLearning, please rate your own competence to complete the following tasks or activities:

-	For import risk analysis	4.33/5	(n=9)
-	For measures related to international trade	4.44/5	(n=9)

Please rate the types of presentations/exercise according to how useful you found them

 Presentations or lectures Large group discussions Small group exercises 	4.63/5 4.5/5 4.5/5	(n=8) (n=8) (n=8)
How do you rate the induction course?	4.78/5	(n=9)
How do you rate the practical arrangements?	5/5	(n=9)

How likely are you to use what you have learned during this course to improve the way that you or your colleagues work? 4.89/5 (n=9)





Please tell us one thing that you will do when you will get back to the office o, to apply what you have learned in this workshop?

Using the OIE WAHIS interface to draft importing conditions for animals and animal products entering Uganda; I will share all the documents to my department and report to the director about the training; I will develop various risk analysis to various commodities; I will share the knowledge and documents to my colleagues and review the risk analysis protocol we are using; consulting WAHIS whenever drafting the import requirements to know the risk, OIE standards to describe the necessary sanitary measures; make a presentation to my department and take my colleagues though the process of risk assessment; organize a mini training to teach my work mates the importance of risk analysis; I will identify an area which requires risk analysis and do it; run risk analysis of various diseases affecting the region we cover.

Please provide any other comment?

Add more practical sessions; In presentations, trainers are a little bit short, it would be better if you can add some more slides and examples so that we can understand the sub-topic and do the group work with confidence; risk assessment exceeded my expectations; PCP and international codes aspects was below my expectations; For the eLearning, I would love if there were online presentations by trainers; it would be important to include brief socio-economic analysis for FMD; Time for eLearning was up to 2 hours but the study took more time, improve on the time for eLearning; the eLearning course should have been sent earlier; the course material especially additional learning material exceeded my expectations; keep it up, it was good!; counter check the pdf downloads in the eLearning as some sections are illegible; introduce more courses as an advancement to the current one online.

Online survey:



Q6 Please rate each of the following elements of the course (in a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being excellent):









Provide any comments about the trainers: trainers are friendly, supportive and highly skilled on the subject; they were all good and friendly willing to teach; they have excellent training skills which are devoid of stress and make the subject interesting; they were excellent and went out of their way to ensure I understood all that was taught; it is very good; Melissa and team are excellent teachers and team players keep it up your welcome to Uganda; the trainers included many practical sessions in the course which made comprehension of the risk assessment concepts easier; they are excellent, breaking every topic down to detail.

Most useful part of the course: all sections were useful; risk assessment steps; risk assessment especially developing risk questions and pathways; risk analysis framework and its applications; risk pathways and formulating risk questions; risk assessment and risk estimation; practical sessions; risk assessment steps; making risk pathways using WAHIS to get animal disease information in other countries.

Least useful part of the (eLearning) course: FMD virus and its clinical signs; introduction to the PCP

What improvements would you suggest? Inclusion of socio-economic analysis for FMD; the sessions were good, you can also include the tourism part in workshop, like visits; increase time so that the workload per day can be reduced; immediately provide soft copies of the day's lessons at the end of each session; add more practical sessions especially on drawing entry and exposure pathways; I think more background knowledge be provided in eLearning; request that we publish this work after the assessment.