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***One Health Principles in Mongolia***

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Brucellosis, Anthrax, Rabies and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza are four of major zoonoses in Mongolia, a country with a population of nearly three million people and 40 million livestock. Nomadic pastoralism is the mainstay of livestock farming (30% GDP is produced by agriculture, 87% by livestock<sup>1</sup>) but the extreme climate, 20°C to -30°C, poses severe health problems which complicate the epidemiology and control of all diseases.

The EU-Mongolia Animal Health and Livestock Marketing Project has '*improvement of collaboration between donor projects*' as a core philosophy, aiming to maximise the productivity from all projects through synergy. This precept of the *One Health Initiative* is now being adopted in Mongolia to control these and other limitations to productivity.

The EU Project and The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) Livestock Project, two collaborative ventures within the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry, are working together to improve the national strategy for brucellosis control coordinating their efforts with the support of Professor Felix Roth<sup>2</sup> who will be visiting Mongolia again from Switzerland in September.

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<sup>1</sup> OIE (2007) Performance, Vision and Strategy Report on Mongolia

<sup>2</sup> Felix Roth, (2003). Human health benefits from livestock vaccination for brucellosis: case study, Bulletin of the World Health Organisation, **81** (12) 867 – 876.