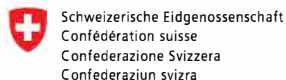


## Main donor



Swiss Agency for Development  
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## Other donors



## Implementing partners



Vétérinaires Sans Frontières – Suisse (VSF-Suisse) is a humanitarian, charitable, politically and religiously neutral organisation with over 30 years of working experience in Africa, providing humanitarian aid and development cooperation to people in need. VSF-Suisse has vast experience in the fields of animal and human health, working with communities suffering the negative impacts of political unrest, natural disasters, climate change, marginalization and limited governmental support. Headquartered in Berne, Switzerland, VSF-Suisse runs programmes in West Africa (Mali and Togo) and in East Africa (Ethiopia, Somalia, Djibouti, Kenya and South Sudan).

VSF-Suisse's vision is that 'healthy people derive their livelihoods from healthy livestock in a sustainable environment'; VSF-Suisse's mission is 'To improve the well-being and resilience of vulnerable populations by promoting the health and productivity of their livestock within a sustainable environment' [vsf-suisse.org](http://vsf-suisse.org)



Comitato Collaborazione Medica (CCM) is committed to ensure the right to health to as many people as possible. We consider health as a whole, as general wellbeing of individuals and communities. For 50 years, we have been building up on the skills of local health workers who needed assistance to grow professionally, training them on how to give proper assistance and treatment under any difficult situation, including poverty and distress. [ccm-italia.org](http://ccm-italia.org)



The International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) works to improve food security and reduce poverty in developing countries through research for better and more sustainable use of livestock. ILRI is a CGIAR research centre. It works through a network of regional and country offices and projects in East, South and Southeast Asia, and Central, East, Southern and West Africa. [ilri.org](http://ilri.org)



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**One Health Units for  
Humans, Environment, Animals and Livelihoods (HEAL)**



## About OH4 HEAL

<b>Objectives</b>	The project aims to build the livelihoods and resilience of vulnerable communities through improving access to human and veterinary health services, while at the same time building capacity for natural resources management.
<b>Geographical Location</b>	<b>Ethiopia:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Somali Regional State</li> <li>Oromia Regional State</li> </ul> <b>Somalia:</b> Gedo Region <b>Kenya:</b> Marsabit County
<b>Implementing Partners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Switzerland (VSF-Suisse) (<b>lead agency</b>)</li> <li>Comitato Collaborazione Medica (CCM)</li> <li>International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)</li> </ul>
<b>Target Groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Communities:</b> Community groups in pastoral areas which are challenged by inadequate access to basic health services and basic veterinary services and which suffer poor environmental conditions.</li> <li><b>Institutions:</b> Health institutions, veterinary service providers, community platforms and regional- and district-government line departments and offices.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Duration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Inception Phase:</b> 15 months, from March 2019 until May 2020</li> <li><b>Pilot Phase:</b> 4 years, from April 2020 until March 2024</li> <li><b>Implementation Phase:</b> 8 years</li> </ul>
<b>Donors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC)</li> <li>The European Union, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, CGIAR, OFDA</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>SDC commitment:</b> CHF 12 million <b>Co-funding to match SDC commitment:</b> CHF 12 million

## Rationale







Arid and semi-arid areas of the Horn of Africa are frequently affected by natural and man-made disasters, which renders them highly vulnerable to recurrent drought and other emergencies. Arid and semi-arid areas are characterised by inadequate access to basic services, inadequate infrastructure and increased competition for resources.

In order to harmonise the efforts of service providers to address the bottlenecks facing the communities in these areas, the implementing partners of the HEAL project propose a One Health approach which brings together human health, animal health and natural resource management to improve livelihoods and increase resilience in peripheral areas of Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya.

The HEAL project duly supports a bottom-up approach which is participatory, context-specific, coordinated and integrated, reshaping service delivery across public health, veterinary and environmental sectors through the establishment of One Health Units (OHUs). These units support communities to develop sustainable, gender-sensitive strategies for coping with threats, especially environmental threats related to climate change.

## Unique value proposition

The features that differentiate the HEAL project from other One Health initiatives are as follows.

<b>Potential development impact:</b>	 <p>HEAL works with vulnerable pastoralists communities, services providers and regional institutions in marginal areas of Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya to improve access to basic services and agricultural inputs. In order to make impact as sustainable as possible, the project builds the capacities of pastoralists and other stakeholders to ensure that services provided are needs based.</p>
<b>One Health community of practice:</b>	 <p>The HEAL project organises monthly web seminars entitled 'One Health in the Field', in which practitioners are invited to speak for 30 minutes on a relevant topic. Such a platform brings together One Health practitioners from Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia and elsewhere to discuss best practices.</p>
<b>Bottom-up approach:</b>	 <p>The HEAL project brings a participatory approach to applying One Health by ensuring that vulnerable communities, service providers and governmental institutions participate in every stage of the project, from problem identification all the way to implementing solutions and managing the end-of-project handover of responsibilities and processes.</p>
<b>Regional approach:</b>	 <p>Pastoralists are mobile people. They need solutions, therefore, that are not limited to a defined geographical area. OH4-HEAL's regional approach covers border areas of Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya, offering the comparative advantage of reaching communities, regardless of their current location, who move across regional and national boundaries.</p>
<b>Long-term commitment from the donor:</b>	 <p>The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has already provided a guarantee of 50% financial support for the 12-year project.</p>
<b>Strategic partnership:</b>	 <p>HEAL brings together the skills of highly experienced practitioners from the three implementing organisations to test and evaluate the approach of improving service delivery through the One Health Unit.</p>