

Participant Information Sheet (PIS)

Global Survey: One Health Networks and Workforce Response to COVID-19

This document contains details for the study, including information about data protection and usage of the responses to the questionnaire. You are encouraged to download this document and store it.

- ***Who is the leader of the work?***

This work is led by: Dr. Laura Streichert (lcstreichert@gmail.com) and Dr. Cheryl Stroud (cstroud@onehealthcommission.org) from the One Health Commission; Dr. Pikka Jokelainen (PIJO@ssi.dk) and Dr. Ludovico Sepe (ludovico-pasquale.sepe@bfr.bund.de) from the One Health European Joint Programme; Dr. Victor del Rio Vilas (delriov@who.int) from the WHO - Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network; and Dr. John Berezowski (john.berezowski@vetsuisse.unibe.ch) from the University of Bern.

- ***What is this study about?***

The objective of this collaborative study is to describe the contributions of the diverse workforce to the COVID-19 pandemic and the connection of One Health networks (OHNs) to workforce response activities. The results will expand the understanding of the value of a OH approach and the role of OHNs. They will be utilized to develop targeted interventions to improve workforce capacity for public health response to the COVID-19 and future pandemics.

- ***Who is funding this work?***

The One Health EJP has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 773830. The One Health Commission is funded by organizations that support its mission (<https://www.onehealthcommission.org/en/sponsorship/>).

- ***What are we asking you to do?***

We are asking you to complete the online survey based on your personal experiences and perceptions. Responses will not be viewed to represent the official position of your organization. Participation is entirely voluntary. Please complete the survey only once. By submitting your answers, you consent to the use of this data for the research purposes indicated.

- ***Who is being asked to participate?***

We are distributing the survey globally for a wide convenience sample. We seek your responses, whether or not you work in One Health (OH), are part of a One Health network (OHN), or you are currently involved with COVID-19 response and/or research activities.

- ***What are the benefits of participating?***

By participating in this survey, you contribute to expanding the understanding of the perceived value of an applied OH approach. The results will expand the understanding of the value of a OH approach and the role of OHNs. They will be utilized to develop targeted interventions to improve workforce capacity for public health response to the COVID-19 and future pandemics.

- ***What happens if you stop the questionnaire half way through?***

You are free to skip any question and you can leave the survey at any time. If you exit the survey without pressing the "submit" button, your answers are not recorded. By submitting your answers, you consent to the use of this data for the research purposes indicated. Once submitted, answers cannot be traced and retracted.

- ***What are the possible disadvantages or risks of taking part?***
Subjects are at minimal risk for physical, psychological, social, or economic harm from responding to the online survey. No identifiable data is collected. The estimated time to complete the survey is 10 minutes and does not typically pose an undue burden.
- ***How are we ensuring the anonymization?***
No personal identifiable data nor email or IP addresses are collected. Subjects are asked not to provide details about themselves, their role, or their organization in their answers. The research group will screen the submitted answers, including “other” and open-answer responses, and completely remove any answers with such details before data analysis to further protect anonymity and confidentiality.
- ***What happens to the information collected and who has access to the data?***
Quality assurance mechanisms are in place for data collection, storage, and analysis. No personal data are collected that could identify individual participants. The raw data will be stored securely by the One Health Commission and only used for the purposes of this research project. The full raw dataset will be accessible to the two research investigators from One Health Commission listed on this document. The analysis-data (after confirming the data are anonymous) will be coded and used for statistical analyses within the research group. The analysis-data will be moved internationally. The completely coded dataset (no open question answers) will be published with the main articles. All results are discussed and reported in aggregate format only. Public data could be further processed for archiving purposes in the public interest, or for historical, scientific or statistical purposes.
- ***How long do we keep your data?***
Anonymised data will be stored securely by the research group for maximum 5 years. The completely coded dataset will be included as an appendix with any publications from this work.
- ***With whom do we share your data?***
The completely coded dataset will be made publicly available for use by the scientific community. The answers to open questions will not be included in this dataset. Data could be further processed for archiving purposes in the public interest, or for historical, scientific or statistical purposes.
- ***What is the research output of this questionnaire?***
The data collected will be used to develop and publish academic research papers. These will be published in open access journals.
- ***Researcher contact details and contact points if any issues are raised:***
If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please contact Dr. Cheryl Stroud (cstroud@onehealthcommission.org), Dr. Pikka Jokelainen (PIJO@ssi.dk) or Dr. Victor del Rio Vilas (delriov@who.int). If ever required, an external independent advisor would be consulted.