

# Who's Who in One Health





#### 1. Organization/ Group Name

SAFOSO

#### 2. Description and Scope of One Health Activities

SAFOSO embraces One Health in all its areas of work by improving animal health for safe and sustainable food production and public health. SAFOSO is a private consulting company that provides services to both the public sector and private industry.

#### 3. Key Collaborators and Participants

- Government Veterinary Services e.g. The Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office, The Swiss Federal Office of Public Health, the Swiss Institute for Virology and Immunology, European Food Safety Authority, Government of Ukraine
- International organizations e.g. the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Organisation for Animal Health
- Private Industry: Pharmaceutical companies, diagnostic companies, insurance companies, agricultural cooperatives, farmers, slaughterhouses
- Academia: Veterinary Public Health Institute, Vetsuisse Bern, European College of Veterinary Public Health, scientific journals

#### 4. Type of Organization

Private, For Profit / Corporate

#### 5. Address of Organization/ Group

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#### 6. Contact(s) (with check box to agree to share)

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 $\checkmark$  Agree to share contact information on the One Health website

## 7. Sources of funding for Organization/Group

Client- and project-based funding

## 8. Organization/Group Website Address

## https://www.safoso.ch/

## 9. One Health Course/Certificate/Training Offered by Organization or Group

Title of Course/Certificate/Training: Epidemiology for Non-Epidemiologists

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#### Link to informational web page:

https://www.safoso.ch/e-learning https://www.safoso.ch/news/epidemiology-for-non-epidemiologists-e-learning-

<u>course</u>

#### **10. Other One Health Activities/Initiatives**

(Symposiums, Summits, Workshops, Discussion Series, etc)

- I. Title/description of program:
  - a. Evaluation of a pilot project for targeted on-farm pig health investigations
  - b. The Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office launched a pig health pilot project, which aimed to increase the skills of specialized pig health veterinarians, to improve the quality of pig farm health management and to strengthen the collaboration between pig health veterinarians and laboratories. SAFOSO conducted an evaluation of this pilot project through an interim evaluation halfway through the project and a final evaluation at the end of the pilot project. The results of our evaluation will provide the basis for decisions about the transfer of the pilot project into a permanent mechanism.

Contact person's name and email: <u>info@safoso.ch</u> Link to program informational web page: <u>https://www.safoso.ch/works/evaluation-of-a-pilot-project-for-targeted-on-farm-pig-health-investigations</u>

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- II. Title/description of program:
  - a. Quality FOOD Trade Program Ukraine
  - b. The Quality FOOD Trade Program is a program funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and is focused on value addition for dairy and organic products for the Ukrainian domestic market and export to high value markets. The dairy component is a follow-up initiative to the SECOfunded project "Establishment of a risk-based food safety control system in the dairy value chain in Ukraine", which was implemented by SAFOSO from 2015-2019. The QFT Program is implemented by the Research Institute for Organic Agriculture (FiBL) in partnership with SAFOSO.

Contact person's name and email: Manon Schuppers, Manon.Schuppers@safoso.ch Link to program informational web page: https://www.safoso.ch/works/quality-food-trade-programukraine

- *III. Title/description of program:* 
  - *a.* Estimates of the risk of introduction of African swine fever into Switzerland and its potential impact
  - b. For the Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office, SAFOSO is preparing a probability assessment of the risk of introduction of African Swine Fever into Switzerland under different scenarios. The follow-up costs of an outbreak of African Swine Fever in domestic or wild pigs are evaluated.

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- *IV. Title/description of program:* 
  - a. Training of animal health services in Southeast Asia for African Swine Fever early detection and emergency response
  - b. In partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, SAFOSO developed training materials on ASF detection and response, taking into consideration prevailing situations in the participating countries and region to educate relevant stakeholders. SAFOSO and FAO conducted a virtual regional-level training, for which the national-level participants are training the sub-national animal health authorities at country level.

Contact person's name and email: Patrik Buholzer, Patrik.Buholzer@safoso.ch Link to program informational web page: https://www.safoso.ch/news/safoso-partners-with-fao-onafrican-swine-fever-training-in-asia

- V. Title/description of program:
  - a. COVID-19 and Antimicrobial Resistance Webinar Series
  - b. In webinar series, SAFOSO provides employees of a Swiss insurance company information on COVID-19 and Antimicrobial Resistance in a comprehensible manner. The goal of the webinar series is to give the employees of an insurance company an overview of the current situation and further development of the pandemic. The underlying facts are explained in order to process the wealth of information. Participants gain a better understanding of current events and are

able to critically asses information from various sources, forming their own well-informed opinion.

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- VI. Title/description of program:
  - a. Letter to the Editor: The ongoing crises in China illustrate that the assessment of epidemics in isolation is no longer sufficient
  - b. In March 2020, SAFOSO published a letter to the editor of the Transboundary and Emerging Diseases journal in order to raise awareness of the interplay between ongoing pandemics in humans and animals such as COVID-19, African Swine Fever, and Avian Influenza. In today's globalized world, animals and humans are highly interconnected and it is therefore no longer sufficient to deal with emergency outbreaks in isolation.
  - c. The situation calls for a health network of global scope for the rapid and open exchange of information between human and animal health sectors. Such a One Health approach has the potential to not only save human and animal lives, but also safeguard the global economy.

Contact person's name and email: Carla Stoffel, Carla.Stoffel@safoso.ch Link to program informational web page:

- <u>https://www.safoso.ch/news/an-epidemic-never-comes-alone</u>
- https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/tbed.13536

## 11. Brief History of Your Organization's One Health Involvement

SAFOSO has been involved in One Health activities since it was founded in 2003 by the former director of the Swiss veterinary authority. SAFOSO's very first assignments involved helping countries build capacity and learn from experiences with Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and its control. Later, SAFOSO's portfolio expanded to tackle many other human- and animal-health hazards, concentrating on risk assessment, risk management, risk communication, surveillance and compliance with (international) trade standards. In more recent years, SAFOSO has added services in the fields of evaluation — of output, impact & outcome of projects — and animal welfare to its portfolio.

## 12. Additional Information

(Include whatever else you would like to have posted about your Institution's / Organization's One Health efforts)

SAFOSO will continue to expand its e-Learning services on the <u>https://www.safoso.ch/e-learning</u> platform. SAFOSO has long-standing experience in organizing and executing workshops around animal health and food safety. SAFOSO is now applying this wealth of experience and scientific knowledge to online training courses. With the new opportunity for online study, SAFOSO aims to provide easy access to high-quality education.