



# 2021 RESILIENCE LEARNING MONTH EVENT SUMMARY

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Tackling climate change is fundamental to the long-term health and resilience of communities. At the same time, healthy ecology and protection of biodiversity are vital to human wellbeing. The One Health approach promotes resilience based on harmony between human, animal and ecological health. This event shared how One Health aligns with ADB's Strategy 2030 and directly supports its climate change and disaster resilience agendas. The session provided an overview of ADB's recent commitments to innovative One Health projects, and how taking a One Health approach can help diverse project teams, as well as sector and thematic groups, across the bank to better serve the development finance and technical assistance needs of DMCs.

The value of a One Health approach in Asia and the Pacific is clear: some of the most pressing issues relevant to the region, including zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance, food security, ecological security, and pollution, are all related to climate change in one way or another.

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## KEY MESSAGES

- One Health is an approach to human, animal, plant, and ecological health challenges that starts from a simple premise: these are all interconnected, and their solution demands communication, coordination, and collaboration across multiple sectors, disciplines, and levels of government.
- Using One Health as a framework enables conceptualization of human, animal, and ecological health together, and formulation of development solutions based on harmony between the three, rather than pitting the interests of one against the others.
- One Health is key to post-coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) green economic recovery, reaching the Sustainable Development Goals, and global health security, and the concept is rapidly gaining traction in the development space and the developing member countries (DMCs) of the ADB.
- The big-picture issues that One Health is particularly aligned with are highly relevant to Asia and the Pacific region, including zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance, food security, ecological security, pollution and health, and climate change.
- One Health aligns with ADB's Strategy 2030 and supports its operational priorities, as well as its aspirations to be a convener of partnerships and essential knowledge solutions provider to DMCs.
- One Health has potential to be transformational for ADB's investments; this requires the establishment of a formal working group of sectors and thematic areas to develop a workplan; financial commitment to One Health projects, and active engagement with DMCs and partner agencies to work together on One Health initiatives.