

# Implication of Local Elected Officials for the Implementation of One Health in Mali

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## Abstract

### Background

During the last thirty years, populations have been increasingly attentive to environmental and health issues. Health in all its components is today of great importance and is at the heart of many citizen concerns. However, the links between human health, animal health and environmental health remain less understood. Therefore, it is fundamental that information and awareness on One health approach gain more attention. The objective of the study is to contribute to the dissemination of the “One Health” approach in the District of Bamako for its appropriation by local elected officials, technical officers and communities.

### Methods

Two days’ workshop was organized on the “One Health” approach from December 7 to 8, 2023 at the General Directory of Territorial Communities, Bamako. The District of Bamako has six community municipalities. In each municipality four participants have been chosen as well for the Municipality of the District. A total of twenty-eight persons participated to the workshop. Participants were divided in four working groups (Human health, animal health, environment and agriculture). The method SWOT has been used to know their perceptions on the One Health approach implementation in the District of Bamako. The results have been synthesized with a road map.

### Results

The elected officials of Bamako have been informed about One Health. For a better implementation of One Health in the District of Bamako, strength, weakness, opportunities, and threat have been identified and solutions proposed by the participants. From the recommendations a road map has been elaborated.

### Conclusions

The local elected officials and technical officers of the District and municipalities of Bamako acquired knowledge about the “One Health” approach. This knowledge will enable them to better understand and integrate the “One Health” approach into their practices and decisions. Consequently, local elected officials will be able to implement policies and actions that promote public health, animal health and the environmental health in an integrated manner.

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