

## ERFAN network

- 17 Northern African veterinary institutions
- 14 Southern African veterinary institutions
- 7 Italian veterinary institutions



● Northern Africa ● Southern Africa ● Italy



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## The Initiative

IZSAM launched the first phase of ERFAN in 2019 to strengthen **cooperation** between African and Italian Veterinary Services, promote research and enhance capacities for the prevention and diagnosis of critical animal diseases, including zoonoses. During its first phase, ERFAN brought together **38 veterinary institutions** across **20 countries**, creating a collaborative network that fostered **knowledge exchange**, technical **training**, and joint **research** in Veterinary Public Health.

Building on these achievements, **ERFAN II** represents the second three-year phase of the initiative, expanding the network and strengthening collaboration among institutions. Through capacity building, networking, technology transfer, and collaborative research, ERFAN II aims to improve disease **diagnosis**, **surveillance**, and **control** systems, contributing to stronger Veterinary Services and advancing global *One Health* efforts across Africa.

## General Objective

To consolidate and expand the Veterinary Services network across Africa, improving — through capacity building, innovation, and institutional synergies — disease diagnosis, control, and surveillance systems, in support of global *One Health* goals.



## Expected Results

- ✓ Improved human and animal health and welfare, with reduced socio-economic impact of priority diseases
- ✓ Strengthened early detection, preparedness, and rapid response capacities
- ✓ Enhanced long-term sustainability of cooperation between Reference Laboratories, Collaborating Centres, and Poles of Excellence



## Activities

ERFAN II activities are structured around three complementary Strategic Pillars:



Improving diagnostic capacities through networking activities



Enhancing skills through training and technology transfer



Building capacity through research programs

## Key Facts



Budget: €1,713,254



Duration: 36 months (2025–2027)