

One Health photo competition – 2025

The [Capacitating One Health in Eastern and Southern Africa](#) (COHESA) project aims to generate an inclusive research and innovation ecosystem that facilitates uptake, adaptation and adoption of solutions to global health threats affecting people, animals and the environment using a One Health approach. One Health is a collaborative, multi-sectoral, and transdisciplinary approach that recognizes the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health. It promotes the idea that the health of people is closely linked to the health of animals and our shared environment, and that challenges in one area often impact the others.

The project is jointly managed by a consortium of partners led by the [International Livestock Research Institute \(ILRI\)](#), [The French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development \(CIRAD\)](#) and [The International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications \(ISAAA AfriCenter\)](#). It is operational in 12 countries: Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Botswana, Mozambique, Malawi, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Why One Health matters

- Over 60% of known infectious diseases in humans are zoonotic- diseases that can be transmitted between animals and humans.
- Environmental changes like deforestation and climate change can increase disease spread.
- One Health supports early detection and a more efficient response to health threats.

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The One Health 2025 photo competition aims to highlight real-life stories, challenges, and successes that demonstrate the interconnections between humans, animals, and the environment. The competition will promote awareness of the One Health approach among photojournalists, photography enthusiasts and the public, while building a database of high quality OH-related photos from across the continent.

Call for entries

COHESA invites photojournalists, photographer enthusiasts and members of the public from the 12 project countries to submit photo entries for the competition.

Eligibility criteria for entry

The competition is open to practicing photojournalists, photography enthusiasts and members of the public.

Categories

Entries can be in one or both of the following categories:

1. Single photo taken within the past 2 years
2. Photo story; 4-10 single photos taken over 2 years

Submission guidelines

1. Participants can submit up to 3 high-resolution photos for the single photo category and 2 entries for the photo-story category. Photos can be submitted in JPG, PNG (minimum resolution: 300 dpi) format.
2. Each photo should be accompanied by a caption and a brief narrative/story (150–200 words) about the submission
3. Entries must be original and taken within the last 2 years and must adhere to journalistic ethics.
4. Both published and non-published photos are eligible for entry
5. Commissioned, AI-generated or manipulated images are not eligible

6. Entrants are responsible for obtaining the prior consent of any persons depicted in the work and any other steps necessary to ensure that infringement of rights related to such depiction does not occur.
7. All submitted photos will be added to the ILRI photo database and credited to the photographer whenever used. ILRI photographs are copyrighted under creative common 4.0 but not usable for commercial purposes.

Prizes -per category

1st prize- \$250

2nd prize- \$150

3rd prize- 100

Award criteria

COHESA aims to generate an inclusive research and innovation ecosystem by building capacity in 12 eastern and southern Africa countries, to provide solutions to global health threats affecting people, animals and the environment using a One Health approach. Winning photos will therefore be chosen based on their ability to demonstrate the intersection between human, animal and ecosystem health.

Entries will also be judged based on originality and quality of the photos submitted, creativity, technical quality, ethical considerations, compliance with professional photography standards, and adherence to copyright and consent guidelines.

Key dates

1. Submissions open: 15th July 2025
2. Deadline: 15th September 2025
3. Winners announced: October/ November 2025, during a COHESA partners' meeting.

Submission of entries

Photos should be submitted via **WeTransfer** to the following email address: teamcohesa@gmail.com

More about One Health/ COHESA

1. [Livestock pathways to 2030: One Health](#)
2. [18 livestock investments to take One Health to scale and prevent new pandemics](#)
3. [Home | Capacitating One Health in Eastern and Southern Africa](#)
4. <https://www.ilri.org/research/projects/capacitating-one-health-eastern-and-southern-africa-cohesa>

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