How to keep Indonesia Free from FMD (Foot and Mouth Disease)

Indonesia is still declared by the OIE as a FMD-free country without vaccination. This status affects Indonesia's presence in the international trade. How are this nation's efforts to keep Indonesia free of FMD?

A proper surveillance design is needed to detect all possibilties for FMD to enter Indonesia so that the entry of FMD to Indonesia can be detected early. The Centre for Veterinary Biological Product (Pusvetma), which has the task of implementing foot and mouth disease surveillance and as a national reference testing laboratory, is responsible for carrying out this surveillance by involving all stakeholders who have functions in the field of animal health. Therefore, before carrying out FMD surveillance, a FMD Surveillance Technical Meeting (TM) was held on March 9-10, 2021 which was attended by the Director of Animal Health, all Provincial Livestock and Animal Health Services, all Disease Investigation Centers, Agricultural Quarantine Agency and its technical implementation unit, as well as, Drh. Anak Agung Gde Putra, SH, MSc, PhD (Commission on Animal Health, Veterinary Public Health and Animal Quarantine, Ministry of Agriculture). This event was held online and offline.

In this event the Head of the Centre for Veterinary Biological Product, Drh. Agung Suganda M.Sc emphasized that efforts to maintain FMD-free status are part of the strategic infectious animal diseases exemption program. Thus there is needed for cooperation, coordination, collaboration and synergy among all related parties. He also said that to sharpen surveillance results, the design of the year was different from the previous year which focused on high-risk areas with a sharper analysis by carrying out virological surveillance to detect the presence of FMD virus, serological surveillance for antibody detection, surveillance of clinical symptoms and negative reporting. and must be equipped with a test method in accordance with OIE recommendations and has been accredited with ISO IEC 17025 2018.

To realize the implementation of the surveillance design, it is necessary to have COMMITMENT, COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION TO KEEP INDONESIA GETTING FREE OF FMD

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