World Veterinary Day is celebrated annually on the last Saturday of April to recognize the work of veterinarians around the world and their contributions to improving animal health and welfare, as well as public health. This year, the World Veterinary Association (WVA) and HealthforAnimals recognized the efforts of veterinarians, and veterinary associations to strengthen veterinary resilience and bring attention to this important cause.

Provided by the World Veterinary Association and HealthforAnimals, the Award is open to all WVA Veterinary Associations who submit evidence of activities that demonstrate their support of the WVDA 2022 Theme. This could include local campaigns, educational seminars for the public, media campaigns, new research, or anything else that promotes the WVD Award 2022 theme.

The WVA and HealthforAnimals received several project submissions from Member Associations around the world, each one highlighting impressive work by veterinarians.

After careful consideration of the materials submitted by all applicants, we are delighted to announce the winner of the 2021 World Veterinary Day Award:

**Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA)**

The award ceremony will be held at the World Veterinary Association Congress 2023, coinciding with the WVD 2023. The award and check will be received by a representative of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association.
Three NVMA representatives, Dr. Japhet Daniel, Dr. Christiana Napthali and Andefiki Markus were in Taraba Television studio to tell the general public, the significance of World Veterinary Day, the Veterinarians, their work, and their impact while adhering to the theme of the year “Strengthening Veterinarians Resilience.

The Nigerian Veterinary Medican Association Chairman, Dr Japhnet Daniel said “Resilience is the theme of this year’s World Veterinary Day. From our prospective, there could not be a more appropriate theme than this. From responding to the COVID-19 pandemic to inspecting livestock and poultry slaughter facilities to combating animal health threats like the recent detections of highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, Veterinarians in both areas preserve an essential resource: a food supply that is both dependable and safe. As association, we cant be resilient- in all senses of the word- without contributing our quota to the general public health. Beyond ensuring a safe and dependable food supply, preparedness is key to staying resilient in the face of animal or human health threats. Veterinarians works with many partners including Federal Agencies in collaborative effort known as One Health to protect animals, people, and the environment which are all connected. The interplay of humans, animals and the natural world affects diseases in animals and humans, and what we learn could help prevent or limit the next global pandemic. Veterinarians play a key role in the One Health approach.”
World Veterinary Day 2022 Nominees

The WVA would like to thank all of the veterinary organizations and associated veterinary professionals around the world for their active participation in World Veterinary Day. In recognition of their efforts, please see below for highlights of selected nominations submitted by veterinary professionals around the globe:

**South Africa Veterinary Association:** prepared the Caring Classrooms with material about One Health and the five freedoms, not only for veterinary students but also for sharing with the community.

**Indian Veterinary Association:** Organized for the WVD2022 a series of International Workshops online on different topics as managing stress, with veterinarians and veterinary students.

**Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala:** Organized numerous activities, workshops with big media coverage to get veterinarians, farmers and other people related with the WVD2022.

**Sri Lanka Veterinary Association:** held an online webinar on NCDs, technical workshops, clinical webinar series to commemorate the WVD 2022 to increase awareness of the general Public on Veterinary aspects.

**Turkish Veterinary Medical Association:** organized seminars, webinars and workshops for veterinarians, physicians and public health operators, promoted the veterinary resilience and created an online source.

**Veterinary Statutory Body of the Kyrgyz Republic:** made activities and lessons and practical trainings for veterinarians, students, statutory bodies and farmers.

World Veterinary Day is celebrated each year on the last Saturday of April, and will take place next year on April 29th 2023. Keep an eye on the WVA website for the release of the 2023 theme.