RIVM has supported biosafety and biosecurity capacity building in Uganda within the context of the Global Partnership from 2014-2016. For the training part of the project, a collaboration was initiated with the Uganda National Animal Disease and Diagnostics Epidemiology Center (NADDEC), which is the key veterinarian institute working with highly infectious pathogens. These training activities aimed to enhance general biosafety and biosecurity awareness, to train on safe and secure handling of samples in the field and in the laboratory and to develop and implement SOPs, all integrated as train the trainer modules.

**APPROACH**
Training materials (Lectures, Factsheets, Risk-assessments) were customized for implementation and made freely available electronically to the training participants.

Two training sessions were conducted:
- General Biosafety and Biosafety
- Safe and Secure Sampling and Handling, and Working with BSL-3 Agents

**RESULTS**
- 45 Participants from NADDEC, district laboratories and Makarere University were trained by means of lectures and laboratory practice. SOP development was exercised and implemented in the biorisk procedures.
- NADDEC staff has conducted five up-country training sessions for regional and district laboratory workers in the subsequent 12 months.

**LESSONS LEARNED (1)**
A carefully prepared Fact-finding mission is vital for a successful project abroad:
- Collect as much information as possible about local situation, habits and behavior.
- Gain an overview of other international initiatives to prevent redundancy.

**LESSONS LEARNED (2)**
- To reach commitment it is recommendable to reserve budget for inviting officials and reimburse travel expenses for participants.
- With its extreme diversity in wildlife, Uganda poses for veterinarians more complicated cases in the field compared to the Netherlands, e.g. sampling a hippo infected with *B. anthracis*.
  - Trainers also learned from local experts on how to deal with those challenging biorisk situations. Such reciprocity in expertise ensures mutual trust and make for engaging capacity building.
- Costs, applicability and availability of disposables and PPEs are crucial elements to consider for their implementation in trainings.