



Folkhälsomyndigheten

# Sector interoperability for preparedness

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# PHAS Preparedness and Crisis Management

- Overall responsibility for Communicable Disease Control and Cross Border Health Threats
- The Public Health Agency of Sweden is on constant standby through a Duty Officer on call 24/7
- Daily executive coordination meetings
- BSL3 and 4 laboratory

## IHR

- National Focal Point for IHR
- PoE: 8 ports and 5 airports
- Active in JEEs (~20 JEEs so far)



# PHAS Sector Interoperability – One Health

Falls under several agencies:

- PHAS
- The Swedish Board of Agriculture
- National Veterinary Institute
- National Food Agency



- Groups/networks to optimize collaboration and coordination
- Both long-term strategies and acute situations
- Meetings amongst communicators from various agencies
  
- Joint standpoint!!

# PHAS Preparedness Planning

- Preparedness for cross border health threats is handled in accordance with national legislation for crisis management.
- National plans are **strategic, not operational** or action plans. National authorities are responsible to provide guidance to regional and local actors (health regions and/or municipalities).
- Local/regional level are **responsible for own** preparedness plan. All health regions have pandemic preparedness plans, and probably a vast majority of municipalities



# PHAS Sector Interoperability – Civil Defence

- **PHAS role:** experts / surveillance communicable diseases / ensure access to medicines / preparedness diagnostics
- **Threats:** Electricity, water, IT security, communication etc
- **Collaborations:** Armed Forces, FOI, Police, other Agencies, county councils, health care sector
- **Aim:** Support the Armed Forces in case of heightened alert or war







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**THANK YOU!**



# PHAS Sector Interoperability - Anthrax

- **Event:** anthrax outbreak in two farms in the south of Sweden. Large animal outbreak but no human cases.
- High **media coverage** and **anxiety** in the community rose.
- 20-30 **actors** involved in different issues. National authorities were e.g. board of agriculture, PHAS, veterinary institute, national food agency
- **Several issues** to mitigate: A new spread pattern that had not been seen in Sweden before
- Two **RRAs** with the other actors to determine the risk for humans; National Veterinary Institute, and National Food Agency



# PHAS Pandemic Planning

Government commission to coordinate preparedness for supply of drugs during serious outbreaks of communicable diseases. *Förordning (2013:1020) med instruktion för Folkhälsomyndigheten (ändrad t om SFS 2016:166)*

PHAS has three assignments which aims to ensure adequate supply of drugs for serious outbreaks, especially in an influenza pandemic;

1. Antiviral drugs - in stockpile (Long term storage)
2. Pandemic influenza vaccine - agreements with two suppliers
3. Some antibiotics - in circulation stockpile by the wholesale

