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Originally from the UK, Nick qualified as a veterinarian in 2005. Following several years in farm animal practice in Ireland and the UK, including positions at University College Dublin and the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), he did a MSc in Veterinary Epidemiology at the RVC followed by a PhD at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine studying foot-and-mouth disease in Kenya. This led to a research fellowship at the Pirbright Institute undertaking field projects in numerous countries on the epidemiology and economics of transboundary animal diseases (TADs). He also spent several years working for the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease and as a consultant for large scale dairy farms on TAD control. Prior to the current position, he was leading a team of scientists and veterinarians at the Animal and Plant Health Agency advising the UK government on the control of bovine tuberculosis. In November 2023, he joined FAO leading the global surveillance team, coordinating FAO's activities related to the surveillance and risk assessment of zoonotic and transboundary animal diseases.