Veterinary Skills for International Development

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Setting the Scene: Livestock in International Development
Veterinary Skills for Development: Medicine & Surgery...
Veterinary Skills for Development: Research

- The most valuable research does not stay in the laboratory and the office, it is research FOR development (R4D).
- Conversely, development interventions without a solid evidence (research) base can be ineffective or even harmful.
What clinical practice and research have in common: LISTENING

Turning veterinary on-farm trials into farmer-led learning through participatory video
Listening through Storyboarding
Working with ILRI

Two C4D studies:
- Informed Consent
- Participatory Photography
Informed Consent study

Choosing the right communication tools and process for informed consent
Informed Consent study

Assessment of comprehension & engagement

Providing feedback & talking through any misunderstandings
1. Farmers took photographs to show the changes that had occurred over 4 years
2. Co-researcher recorded farmer narratives, for our analysis
3. Farmers invited to share photographs and knowledge at an exhibition
“What does a veterinarian do?”

‘Think outside the square’
What you can do today

1. Get creative – Read about what you care about, write, plan the career you want
2. Contact the people already doing the work you love – Listen to their stories and ask them to speak to the student cohort/SIG
3. Join these Networks/Mailing Lists/Social media:
   • Researchers in Agriculture for International Development (RAID) www.raidaustralia.net
   • Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD), international network www.ypard.net
   • Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) www.volunteering.austraining.com.au
   • Australian Volunteers International (AVI) www.australianvolunteers.com

A Maasai girl in Morogoro, Tanzania, allows the calf to suckle before she milks the cow
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