



Yabello, Oromia region (Photo credit Hiwot Desta)

The challenge

- Massive livestock disease burden with poor quality and quantity of accessible veterinary services, and limited delivery and quality of veterinary education

Beneficiaries

- Smallholder farmers, pastoralists/agro-pastoralists, regional livestock offices, private health service providers, universities

Project areas: Amhara, Oromia, and Somali National Regional states, Ethiopia

Objectives and outcomes

Overall objective

- Increase sustainable livestock productivity and improve marketing of livestock products

Outcome

Improve the knowledge, skills and attitudes of veterinary service providers

- Strengthened veterinary education system, and establish Continuing Professional Development (CPD) system
- Improved veterinary service access and delivery, and public-private partnership (PPP) models developed and tested

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Key results

- Strengthen the quality of public and private veterinary services and delivery through creation of an enabled and rationalized environment
- Improve the technical competences (knowledge, skills and attitudes) and incentives for veterinary service providers to deliver better and rationalized services



Woman private veterinary service provider performing dog rabies vaccination. (credit Dagim Berhanu, Bahir Dar, Amhara region).



Mobile clinical service provider (credit: Teshoma Hirpa, Dire Inchini, Oromia region).

How the project contributes to government priorities

- Reducing the impact of animal diseases (direct losses due to mortality, and indirect effects through slow growth, low fertility and morbidity)
- Improving the quality of the veterinary education system
- Reducing dependency on public sector delivery to improve access to livestock health services through PPP

Future steps

Scaling potential on the PPP models

- Private veterinary service delivery: privately owned veterinary clinics providing the services
- Mobile clinical service: private sector travels to communities to provide veterinary service
- Both aspects designed to be scalable with high-level enabling environment established

Partners

Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Ethiopia Ethiopian Veterinary Association (EVA)



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