Herd Health: Key lessons, scaling requirements and quick-win actions for Ethiopia sheep and goat value chains

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Key lessons learned

- Herd health interventions were motivators of the farmers for other interventions

  - The farmers could see the benefits quickly; driving force

- Integration of activities was the good approach

- Calendar-based herd health interventions – if all the stakeholders are committed

- If the delivery of animal health inputs is improved, the interventions can bring clear changes

Still needed to go to scale

- Strong partnership with all stakeholders from national to village level; there should be commitment and ownership of all stakeholders

- The financial support for the inputs

- The private sector should actively be involved – the government support for privatization

- There should be an annual plan with NVI in for production of vaccines

- Business-oriented farmers – in long-term

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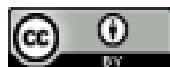# Quick win actions for best results in short/medium term

- In general, herd health interventions can bring results in short time – this can also be an entry point for other interventions like genetics improvement

- Respiratory diseases interventions and gastro-intestinal parasite control activities can show results in short time

- Herd health management – with fattening can give benefits in short time

- Some herd health activities such as interventions for reproductive health management and coenurosis control – can show changes in medium term

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