THE ROLE OF AHT’s IN PAHC IN RURAL AREAS
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INTRODUCING AHT AS A VETERINARY TEAM MEMBER

- AHT are the first line of defence in preventing AD in SA
- Vet services depends on AHT for accurate and timeous reporting and action for disease control
- Without AHT’s vigilance, disease control will not be effective
- Rule 2.14: Render PAHC to resource poor communities
- AHT ‘s are a competent formidable force in ensuring PAHC in rural areas
LIVESTOCK AND THE RURAL POOR

- Food security - apex agenda of Government (NDP)
- Livestock dominates the livelihood activities & strategies of the poor
- Livestock is a driving force for food sec & sustainable development
- Animal diseases are crucial constraint
- Provision of basic health care to rural livestock-healthy animals
IMPACT OF ANIMAL DISEASES TO THE RURAL POOR

- Direct effect
- Production loss
- Impact on human health
- Volatile markets
- Cost of vet services
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT OF AHT IN PAHC

- Veterinary extension and awareness
- Skilled and empowered rural farming community
- Invest in prevention measures
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT OF AHT IN PAHC

▪ Keeping veterinary database
▪ Risk profile
▪ Rural safety
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT OF AHT IN PAHC

- Treatment of minor livestock ailments
- Sample collection
- Give advice and referral
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT OF AHT IN PAHC

- Community services in rural areas
- Id spots for outreach clinics for CCS vets
- Part of sterilization campaigns with CCS and SPCA
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT OF AHT IN PAHC

- Vaccination for non controlled animal diseases
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT OF AHT IN PAHC

▪ “Production diseases”
▪ Animal husbandry (Animal Identification, castration & dehorning)
TOOLS FOR EFFECTIVE PAHC

- Planning
- Resources
- Public private partnership
- Continuous training, education & professional development
- Team work
CONCLUSION

PAHC offers excellent opportunity for direct interaction with rural population and offers benefits such as enhancing **accessibility** by rural poor farmers, **affordability** as well as **guaranteed outcome** of treatment by competent personnel as compared to outcome by layperson. It is a bridge to the existing gap of a need for vet services to disadvantaged and poor communities.
Thank You!