The role of veterinary para-professionals (VPP) in Africa, Linking veterinary para-professionals and veterinarians

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In the framework of OIE Component of the “Strengthening of Veterinary Governance in Africa” (VETGOV) project, and in agreement with the two other implementation partners, i.e. the African Union’s Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) and the FAO’s Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases (FAO-ECTAD), the OIE proposes to organise a seminar aimed at improving field work by strengthening the linkages and collaboration between veterinarians and Veterinary Para-Professionals (VPP).

The issue of how VPPs operate is particularly relevant to the African continent, due to its relative shortage of (qualified) veterinary surgeons, the sheer size of the rural areas and nomadic production systems they are faced with, and the consequential lack of oversight or supervision. The existence of community-based animal health workers (or CAHWs) is again not exclusive to Africa, but has been widely experimented in Africa, in situations of peacetime, and in areas of conflict (Somalia, South Sudan, Karamoja region of Uganda, Mali, etc).

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