



# FEEDBACK FROM THE VPPs CONFERENCE HELD IN PRETORIA

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# INTRODUCTION

- The conference was historic for being the first ever continental forum organized through collaboration between Veterinary Para Professionals and Oie.
- Africa is hence the first continent in the world to have made this step.
- This was the first time Oie came face to face with Veterinary paraprofessionals in over 90 years.

# OBJECTIVE

To improve veterinary field services through the enhancement of linkages between veterinary paraprofessionals and veterinary surgeons.

# VETERINARY PARA- PROFESSIONAL(Oie definition)

- Means a person who, for the purposes for the terrestrial code, is authorized by the veterinary statutory body to carry out certain designated task (dependent upon the category of veterinary Para-professional)in a territory, and delegated to them under the responsibility and direction of a veterinarian.

# PARAPROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- ❖ Veterinary disease control and surveillance (treatment and vaccination)
- ❖ Vector control
- ❖ Veterinary laboratory services (data collection and analysis)

# Services continues



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- ❖ Veterinary public health –meat inspection
- ❖ Training institutions-lecturers and demonstrators
- ❖ Artificial insemination.

# Services continues



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# Services continues

❖ Extension services

❖ Disease reporting

❖ Protection of animal welfare

❖ Research institutions. Etc

# Challenges

- ❖ Lack of or inadequate legal recognition
- ❖ Inappropriate categorization of para-veterinarians
- ❖ Lack of standardization in training.

# Challenges continues

- ❖ Intimidations
- ❖ Discrimination (e.g. in risk rewards, training etc)
- ❖ Restricted employment opportunities.

# Challenges continues

- ❖ Ineffective research –extension- farmer linkages.
- ❖ Lack of appropriate veterinary infrastructure.

# Identified Issues.

- ❖ The term “PARA” is not appropriate.
- ❖ Paravets not reporting what they do.
- ❖ Shortage of veterinarians in rural areas.
- ❖ Paraveterinary categories are not standardized in Africa.

# Observations

- ❖ Oie is a membership animal health organization which encourages participation of veterinary authorities in its decision making.
- ❖ Recommendations made to veterinary authorities may not be taken seriously. Hence, a monitoring instrument needs to be developed.
- ❖ Recommendations made to Oie for implementation are likely to be taken seriously.



# Observations Continues

- ❖ There will be improvement in the production, productivity and quality, hence African member states will be able to export live animals and livestock products due to reduced disease incidences as a result of veterinary paraprofessional participation.
- ❖ Most of the African member states will prioritize AU-IBAR lead Livestock Dev. Strategy for Africa, Thus leading to high domestication of strategy.

# Observations Continues

- ❖ Poor market linkages and their current exploitative nature may not affect the livestock farmers' production and incomes due to the reduced cost of production.
- ❖ The public sector will prioritize livestock sector activities due to the advocacy role of veterinary paraprofessional association.



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**THANK YOU ALL.**

