



**RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE  
NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR  
VETERINARY PRODUCTS -  
SWAZILAND**

*PRESENTATION TO*

*THE REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR THE OIE  
FOCAL POINTS FOR VETERINARY DRUGS  
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## PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Overview of Swaziland
  - Livestock Sector and the Department of Veterinary and Livestock Services
  - Regulation of Veterinary Medicinal Products and Human Pharmaceutical Products in Swaziland
- Activities of the National Focal Point





# SWAZILAND



- Area – 17,364Km<sup>2</sup>
- Population – 1.3million





## LIVESTOCK SECTOR



- The Department of Veterinary and Livestock Services (DVLS) has principal function in preservation of the territorial and inter-territorial integrity with respect to animal disease invasion and spread
- The livestock production systems include, mainly;
  - Ruminants – Including mainly cattle (about 650 000) and goats (about 400 000) and to a lesser extent sheep
    - Beef is the main export commodity – in regional SADC markets and other international markets like the EU
  - Poultry – includes indigenous production and commercial broiler and egg production. The commercial broiler and egg production is very intensive
  - Porcine – mainly intensive but small to medium scale





## REGULATION OF PHARMACEUTICALS

- Regulation of Human Medicines
  - Ministry of Health
    - Medicines and Related Substances Control Act 9/2016 repealing Opium and Habit Forming Drugs Act, 1922
- Regulation of Veterinary Drugs and Medicinal Products
  - Department of Veterinary and Livestock Services (DVLS), Ministry of Agriculture
    - Animal Disease Act 7/1965, as Amended
- All Products are Imported, with no manufacturing in the country





# REGULATION OF VMPs



- Animal Disease Act 7/1965, as Amended
  - Regulation and Control of Veterinary Drugs and Medicinal Substances Regulations No. 1, 2012
    - The Regulations specify:
      - The criteria and/or source of products that can be imported
      - The categorization/classification and listing of VMPs for authorization of usage and regulation of distribution
      - The criteria for authorization of retailers and the products allowed for sale/distribution
    - The Regulations also empower the DVLS to conduct Retailer Inspections, and impose sanctions as necessary
  - All VMP imports are regulated through a strict paper-based import permit control system regulated by the DVLS





# NATIONAL FOCAL POINT ACTIVITIES



- Appointed in 2008
- In 2010, assisted the CVO (Director) with the drafting of Regulations and Control of Veterinary Drugs and Medicinal Substances, which got Cabinet approval & gazetting in 2012
- Serves as the National Contact Person for implementation of the Regulations - Ongoing
  - Coordinates submission for requests of new product authorisation and listing thereof
  - Coordinates approval of New Retailer Requests for authorisation by DVLS







# NATIONAL FOCAL POINT ACTIVITIES



- Serves as the National Contact Person for implementation of the Regulations - Ongoing
  - Coordinates the listing of authorised VMPs and production of updated versions of the “Compendium of Registered Veterinary Drugs and Medicinal Substances” in accordance with the Regulations
  - Issuing of Import Permits for VMPs
- Representation of Swaziland in International Workshops and Conferences related to VMPs
  - 2010 – Johannesburg, South Africa: Regional Training Seminar for OIE NFPs for VMPs (1<sup>st</sup> Cycle)
  - 2011 – Gaborone, Botswana: Sub-regional Training Seminar on Veterinary Legislation
  - 2012 – Mombasa, Kenya: Regional Training Seminar for OIE NFPs for VMPs (2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle)
  - 2013 – Paris, France: OIE Global Conference on the Responsible and Prudent Use of Antimicrobial Agents in Animals







# NATIONAL FOCAL POINT ACTIVITIES



- Swaziland Representations Cont.
  - 2013 – Maputo, Mozambique: OIE Regional Seminar for the OIE NFPs for VMPs (3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle)
  - 2015 – Entebbe, Uganda: OIE Regional Training Seminar for the OIE NFPs for VMPs (4<sup>th</sup> Cycle)
  - 2017 – Harare, Zimbabwe: WHO Workshop on Antimicrobial Resistance
  - 2017 – Johannesburg, South Africa: OIE – GALVmed Stakeholder Workshop on the Harmonization of the Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products in the SADC Region
  - 2017 – Nairobi, Kenya: Global Animal Health Workshop 2017; “Good Regulatory Practice for the Marketing Authorization of Veterinary Products in an African Context”





# NATIONAL FOCAL POINT ACTIVITIES



- Coordination of Country Responses to OIE Other International VMP Related Questionnaires
  - 2012 – Monitoring of Quantities of Antimicrobials Questionnaire
  - 2014 – OIE Survey on Stability Testing
  - Annual National Antimicrobial Usage Questionnaire: 2015/2016/2017
  - 2016 – Joint WHO/OIE/FAO National Self Assessment on Country Progress on AMR
  - 2017 – OIE Evaluation on Progress made on AMR Containment





# NATIONAL FOCAL POINT ACTIVITIES



- Antimicrobial Resistance Related Activities
  - Collection and compilation of National Antimicrobial Usage/Sales Data for submission to the OIE for the Global Database – 2015 to date
  - Co-chairperson for the National Antimicrobial Containment Committee – Drafting of the National AMR Strategy & other activities
    - Stakeholder Consultation and sensitization on AMR during drafting of AMR Strategy
  - Lecturing Veterinary Assistant Students –
    - Pharmacology and AMR – 2014 to 2015
    - Antimicrobial Resistance – 2017





# NATIONAL FOCAL POINT ACTIVITIES

#AntibioticResistance

## WORLD ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK



- Antimicrobial Awareness Week Activities
  - 2015 – Presentation on the Prudent and Responsible Use of Antimicrobials / Antimicrobial Stewardship at the Swaziland Veterinary Association's Annual General Conference
  - 2017 – Hosted two National Radio Programs together with Ministry of Health on Public Awareness and Sensitization on AMR issues – Live interactive listener phone-in program







# NATIONAL FOCAL POINT ACTIVITIES



- Other Related National Committee Activities
  - 2011 to 2013 – Served as a member of a Project Management Unit for an FAO Technical Cooperation Project for Safeguarding and Disposal of Obsolete Pesticides



# AMR CONTAINMENT COMMITTEE – STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION





# NGIYABONGA KAKHULU -

“*THANK YOU VERY MUCH*”



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Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.

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I MAY NOT  
BE THERE YET  
BUT I'M CLOSER  
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YESTERDAY