

Growing your business through preventive livestock healthcare

Continuing education
opportunity for veterinary
paraprofessionals



We are pleased to invite veterinary paraprofessionals in private practice in Central and North Eastern Uganda, to apply to take part in this unique new training course.



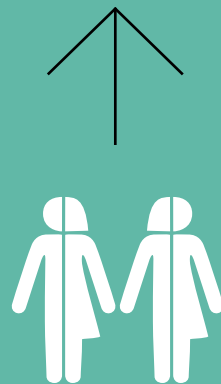
- Would you like to develop your professional skills and be recognized for doing so?
- Would you like to grow the profitability of your business?
- Would you like to support local farmers to make their livestock more productive in a sustainable manner?
- Would you value the opportunity to connect with lively communities of VPP and veterinarians locally, nationally, and globally?

This training programme is for you !

This course is for veterinary paraprofessionals (VPP) operating private practices in Central and North Eastern Uganda.

We are seeking VPP with an enthusiasm to learn, a hard-working attitude and an ambitious entrepreneurial spirit to transform both their own businesses and the livelihoods of the farming families in their respective locations.

Female VPP are particularly encouraged to apply.



What will you do?

This innovative programme will combine practical training days with interactive and collaborative online study. It is designed to be flexible so you can study and meet your work commitments.



- Practical training and workshops.
- Regular interaction with tutors and colleagues through live events and discussion channels.
- Variety of self-study materials (interactive modules, videos, readings) and assignments.
- Study at a time and place to suit you. Training compatible with your smartphone.
- Low bandwidth, intermittent internet access and offline adaptations available.
- Studied in bite-sized nuggets with five hours learning per week.

The overall objectives

- **Improve** your quality of service and range of interventions to farmers through improved knowledge and skills;
- **Implement** a plan that increases the profitability of your business through delivery of preventive healthcare services;
- **Support** smallholder farmers to improve the productivity of their livestock through planned management of health and production.

The training consists of three 6-week modules running from November 2022 to July 2023.

The training has been developed based on VPPs' self-reported needs by a team of experts both within Uganda and globally.

You will benefit from the opportunity to collaborate with VPP and veterinarians working locally with you, and also with our international partners across Africa and beyond.



module 1

Building a business that promotes preventive livestock healthcare

face to face

Workshop I (2 days)

- Introduction to preventive healthcare.
- Introduction to business skills.
- Skills for lifelong learning.

Workshop II (3 days)

- Developing a business plan.
- Communication and extension.
- Developing a marketing plan.

online

30 hours of study (over 6 weeks)

- Integrating preventive healthcare within VPP business models.
- Developing a business model and sourcing funding.
- Accounting and inventory management.
- Legal requirements.
- Communication and extension.
- Develop a marketing plan.

15 hours assignment

- Research business opportunities.



module 2

Prevention and control of infection diseases

face to face

Workshop (2,5 days)

- Practical case management.
- Supporting farmers to develop an infectious disease prevention plan (biosecurity, vaccination, business opportunities).

online

30 hours of study
(over 6 weeks)

- Principles of infectious disease prevention (biosecurity, vaccination, husbandry management, etc).
- Supporting farmers to develop infectious disease prevention plan.
- Managing veterinary medicines.
- Approach to case management.



module 3

Supporting farmers to build a productive herd or flock

face to face

Workshop (2,5 days)

- Supporting farmers in planned animal health and production management and identification of business opportunities.

online

30 hours of study
(over 6 weeks)

- Sustainable control of parasitic diseases.
- Principles of nutrition management.
- Principles of reproductive management.



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Mentorship

You will be linked to a mentor at the beginning of your studies.

The mentor will provide advice on the implementation of your new business model together with assisting you to develop your skills in preventive animal healthcare. This provides an extremely valuable opportunity for ongoing support as your business grows.

How will you benefit?

The skills that you build through the training course and subsequent mentorship are intended to improve both the profitability of your business and your satisfaction in providing quality preventive animal healthcare services.

The costs of travel and accommodation for training days will be provided. Provision will be made for childcare for nursing mothers.

A certificate will be awarded to those successfully completing the modules.

Each of the training modules will be registered with the Uganda Veterinary Board (UVB) recognized as Continuing Professional Development (CDP) Course.

Who is organizing the training?

This training course is organized as part of the project “Sustainable business in animal health service provision through training for veterinary paraprofessionals” by the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, working in partnership with HealthforAnimals and the World Veterinary Association.



Apply now!

Places on this course will be awarded on the basis of competitive selection.

To apply, please complete this form. **Applications should be received by 8th August.**

If you have any questions regarding this course, please contact: EuFMD-VPP@fao.org