

Awanno Animal Health

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This project combines curative animal health care, preventive based treatments and animal health training that will improve the condition of local livestock. Farmers bring animals to a clinic for treatment and project staff go out to local communities to provide preventive treatment. Two local nationals are currently being trained as animal health technicians.

In the final quarter of 2007 a total of 2,830 animals were brought to the clinic for treatment. This figure is somewhat higher than the clinic's goal due to an increase of fly borne infection in the surrounding areas.

Unfortunately there were no mobile clinics in the last quarter due to the fact that the farmers have been engaged in crop harvest and the access road has been difficult to use.

We have visited 25 farmers who are growing forage crops, and discovered that their previously planted forage crops are doing

well and the targeted farmers are using them properly.

Animal health teaching was conducted 18 times during this quarter with 350 farmers participating in the sessions taught by the assistant veterinarian at the central clinic and mobile sites. These sessions are useful in helping farmers understand how to better care for their livestock.

Our Animal Health Committees continue to meet, with nine meetings being conducted at both the central clinic and mobile sites over the past quarter. These meetings attracted 150 participants. Discussions centred around the necessity of good community participation in the tsetse spray program.



Alemiye, the assistant vet, checks this calf's teeth to see how old it is.



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