



Growing your business through preventive livestock healthcare

A unique training opportunity for private sector veterinary paraprofessionals in Kaduna State

WHEN?	February -September 2025
FORMAT	A mix of online learning studied on your smartphone combined with four practical workshops
MENTOR	A personal mentor to support your development
COST	Free of charge
CPD	Registered for CPD with the Veterinary Council of Nigeria



What does the course involve?

FAO, in partnership with the College of Agriculture and Animal Science, Kaduna will be launching the second edition of this intensive training course in 2025.

Four interactive, engaging and fun workshops, collaborating with colleagues to address challenges in new ways.

Learn by doing, field visits to put what we learn into practice and work hand-in-hand with farmers.

Study at a time and place to suit you. Online learning on your smartphone.

Learn from experts and entrepreneurs from across Nigeria and beyond.

Use innovative tools and mobile apps.

Receive one-on-one business and technical support from an experienced mentor.

Grow your business, build connections and support livestock farms to thrive

Are you currently running your own small business as a veterinary paraprofessional in Kaduna State? Do you work with livestock farmers? Then this course could be for you!





What will you learn?



Develop into a successful entrepreneur with a growing business.



Make farms more profitable through herd and flock health planning: prevention is better than cure!



Develop your communication and extension skills, building improved relationships with men and women farmers.



Develop your business skills including recording keeping, accounting, marketing, business planning.



Prevent infections and parasites in a sustainable way, avoiding antimicrobial resistance.



Improve the way you manage cases through clinical reasoning.



Create vaccination and biosecurity plans in partnership with farmers.



Support farmers to improve the nutrition and reproductive efficiency of their livestock.



Apply One Health: improve the health of animals, people and the environment together.

Logistics

Access to the four training workshops will be supported by provision of:

- allowance to support costs of transport to training location;
- accommodation and meals on site during the workshops;
- suitable protective clothing for fieldwork;
- childcare for young infants during the training workshops.

An allowance for costs of internet data is provided to support access to the online learning components.

Kindly note that smartphones or other business-related equipment are not provided. A daily subsistence allowance (DSA) is not paid during the course.





Women VPPs encouraged to apply

The course has been designed to specifically meet the needs of women VPPs.

- Build your confidence and develop your network.
- Overcome gender related challenges.
- Childcare provided for workshops and flexible learning modalities to fit around family commitments.

To take this course, you should:

- have an HND or ND in animal health technology;
- be a practicing veterinary paraprofessional providing animal health services to livestock farmers;
- run your own animal health business in Kaduna state;
- have access to an internet capable smartphone;
- commit to complete 90 hours of online learning and to participate fully in four workshops.



“The training is the most impactful I have attended. I’m glad it focused on how we can build a sustainable successful business, identifying business opportunities and helping farmers develop effective biosecurity plans and overall boost their production. This benefit extends to my entire community because the majority are smallholder farmers. It’s a win-win situation because both farmers and VPPs benefit.”

- Faith Adekunle, VPP from Oyo state

How to apply

There are places for 25 veterinary paraprofessionals on this course. Places will be awarded on a competitive basis according to the quality of an online written application. Shortlisted applicants will then be interviewed by telephone in order to select the final participants. **The closing date for applications is 30th December 2024 at 23.59.**

To find out more about the course [watch this video](#). To complete the application form, [please click here](#) or use your phone to scan the codes:

