



Call for mentors for veterinary paraprofessionals in Kaduna State

Inviting experienced private sector veterinarians to participate in our impactful training programme

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in partnership with the College of Agriculture and Animal Science, Ahmadu Bello University, Mando Campus, Kaduna is organizing the second edition of its training course for veterinary paraprofessionals (VPPs). The “Growing your Business Through Preventive Livestock Healthcare” course will start in February 2025.



Are you an experienced veterinarian practicing or running your own business in Kaduna State?

Would you like to share your knowledge and support VPPs in developing their preventive healthcare skills while growing their businesses?

Are you passionate about developing sustainable livestock services for small-scale farming communities?

Are you able to commit to a year-long engagement, mentoring VPPs in person and virtually?

Then this opportunity could be for you!

How will you benefit?

- Join a **training course on best practices in mentorship**, which combines online learning with a two day face-to-face workshop. The course is accredited for **continuing professional development (CPD)** with the Veterinary Council of Nigeria.
- Mentoring offers you the opportunity to **grow your business** by developing a network of VPPs and colleagues with whom you could collaborate.
- Access a **community of mentors** from across Nigeria and globally.
- Derive **personal fulfillment** from supporting a colleague to grow their career and support livestock development.

Accommodation and travel costs will be provided to cover your attendance at the training workshop. You will also be provided with a small allowance to cover the costs of network connectivity for mentoring calls. Kindly note that this is an unpaid, voluntary role.





Dr. Tumsiyya Maimuna Mann Mann Isha (mentor) with Amir Umar Aliyu and Amina Umar Dosso (mentees)

“ It was a wonderful experience with the mentees. We had a very good interactive session where I asked the mentees their expectations and also to present their goals and objectives. We also discussed the steps to be taken in order to achieve their desired goals. I appreciate FAO for giving me this great opportunity to share my knowledge and experience for the benefit of the mentees. ”

“ This programme has started to break the barriers which have existed between VPPs and vets – creating a platform for a smooth delivery of services to communities, so now the VPP is seen to be vital in complimenting the work of vets. ”

Logistics

Six hours online learning course starting February 2025.

Two day face-to-face workshop with training on mentorship skills and first meetings with your mentees.

Monthly meetings with your mentee (online, or face-to-face if feasible).

Receive regular support from the training team and a network of fellow mentors as the course progresses and you develop your mentoring skills.

Women mentors encouraged to apply

This course is tailored to address the unique needs of women VPPs, while inspiring all of our trainees to support women livestock farmers effectively.

We are seeking dedicated role models to inspire, empower, and guide our VPPs, helping them make a meaningful impact in their communities.

“ It's been an incredible journey working with my mentees. Last week, we had a physical business training session During the session, we focused on SWOT analysis, cloud documentation, and strategies for accessing credits to expand their businesses. We also exchanged valuable experiences, explored key business models, and brainstormed the best ways to position their businesses and attract more customers. I am eager to continue this journey with other cohort members..... The passion and dedication of these professionals are truly inspiring. ”

How to apply

We are seeking 13 mentors to assist us with this edition of the course. We welcome applications from previous mentors to join us again.

Places will be awarded on a competitive basis according to written application followed by telephone conversation for shortlisted applicants.

To complete the application form, [please click here](#) or use your phone to scan this code:

