



Growing your business through preventive livestock healthcare

A unique training opportunity for private sector veterinary paraprofessionals in Central and Western-Rwenzori sub-regions

WHEN?	May - December 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 Uganda Veterinary Board



What does the course involve?

The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, in partnership with Bukalasa Agricultural College and the National Animal Genetic Resources Center and Data Bank, will be launching the second edition of this intensive training course in January 2025.

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

Learn by doing, field visits to put learning 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 Uganda 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 working as a private sector veterinary paraprofessional (VPP) in the Central or Western-Rwenzori sub-region? 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 breastfeeding 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.





I've gained a lot of clients due to communication skills training- now I apply it. It's very tangible.

Sales have increased because I take it upon myself that I'm the one who wants farmers to grow.

The farmer relationship has improved. Now I give advice rather than just taking money, this gives a serious connection. ”

- Participants of 2023 training programme

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 for breastfeeding infants provided for workshops and flexible learning modalities to fit around family commitments.



To take this course, you should:

- be based in Central or Western-Rwenzori sub-region;
- have studied an animal health course from a Uganda Veterinary Board (UVB) recognized training institute;
- be registered as a VPP with UVB or willing to register;
- be a practicing private sector VPP providing animal health services to livestock farmers;
- run your own small business and/or work as a freelance or mobile VPP;
- have access to an internet capable smartphone;
- be self-motivated and committed to complete 90 hours of online learning and to attend four workshops.

How to apply

There are places for 25 veterinary paraprofessionals per region 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 written applications is **20 February 2025 at 23.59**.

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

