



ERFAN Working Group Meeting on Animal Welfare

Mini-goals to be achieved for country during 2022-2023 in order to improve application of WOAH animal welfare standards

SOUTH AFRICA (*Dr Emmanuel Midzi*):

- end drafting new animal welfare bill and make efforts to let it approved by the Government
- Stds public part - transport by sea
- Eliminate bias due to “emotional thinking”
- South Africa Government already has a veterinary strategy that foresees a National AW WG, but it is not implemented. Efforts will be carried out in order to implement it.
- Improve animal welfare during calf rearing practices in communal areas: baseline study (possibly in collaboration with Namibia and Zimbabwe)

BOTSWANA (*Dr Pearl Mokoka*):

- Baseline study to assess perceptions on AW
- Identify one district (DVO- staff- vets) where collect perceptions on AW
- Identify people to participate: vets are certainly available
- Establish AW legislation based on OIE standards at a specific district. Participatory and asset based.

ESWATINI (*Dr Bavukile Kunene*)

- Diptank – ID reliable officers at diptanks
- Baseline for AW status + beyond
- Develop AW assessment protocol to evaluate welfare at diptanks
- Webinar from Baby (Namibia) can show what she is developing in New Zealand (taken from Davies and UK and modified according to NZ and Nam situation: extensive farm). This can be common to the other countries

NAMIBIA (*Dr Baby Kaurivi*)

- AW in school curricula: starting process
- Education ministry
- In 6 months teacher training
- AW act draft must go for public comment before being included in the national legislation
- Share own findings with WOAH focal point for AW/government vets/ERFAN AW WG
- Webinar on AW assessment for other members of the AWWG

ZIMBABWE (*Drs Lawrance Dinginya and Epiphania Machisi*)

- *Epiphania*: Small meeting vet extension workers perceptions on AW. They do not have veterinary background. They are the ones with more influence on farmers. Could develop into training
- *Lawrence*: Selected district baseline study on AW at diptanks
- *Ep and Law* should agree on the methodologies (protocols etc.); they are in two different districts 300 km far each from the other. The common AW assessment tool would be useful

ZAMBIA (*Dr Muyeye Gregory Mululuma*)

- Pilot district: District staff – vet assistants – livestock technicians: collect their perceptions/knowledge on AW. Design training based on the gaps highlighted. Participatory and asset based activity.
- Budget problems could arise to carry out all this. ERFAN? NEW WOAAH CC? WOAAH directly?

General/common activities:

- Baseline studies carried out in the different countries could develop into training and communication activities in each country, to be defined in the framework of an organic plan involving the whole SADC area
- Webinar to be carried out by *Baby Kaurivi* (PhD at Massey University, New Zealand) to describe the protocol for AW assessment in the peculiar Southern Africa conditions, to be used as common tool for AW assessment during the baseline studies