

Review of: "Enhancing Veterinary Services for Smallholder Farmers in Zimbabwe: A Comprehensive Literature Review"

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I would like to congratulate the authors for putting together this interesting paper addressing the veterinary services delivery in stallholder communities in Zimbabwe.

The paper is well written and easy to read.

One of the main recommendations to improve the VS delivery to SHF is “the establishment of collaboration and referral networks between veterinarians and paraprofessionals” based on the suggestion of Ilukor et al. (2015). It would be useful if the authors can provide more details on this approach and how can be implemented in the Zimbabwean context.

Also, the authors proposed that collaboration and coordination among the main actors in the SV delivery to SHF (the public sector, private sector, CAHWs, and ethnoveterinary practitioners) “can lead to improved veterinary services delivery, better access to veterinary inputs, and enhanced livestock health management in smallholder farming areas” but did not analyze how this can be implemented and what are the legal and institutional requirements (if any) for such arrangement in Zimbabwe.

The paper would gain much if the authors can summarize the approaches (for instance in a table) put forward in the paper to improve the VS delivery in SH communities highlighting the necessary requirements for effective implementation of each approach and the countries (if any) were they have been implemented.

Overall the paper is acceptable for publication minor adjustments for giving more details on the proposed approaches and recommendations.