

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

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This is an important paper and definitely will add more value to improving the veterinary services. However, I have the following comments for you.

You highlighted that "The aim was to have a qualified veterinarian heading every district, and while progress has been made in this regard, dwindling resources have hindered the effective execution of field operations". I suggest you include a review of budget allocation to the veterinary services so that we clearly understand how the resources have dwindled.

How many private veterinarian are in the private sector currently? Can we compare how the numbers have changed since privatization?

You have highlighted that CAHWs have been trained under donor-funded programs and have been involved in activities such as Newcastle Disease vaccination. Add some numbers to enrich the discussion.

You have mentioned several mitigation strategies against animal human health risks. However, what is missing is the current state of your suggestions.

In your conclusion, you have stated that the current veterinary services for smallholder farmers in Zimbabwe is inadequate. However, you have not clearly shown how the services are inadequate. Perhaps, adding some stats will substantiate this claim.

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