

Kwale Governor, Vet Students Participate in Community Livestock Vaccination

Kwale Governor, H.E Salim Mvurya together with Veterinary Medicine Students and local residents, administer deworming medicine to a calf.

Kwale County residents had all the reasons to smile thanks to the community outreach mass vaccination, treatment and deworming activities that were conducted on their livestock.

This noble activity was conducted in a collaborative effort of the University of Nairobi [Veterinary Students](#), County Government of Kwale, KCB Foundation and Kenya Veterinary Association. Together they visited areas such as Mwamandi, Mabamani, Rorogi, Banga, Gangani, Kilibasi and Nyango.

Being 70% semi-arid, Kenya is 26% deficient of meat production from livestock. Kwale occupants are predominantly livestock farmers. They keep local breeds of goats, sheep and cattle in large numbers. Climate in Kwale makes it favorable to keep livestock for beef production.

Dean of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, [Prof. Charles Mulei](#), encouraged all animal resources stakeholders to vaccinate and treat their livestock against diseases. They were also advised to limit livestock growth period to averagely three years, this is to help in quick production and hence minimizing cost of production and maximizing income when selling for beef production into the market.

Kwale Governor, H.E. Salim Mvurya, thanked Prof. Charles Mulei and the [University of Nairobi](#) students for their contribution towards improving people's lives through research for positive animal health and production. He also took that opportunity to officially open the newly constructed Mwamandi Cattle dip in Kinango.

Kenya Commercial Bank was primarily present in the initiative so as to provide affordable loans to farmers to empower them in practicing suitable livestock feeding, market access and access to other treatment services and finances.

About 20 students and hundreds of local veterinary service personnel participated in this exercise. Some of the diseases treated were Foot and Mouth disease and Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia (CCPP). Rabbits vaccination was administered to pets such as cats and dogs. More than 3000 pets and livestock were treated, dewormed and vaccinated.