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# Taskforce on the Planning for a Review Of CAHWs' Training Manual and Guidelines

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# Introduction

- Following previous discussions held in the LWG a taskforce was set up to plan for the review of the CAHWs' training manual + guidelines
- Meeting was held on 27 April 2018
- Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (Chair), VSF G, VSF Suisse, FAO, ICRC and RUCAPD
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# Background

- Agencies - commendable efforts to develop manuals and guidelines
- Potential for conflicting messages and approaches - various tools used
- Need to standardize and incorporate new approaches and best practices
- FAO supported the MLF to develop manuals and guidelines: not been adopted by partners (FAO requests IPs to use the tools)
- Mariou Lou training institute - developed a training manual + VSF B supported ML to develop a business guide for CAHWs.



# Background

- VSF Suisse engaged a consultant to develop a CAHW training manual. The consultant later joined AUIBAR & developed a CAHW training manual for the organization.
- ICRC has its own training manual.
- VSF G - manuals on Public Health + WASH (contextualized for cattle camps) and on Community Dialogues. These can be used as references.

## Some challenges / Gaps

- (a) “One Health” approach
- (b) Harmonization / inclusion of cost recovery: business approach
- (c) Simplicity – most CAHWs are illiterate: pictorial approach
- (d) Diseases covered during the training of CAHWs must be streamlined.
- (e) How should the CAHW veterinary kit be constituted?
- (d) Who trains CAHWs? Is it necessary for the trainers to be certified?
- (e) Cross cutting issues – **gender, nutrition and environment**
- (f) Poultry diseases not adequately covered

## Some challenges / Gaps

- (g) MLF policy on CAHWs + definition and recognition of their roles and functions.
- (h) Ltd focus on diseases of equines + animal welfare
- (i) Duration of CAHW training varies from 7 - 14 days: standardization
- (j) Certification of the trained CAHWs

## Next steps

- (a) Presentation / consultation in the LWG
  
- (b) Prepare TORs for a consultant to support the review of the existing situation and support the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries to develop / update a manual + guidelines that can be used by all partners.
  
- (c) Conduct an inventory of CAHWs e.g. through partners' feedback based on field experience.
  
- (d) MLF was urged to continue to lead the process



**THANK YOU!**

