

PILLAR 1

ANALYSING THE LOCAL CONTEXT AND NEEDS WITH COMMUNITIES

The first step in any CAHW programme is to ascertain that **training CAHWs is a relevant solution** to the needs expressed by the community. For this, **participatory analysis with all relevant stakeholders** is critical. This will allow to **tailor the future CAHW programme to the local context**.



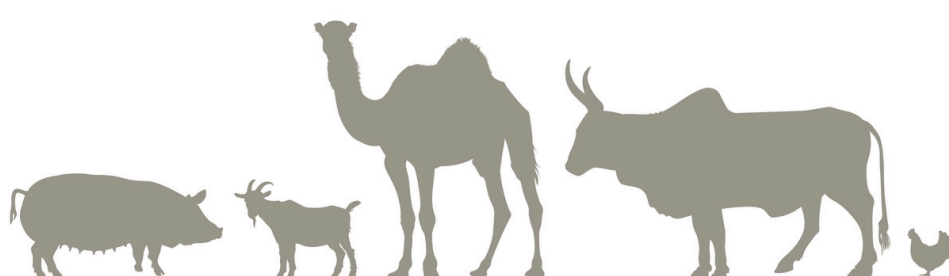
1. Carry out a participatory needs assessment with livestock keepers:

Use participatory approaches and methods for livestock keepers to **identify and prioritise** the main animal diseases and livestock problems encountered in the area.

Make sure to include in this analysis all members of the community, including **women, youth and other marginalized groups**.

Among the animal diseases and livestock problems identified, distinguish **those that can be handled by CAHWs** and those that will need to be handled by the other animal health service providers of the area.

→ The animal health problems that can be handled by CAHWs will be covered in the training curriculum (see **Pillar 4** of the Handbook)



2. Conduct a participatory analysis of the local context:

Identify **opportunities** (e.g. density of livestock, enabling institutional environment) **and threats** (e.g. inadequate infrastructure, unfair competition) that need to be anticipated to set up the CAHW programme.

→ See more potential opportunities and threats in **Pillar 2** of the Handbook

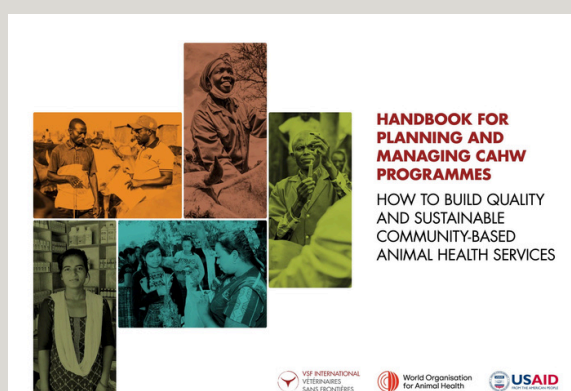


During this first phase, mapping the existing workforce is key!

- ➡ Identify the animal health service providers such as vets, VPPs and CAHWs **already active in the area** that can be positively or negatively impacted by the deployment of CAHWs.
- ➡ Think carefully the **number and location of future CAHWs to be trained** to ensure equity in service access to livestock keepers without creating oversupply.

This infographics is extracted from VSF International's **Handbook for planning and managing CAHW programmes**:

→ <http://vsf-international.org/handbook-cahw-programmes/>



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