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Task 2. Planning of periodical thematic seminars/workshop (Resp. MINEPIA)

GUIDELINES

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Distinctive cultural profile, scientific and technical knowledge are maintained dynamic thanks to a program of periodic short courses and thematic seminars. The updating activities are particularly useful for the staffs working within relevant ministries, who must continuously operate important choices in the field

- 1) of animal health,
- 2) food safety,
- 3) zoonosis for humans.

This task places the bases for the organisation of the activities for continuing education in veterinary science (C.E.V.S.)

Partners will jointly work for the formulation of the programs for both the short courses and thematic seminars, including in their analysis the necessary accompanying measures (promotion, edition of materials, etc.).

Training and technical capacity building of operators in the field of animal health and food safety .

Continuing

Education

This project intends to start a continuing education activities on the model of Continuing Medical Education (CME) adopted in Europe . This training is performed through the regular organization of seminars and workshops , both theoretical and practical , to which the graduates in these disciplines are expected to attend. The update task is in fact completely absent in African countries.

Such an activity could then be imported into other countries of the CEMAC . This activity continuously upgrade will be called Continuing Education in Veterinary Medicine (CEV) , Formation continue en médecine vétérinaire (FCMV) .

In light of these training activities (2006-2008) implemented by the University of Udine with the University of Yaounde 1 , are proposed for this activity continuing education issues in the fields of veterinary hygiene , animal health and food safety. This activity in Europe , are managed and organized by ministries, universities , private training institutions . In Cameroon, it was decided to involve the MINEPIA . An official of the ministry , will coordinate this activity . The official of

Cameroon will work closely with staff of the University of Udine and Health Authority to acquire the necessary skills to be able to organize and manage those activities . The update task will have the characteristics of a theoretical and practical activity on very specific topics of interest to veterinarians working in the national veterinary service or at private facilities . The educational activities will be concentrated in a few days (one to 3-5 maximum) to not disturb the work activities. The training activities will include an update on the key issues : animal health, methods of prevention of diseases, zoonoses , veterinary health legislation , legislation food safety , food safety, methods of control of food of animal origin, risk management. The training activities will be managed by Minepia , in collaboration with the University of Yaounde 1 and Ngaundere , using teachers who have already obtained a specialization in the industry, highly skilled professionals , university teachers . To cover the missing areas it is possible to use ODL (Open Distant Learning) , including through the preparation of teaching modules on computer . Veterinarians employees by the relevant ministries will be required to attend at least one training course per year (based on a model of the course of about 3 days , 8 hours per day , plus one hour for the final evaluation , it is a total of 25 hours of the course of 1 credit FCMV .) To ensure the greatest number of veterinarians to benefit of continuing education courses will be organized from time to time in different locations , identifying these prime locations spread across the entire geographical area of the country : Yaoundé , Douala , Bafoussam , Ngaundere , Garoua , Maroua . At the end of the course , the organizer will issue a certificate of attendance , proving the credits taken and the arguments put forward . For the implementation of this program will be organized a first pilot course . The program will be accepted by the Ministries of Livestock of the CEMAC States.

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