

Annex 1: interviews schedule for farmer focus groups

Overarching question with prompts

Part I: Access to services and advice

- 1. Where do you get your veterinary and animal health advice from?
- 2. How easy it is to get a veterinary consultation?
- 3. How many Animal Health Technicians (AHT) are there in the region? What would you consult them about?
- 4. Do you ever consult your veterinary drugs supplier for information and advice? (Such as: Information on disease conditions in your animals, disease prevention and correct husbandry practices?). Please explain your answer.
- 5. What information do dispensers provide information on withdrawal periods or drug use when you buy your drugs?
- 6. When you get your animal medicines, what are you told about how to use/administer the drugs you bought? (Such as: How and where to administer the drug, how to handle the drug during use) .
- 7. When buying animal medicines, do you tell the dispenser which product you want or are you advised which drugs to buy? What do you ask for?
- 8. If the dispenser advises you, what reasons does he/she provide for the choice?
- 9. Are the medicines you require always available at the drug store? Please explain your answer.
- 10. Does it matter to you in what pack sizes or volumes medicines are sold? If so, why?

Part II: Disease and disease risks

- 1. Tell me about your livestock, your enterprise and production.
- 2. What do you think are the main disease risks from your livestock? What clinical signs do you commonly see?
- 3. Which of these diseases worry you the most? Can you explain why these diseases worry you?
- 4. Which diseases are reportable?
- 5. Are you aware of any diseases that can be passed on from livestock to humans? Or from pets to humans? If so, which ones are you aware of? Can you comment on how serious they are?
- 6. For example, in your opinion, does abortion in animals pose a risk to human health?

Part III: Use of veterinary medicine

- 1. What animal drugs do you most commonly use, and why do you use them?
- 2. What do you know about the risks to people from contact with animal drugs. Where has this information come from (Such as :Veterinarian, agricultural merchant, AHT).
- 3. When buying your animal drugs, how are you advised how to dispose of used drug medicine containers?
- 4. Have you ever had any adverse effect (e.g. rash, sickness etc) after treating livestock? Provide details of the drug and the effect.
- 5. Have you ever observed any adverse effect on your livestock after treatment? (eg. abortion, death, passing out etc? Please give details of drug and the effect.
- 6. Do you put on gloves and nose cap when using dips?

- 7. Do dispensers ask if you milk your cattle or goats before giving you the medicines or whether you farm for meat, milk or wool?
- 8. Do you ever report if a medicine caused side-effects in your animals? If you do, whom do you report to?
- 9. Do you sometimes use animal medicines to treat another animal than the one it is recommended for? (eg. Medicines for sheep in goats or cattle in goats?)

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