

5 DAY ANIMAL CAREGIVER'S TRAINING & FREE ANIMAL HEALTH CAMP jointly Organized by Zeliangrong Baptist Association and VETnet Foundation India and Supported by Bead for the world, at Tamenglong District.

In order to extend a helping hand to the farmers of Tamenglong District, 5 Days Animal Caregiver's Training was conducted on 13-17th February 2023, organized by Zeliangrong Baptist Association in collaboration with VETNET foundation with the objectives to make the farmers aware about the animal health as well as providing necessary treatment to their animals. The resources team of 5 VETNET veterinary Doctors along with the ZBA staff facilitated the 5 days intensive animal training at Tamenglong District.

The program began with an orientation for all the participants and Resource Mapping of the animals in the surrounding areas were conducted inclusively of cattle, poultry, goats, pigs, dogs and cats. With the active participation from all the participants, case study was made on different animals and their sickness. Meanwhile, groups were divided, the different groups sorted out the list of animals, the problems (diseases) and how do we deal with the problems. Accordingly, the resources team reflected on the paper presented by the by the participants and prepared a precise presentation.

The following session emphasized on the preventive measures of different viral and bacterial diseases among livestock and other domesticated animals. An illustrative class was conducted on the three ways of disease transmission through- soil, water and air. Out of the presented cases the most common problem recorded during the camp were to be internal problems related to tick infestation, diarrhea, worms, malnutrition, low milk yield, lack of appetite. The animals were examined by the doctors and a line of treatment was suggested along with the treatment of some animals on the spot. The farmers were advised to do routine deworming and vaccination along with feeding of supplemental mineral vitamin mixture to improve their body nutrient status and overall health. After a demonstrative theory class, participants were put to hands on practice with the guidance from the doctor's team. Some of the activities taken up were deworming, anti-rabies vaccination on dogs, vitamin injection, castration of piglets and dogs and surgery on pigs.

Dr. Dickson explained about the management of the animals, in which he mentioned about the housing, spacing, pasture rotation, Birth attention, Feeding regulations, watering, separation, disposal of carcass, care during milking and quarantine of the outside animals. To have a healthy animal, the participants were given orientation on routine management- Daily routine, weekly routine, Monthly and yearly routine. Afterwhich, Dr. Heidi Lobprise, discussed about the categorization of healthy and diseased animals. In which she explained about the body texture, body weight, temperature, heart rate, Gum and eye check of animals. She mentioned about the treatment for fever, other medication and signs of diagnosing other sickness. Dr. Tracy took time to mention about the awareness in periodical development of bacterial and viral infections on animals. She shared about the passage of diseases from food

and pasture, infection of worms from pastures, deworming of chickens, pigs and cows. Dr. Raja Pangir had oriented the participants on different kinds of animal sickness, periodical medication and proper use of dosage on different animals.

Free Animals Health Care and Vaccination were carried out in 5 different centers:

1. Old Tamenglong (Inrianglong)
2. Khang Chiuluan
3. Happy Villa
4. ZBCCNEI Campus and
5. RBCC Campus and surrounding areas.

About 100 farmers, farmwomen and youths participated in this training. The participants were enhanced in the livestock keeping technologies, home grown nutrients production, and improving reproduction status. More than 200 hundred animals received the treatment, besides the health check-ups and treatment of the animals several essential veterinary medicines including mineral mixtures and vitamins, deworming medicine and wound healing ointments were distributed among the farmers. The farmers were motivated in ensuring overall growth of their economy. The 5 Days Animal Health Camp received an overwhelming response from the farmers. As requested, the church leaders in the town areas actively supported for the successful conduction of the program.

Photos:



Pic.1. Orientation at Unity Stadium Old Tamenglong.



Pic 2. Theory Class on the preventive measures of diseases at Tamenglong Baptist Church.



Pic.3 Demonstration of Healthy and diseased animal.



Pic.4 Observation, piglet brought for treatment.



Pic.5 Demo class of infection transmission of diseases



Pic.6 Interaction with Participants.



Pic.7 Hands on practice, deworming dog



Pic. 8 Anti- Rabies vaccination.



Pic.9 Doctors in action Castration of Piglet.



Pic.10 Temperature check on cow.



Pic.11 Deworming a Goat.



Pic.12 Participants with the VETNET & ZBA team.



Pic.13 Participants in action, vaccination of poultry.



Pic.14. Inch Tape body weight measurement.