
UoN VERU Participates in El Nino Mitigation Intervention in Baringo on 3rd-8th October 2015



Baringo County Governor, H.E Benjamin Chesire Cheboi and Prof. Fred Kiptoon Harun Segor PS State Department of Livestock, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries flagging off Baringo Rift Valley Vaccination campaign as part of El Niño Disaster Preparedness.

The University of Nairobi, through the College of Veterinary Sciences, is in collaboration with the Directorate of Veterinary Services, County Government of Baringo and World Animal Protection in running a 14-day El Nino Animal Preparedness Campaign in Baringo.

The campaign which was officially launched by the Baringo County Governor, H.E Benjamin Chesire Cheboi, aims at helping animal owners prepare for floods and diseases caused by the expected El Nino rains.

The Governor welcomed the initiative and applauded the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and World Animal Protection for their participation. He encouraged the University to further expand its collaboration with the County to include research and training in the animal resource sector.

On his part, the acting Principal, CAVS, Prof. Charles Mulei, noted that the campaign is part of the College's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Further, he said that the University is committed to offering community based research to underpin its commitment to excellence within its CSR pillars.

The campaign entails public service messaging and advice, veterinary treatment and deworming, mass vaccination campaigns against Rift Valley Fever (RVF) for cattle, sheep and goats, rabies for dogs. These activities will build the immunity of the animals and prepare them to better survive the El Nino disaster.

Being the only institution offering Animal Disaster Management Courses in Africa, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicines' support will be key in managing and mitigating animal disasters in case the predicted El Nino occurs in Kenya. Some of the key activities carried out included vaccination of livestock against Rift Valley Fever disease, treatment of sick animals and community training on animal welfare and disaster mitigation especially targeting the expected El Nino phenomenon.

The University's collaborations with World Animal Protection offer vast exposure in the field of disaster management to the students and faculty, and County staff members.