

Director of Veterinary Services at Kakamega County

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Job Description

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Kakamega County is one of the 47 counties in the Republic of Kenya. It borders Vihiga County to the south, Siaya County to the West, Bungoma County to the North and Nandi County to the East. The county covers an area of .3 Km2 (Kakamega CDP,). The altitude of the county is between 1, metres and 2, metres above sea level.

Duties and Responsibilities:

An Officer at this level will be answerable to the Chief Officer for the technical services in the directorate. Specific duties and responsibilities at this level will entail;

Provide leadership in the formulation, development, implementation, monitoring and review of policies, laws and strategies in the animal health sector;

Plan and coordinate programs on the control and eradication of epizootic diseases and pests; and compiling and interpreting technical reports;

Evaluate slaughterhouse designs and make recommendations for approval;

Enforce food safety and quality assurance regulations in local and export slaughterhouses and other animal products processing plants;

Evaluate export/import requests documents in respect to live animals, animal products, byproducts and inputs;

Plan field efficacy trials for drugs, vaccines and acaricides;

Disseminate information on animal health, products and markets;

Coordinate inspection of private veterinary practices and input outlets in collaboration with the Kenya Veterinary Board;

Organize disease search, investigations on antimicrobial and acaricide resistance, monitoring, mapping and outbreak responses;

Prepare and implement performance targets, work plans and budgets and prepare project proposal for resource mobilization; and

Plan and coordinate staff management and development.

Requirements for Appointment:

For appointment to this grade, an officer must have:

Served in the grade of Deputy Director of Veterinary Services (SADVS), Job Group CPSB 04/'Q' in the Public Service, for a minimum period of three years or in a comparable and equivalent position in the wider Public Service or Private Sector;

Master's degree in any of the following fields; Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Surgery, Livestock Economics, Forensic science, Animal nutrition and Feed Science, Animal Genetics and Breeding, Clinical Studies, Veterinary Public Health, Livestock Production Systems, Poultry Science, Master of Public Health, Applied Veterinary Parasitology, Applied Microbiology, Comparative Mammalian Physiology, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Wildlife health and Management, Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics, Animal Production or Aquatic Sciences from a recognized institution;

Bachelors of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) Degree from a recognized institution;

Be registered by Kenya Veterinary Board;

Certificate in Strategic Leadership Development Programme (SLDP) lasting not less than six weeks from a recognized institution; and

Shown outstanding administrative capabilities and professional competence required in managing veterinary services

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