

THEME 3: Animal health delivery and response

TITLE: An Overview Of The Post-War Intervention actions and strategies in The Somalia Livestock Sector: 1992-2005

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ABSTRACT: Over the last decade and a half Somalia has been characterised by recurrent drought, sporadic civil war and economic decline. Yet, the country still supports a significant livestock population. However, in the absence of a central government Somali livestock support services are inadequately equipped to assess the quality requirements of the veterinary department. Thus, the importers lack appropriate certification services. This paper reflects on the post war intervention actions and strategies by an International Non-Governmental Organisation (Terra Nuova) that has contributed to the development of the Somali livestock sector over the past twelve years. It describes relief, rehabilitation and development efforts as well as the need of integrating sectoral interventions including human resource development and education, animal health services provision and institutional strengthening (both in the public and private sector) for the enhancement of livestock health, production, trade and export. Suggestions are provided that may be useful in making the Somali livestock sector regain its place in the international trade fora. The potential use of the adaptive strategies developed in Somalia for other African pastoral production systems will be presented.