

Evaluation of Impact of a Paravet-Based Health Care System in a Pastoral Region of Ethiopia

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The paper presents some methodological aspects and results issued from a retrospective evaluation of Community based animal health workers (CBAHW) project undertaken by an international Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) in the Afar pastoral region of Ethiopia, with support of research centres. The paper highlights the various definitions of evaluation, effectiveness (potential, intermediate, final), and efficiency (cost effectiveness or technical efficiency) of an animal health service and attempts to apply these definitions to the project. It thus introduces various ways for differentiating and measuring indicators of impact, given scarcity of data in such marginal environment, multiple sources of information, and from both service supply and demand perspective. This approach may help for evaluating non conventional veterinary services, when OIE animal health code rules should be applied on alternative schemes and mixed veterinary systems.