

Training Village Animal Health Workers in Nepal: A case study

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Abstract

The UMN's Rural Development Centre/AHTCS is involved in training VAHWS since 1981 and altogether 1400 were trained till 2000. The training and follow up reports maintained at AHTCS from January 1996 to 2000 (five years) was analyzed in this study. A total of 294 persons were trained during this period in 18 different trainings, out of which 87.10 percent (256) were males and 12.90 percent (38) were females. 61.56 percent (157) were certified after follow up visit having satisfactory result. 63.80 percent (188) of the trained VAHWS had got secondary level education and 68 percent (200) fall the age group below 30 years. Geographically, it has covered 36 districts of all agro-ecological stratas of Nepal covering 13 zones of all development regions. After approval from CTEVT in April 1998, AHTCS has conducted 14 Skill Testing Examinations in different parts of Nepal since September 1998 to July 2000. A total of 231 experienced VAHWS trained through the AHTCS (then AHITP) attended the Exam in which 8.65 percent (20) were females and 91.35 percent (211) were males. 60.60 percent (140) successfully passed the exam and got certificate equivalent to non-graduate level-3. It also has covered 29 districts, 13 zones covering all 5 development regions. The highest number of participants in both cases was from Okhaldhunga (37 for VAHW training and 25 for Skill Testing Examination). (This study was conducted for the fulfilment of undergraduate degree research).