

3. Funding and Budgetary implications:

The implementation of the Veterinary Practitioners’ Bill will be financed by Government through Non Tax Revenue in addition to available resources under the Agro Industrialization programme.

4. Expected savings and/or Revenue to Government:

There are only about 1,186 registered veterinarians supervising over 3,700 unregistered veterinary para-professionals that are close and deliver vital services to farmers. The current Veterinary Surgeons Act, Cap 277 of 1958 does not however recognize the veterinary paraprofessionals and yet their services are critical to farmers.

This bill seeks to provide an institutional framework for regulation of veterinary practice by providing for training, registration and licensing of all Veterinary professionals in Uganda including Veterinary para-professionals and to establish the Uganda Veterinary Council (The Council) as a regulatory body responsible for regulation of all veterinary practice in Uganda.

5. Impact on the Economy

The proposed Veterinary Practitioners’ Bill if enacted and operationalized will improve veterinary services in terms of quality and coverage. This will lead to reduced environmental hazards arising from poor disposal of veterinary drugs and devices thereby protecting non-target species; increased national, regional and international trade in livestock products; increased employment opportunities, incomes to both herders, farmers, other value chain actors and Governments; reduced incidence of animal diseases; increased animal production and productivity resulting in enhanced food security at household and national levels; improved public health as a result of control of animal diseases communicable to man (zoonosis) among others.

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