



Veterinary Services Directorate

Mission

"To ensure a stable animal health situation through the provision of quality animal health care services by both public and private sector veterinary practitioners to enhance livestock, poultry and companion animals' production and productivity."

Vision

"The vision of the Veterinary Services Directorate is to create an animal health system which provides quality animal health services to enhance livestock production and productivity."

Veterinary Services Directorate is one of the Technical Directorates of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture. The Directorate is responsible for animal health service delivery in Ghana.

Objective

1. Protect public health by controlling animal diseases communicable to human beings
2. Provide animal health services for the national livestock in order to further the expansion of the livestock and poultry industries in the country
3. To alleviate suffering among animals.
4. Protect the health and safety of pet and zoological animals.

Functions of Veterinary Directorate

Some of the functions of the directorate include:

- a. To assist in the formulation of sound animal health policies that will provide congenial animal health environment for increase livestock production.
- b. To ensure the timely availability of reliable and relevant data on animal health information for efficient management decision
- c. To strengthen institutional capacity for improved animal health management and services delivery.
- d. To improve farmer and public knowledge of animal disease and encourage their participation in animal disease prevention and control activities.
- e. To ensure protection of public health through controlling diseases communicable from animals to human beings.
- f. To ensure that meat and other products of animal origin are safe for human consumption
- g. VSD helps to regulate imports of meat and animal products by ensuring that such products come from countries certified by the OIE to be disease-free.
- h. Control of movement of animals by ensuring that only healthy animals are permitted to be moved from one area to another to prevent disease transfer.
- i. To ensure that all animal coming into the country are quarantined and only those found healthy are allowed passage into the country.

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