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INFLUENCING  
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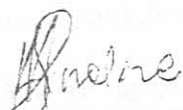
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## SUMMARY

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The aim of this research study was to investigate the socio-economic and socio-cultural factors influencing people's involvement and participation in Animal Health Service delivery in Madinyane. The objectives of the research was

- To establish a knowledge base of social development and animal health services in a rural community context.
- To determine the community members' needs and problems with regard to the Animal Health Service in Madinyane.
- To identify the strengths, capacities, and resources within the community which could facilitate participation and development.
- To identify guidelines to encourage involvement in the Animal Health Service in Madinyane.

The approach for the study was qualitative and the type of research was applied. The research design for the study was descriptive.

Findings of the study indicated that there are various factors that affect the involvement of the people in the Animal Health Services in Madinyane. These factors mainly stem from poverty and a lack of education and capacity. Key conclusions of the study were as follows:

- Animal owners lack knowledge as far as animal management and commercial farming is concerned due to the fact that they never received any formal or informal training about livestock farming.
- The fact that the respondents lack knowledge about various factors related to farming as a result of their lack of training, contributes to their low involvement in the service because they do not understand the importance of the service.
- The community is faced with poverty, so members are cautious and sensitive whenever money is involved. The small amount they have at their disposal must be used for the needs of their families. Consequently, payments for services to their livestock remain a very critical issue. The community is not only in need of better animal health services, but also development of the total community.

The study is concluded with specific guidelines for the facilitation of involvement in the Animal Health Service in Madinyane.

**Key words**

- Animal health service
- Community development
- Socio-economic factors
- Socio-cultural factors
- People participation
- Community involvement
- Poverty
- Rural development
- Small-scale farmers
- Community participation

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