VIRTUAL Learning Center for SADC

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Objectives

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Why is the VLC
important?

The livestock sector supports livelihoods, food and nutrition security and provides an important pathway out of poverty for millions of people in Southern Africa.

Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) pose a real threat to this sector, and developing the capacity of veterinary services is key to improve early detection and effective management of TADs. However, many countries in the region cannot afford the type of resources required for organizing face-to-face training.

The Virtual Learning Centre (VLC) for Southern Africa aims at bridging this gap by providing on-line courses.

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- 1. Improve the capacity of public and private veterinary services to prepare for, detect and respond to outbreaks of TADs, and to progressively control those TADs which are endemic.
- 2. Promote and strengthen regional networks for planning and coordination of regional activities against TADs including surveillance, early warning systems, response to disease emergencies and progressive control.
- 3. Provide national training management support in order to develop or improve systems for promoting and recording Continuous Professional Development (CPD) of veterinary service staff.

On-line courses will be offered to SADC countries on a regular basis. The courses planned for the first semester of 2020 are:

- FMD Vaccines, Vaccination and Post Vaccination Monitoring.
- · Public Private Partnerships.
- FMD Investigation Training Course.