

SIERRA LEONE CIVIL SERVICE

JOB DESCRIPTION

Veterinary Officer

JOB DETAILS

Job Title: Veterinary Officer **Supervisor/Manager Title:** Senior Veterinary Officer

MDA: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Unit/Division/Directorate: Livestock Directorate **Grade:** 7

Job Summary

The job holder is responsible for providing veterinary services for the improvement of general health of livestock, the development of livestock industry through prevention and control of animal diseases.

Key Duties

Duty/responsibility	Estimated Percentage of time (%)
Examine animals to detect and determine the nature of diseases or injuries and treat same by prescribing medication, dressing wounds or performing surgery.	20%
Educate farmers on animal production, management, provisional treatment/control measures and effective use of available technologies for livestock health.	20%
Collect and maintain data on livestock diseases, production, vaccination and sterilization to assist with promotional campaigns for livestock farming and veterinary public health activities.	20%
Assist with the conduct of research on animal production and animal health or improved breeding of livestock.	15%
Assist with the planning and organising of veterinary projects and programmes to provide training for field staff.	10%
Assist in conducting basic epidemiological surveillance for the prevention and outbreak of diseases.	5%
Supervise the day-to-day activities of field staff.	10%

Occasional duties

The jobholder may be required to:

- Represent the Directorate at meetings and conferences
- Perform any other official duties assigned

Judgement and Decision-Making

The jobholder makes routine decision at supervisory level on the day to day activities of the field staff.

Educational Requirements

A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science or related discipline from a recognized University.

Related Job Experience

Entry Level

Competencies/skills

- Knowledge of performing diagnostic procedures on animals and use of related medical technologies;
- Basic knowledge of the legal directives relating to the humane treatment of animals;
- Knowledge of animal behavior and animal husbandry;
- Ability to handle large, frightened or sick animals;
- Computer skills;
- Oral and written communication skills;
- Interpersonal skills;
- Research skills;
- Detailed Orientation skills;
- People management skills.

Work environment

The job is an office and field based role with severe exposure to hazards, moderate physically demanding activities due to prolonged use of computer, and moderate disruption to leisure.