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GALVmed: protecting livestock, saving human life
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More than a strapline, a philosophy, and a route to sustainability

Issues covered:

- 70% of poor people in the developing world are dependant upon livestock yet it is alleged less than 5% of International Aid is spent on Agriculture why and what impact might that have?
- Is food security about livestock as well as crops?
- We have heard that Livestock can damage the environment, how true is that in the developing world?
- This conference is about healthy animals , how does Animal Health contribute to food security and longer term sustainability?
- What role do vaccines diagnostics and medicines play in this scenario?
- What are the key barriers that we face in keeping animals healthy in the developing world?
- Why are veterinarians crucial in a food security context?
- What GALVmed is doing?
- Some case studies.
- A conclusion; Animal Health, food security, poverty alleviation and sustainability are closely linked and the veterinarian and animal health professions are making a crucial and unique difference to the lives of poor people