



BROOKE WEST AFRICA'S APPROACH TO ONE WELFARE

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PRESENTATION OF BROOKE WEST AFRICA

Brooke is an international charity that protects and improves the lives of horses, donkeys and mules which give people in the developing world the opportunity to work their way out of poverty. Brooke is present in 11 countries in Asia, Africa, Central America and the Middle East.



OUR VISION

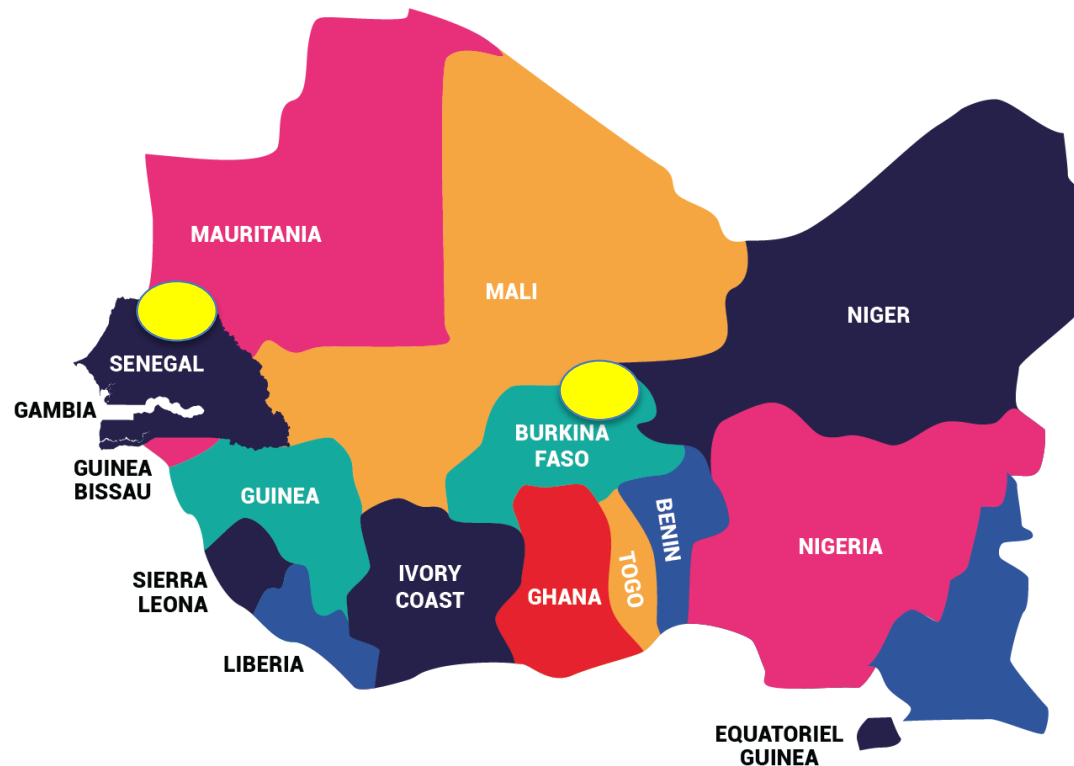
Our vision is of a world in which working horses, donkeys and mules are free from suffering.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to transform the lives of vulnerable working horses, donkeys and mules around the world. We relieve their immediate suffering and create lasting change by working with people, communities and organisations.



Brooke West Africa is a branch and covers the West Africa countries.



Generalities on ONE WELFARE



One Welfare serves to highlight the interconnections between animal welfare, human wellbeing and the environment. It fosters interdisciplinary collaboration to improve human and animal welfare internationally. One Welfare also helps to promote key global objectives such as supporting food security, sustainability, reducing human suffering and improving productivity within the farming sector through a better understanding of the value of high welfare standards.

KEY FACTS

- Animal health is an essential component of animal welfare.
- Animal welfare is a multicultural and multidimensional issue.
- OIE's intergovernmental standards provide a common basis for animal welfare worldwide.

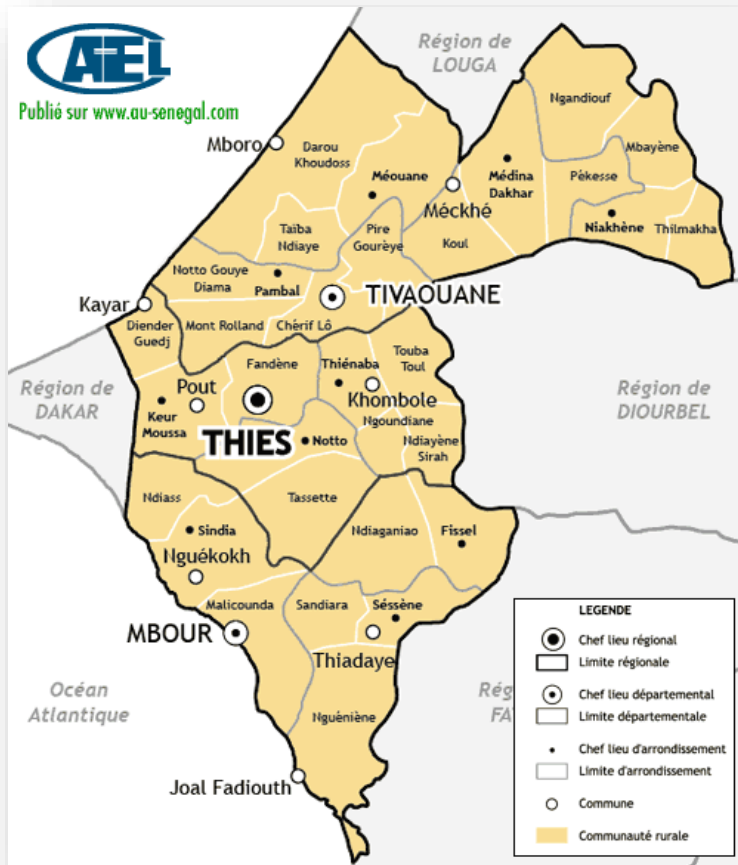
- The separation between human, social, and animal welfare is an artificial compartmentalisation.
- These disciplines rely on the same set of scientific measures and heavily depend on each other in an ecological context.
- A One Welfare approach is necessary to appreciate and utilise fully the direct and indirect benefits of animal welfare improvements to human wellbeing and also the links to the environment.

TESTING THE OPERATIONALITY OF THE CONCEPT

THE Environment



- Desert climate
- Aridity and poor rainfall (360 mm/year on average)
- Mean temperature: 36°C
- Agriculture is the main activity
- Monetary Poverty rate is 38%



THE Equine owners/users

Farmers using horses
(transport of people and
goods to have additional
income, 5\$/day)



Welfare status of the equids



Animal abuse
Mistreatment/Cruelty
Overworking

Setting up a pilot project consistent with the One welfare Framework.....

- HARSH ENVIRONMENT
- IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES
- POOR ANIMAL WELFARE STATUS



Testing the operationalisation of the *One welfare* concept

consists in 3 axes:

- HELPING COMMUNITIES TO THRIVE
- IMPROVING ANIMAL WELFARE
- PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

One Welfare Pilot project expected outcomes

- **Reduction in animal abuse** Animals often act as indicators of human health and welfare, as can be seen in the link between animal abuse, family and social violence.
- **Improved animal welfare – addressing social problems** Within inner city areas, it is not unusual for cases of animal cruelty and abuse to be related to poverty and social problems.
- **Improved animal welfare – addressing poverty and local community support** Where there are poor states of human welfare, there are often poor states of animal welfare.
- **Evidencing the dependence between Animal welfare, including animal health, Human wellbeing and the environment**

Helping communities to thrive

- Savings & Loans groups (engagement in a collective & solidarity-based S-C systems). Solidarity Fund which is used to provide grants)
- Fodder production (direct & indirect income, animal food)



IMPROVING ANIMAL WELFARE

- Awareness raising on Animal welfare
- Training on Husbandry practices
- Support/training of service providers



Protecting the Environment

- **Reforestation** (fight vs. desertification; windbreaks; animal food; medicines)
- **Agroecology** (sustainable cultivation methods; organic fertilizer; soil conservation methods)



Conclusions

- Brooke West Africa existing work supports and aligns with "ONE WELFARE" concept
- "ONE WELFARE" concept can be implemented with relatively simple and sustainable initiatives
- Mainstreaming One Welfare approach is necessary to appreciate and utilise fully the direct and indirect benefits of animal welfare improvements to human wellbeing and also the links to the environment

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