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ABSTRACT

The study focused on the role of the State and the environment in indigenous livestock farming in Debe Marela in Middledrift. Although communal farmers in the area used ethnoveterinary medicines to treat and prevent animal diseases, they also widely used conventional medicines, as these often provided a remedy to animal diseases. The livestock farmers believed in indigenous knowledge which empowered them in using herbs to a certain extent, but the latter was preferred. The Department of Agriculture has featured as a support institution and although livestock farmers in the area have participated in and benefitted from state programmes, they believe that they needed more interventions such as visits from veterinary surgeons, Extension Officers and Animal Health Technicians. The study therefore attempts to address the gaps highlighted in the work of other researchers.

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ACRONYMS

AHT	Animal Health Technician
ANC	African National Congress
CA	Contagious Abortion
DLA	Department of Land Affairs
DOA	Department of Agriculture
FMD	Foot and Mouth Disease
IDP	Integrated Development Plan
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal
TB	Tuberculosis