

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP ON PARAVET REGULATION IN INDIA

The National Academy of Veterinary Sciences (NAVS), and Brooke India jointly organized an interactive workshop on 'Para-vet Regulation in India' on 11th August, 2017 in New Delhi. The participants of the workshop included veterinarians, professionals and subject matter experts from the government as well as private and social development sectors. The workshop proceeded in the form a panel discussion wherein all the participants were divided into 4 groups. Each group was provided with a topic on which suggestions and recommendations had to be developed. These topics were:

- a) Para-vet Regulatory body at National and State Levels with their defined roles
- b) Regulation for para-vet institutions: Scale per state, courses eligibility, syllabus, duration, faculty, infrastructure, exam system, affiliation to university and certification
- c) Role of Para-vets vis-a-vis Community-Based Animal Health Workers (CBAHW)
- d) Rules for registration of para-vets and CBAHW at state level

Dr. Suresh Honnappagol, Commissioner, Animal Husbandry, Government of India, chaired the workshop, and stressed on the need for creating a cadre of para-vets in the country to provide health-related services to animals. The recommendations put forth by all the four panels were duly noted and incorporated into a policy paper which is being prepared by Brooke India. This paper on 'Para-vet Regulation in India' will be submitted to the government of India.