

Baringo County Governor, H.E Benjamin Chesire Cheboi, officially launched the 14 day El Nino Animal preparedness campaign, which commenced with training of the veterinary emergency response. The campaign is a collaboration between the Directorate of Veterinary Services, County government of Baringo, University of Nairobi and World Animal Protection. The campaign aims to help animal owners prepare for floods and disease caused by the expected El Nino.

During the launch, the Governor welcomed the initiative and applauded the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and World Animal Protection for their participation. He encouraged the University to further expand its collaboration with the County to include research and training in the animal resource sector. In his part, the acting College Principal, Prof. Charles Mulei, highlighted that this campaign is part of the College's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Furthermore, the University is committed to offering community based research to underpin its commitment to excellence within its CSR pillars.

The campaign entails public service messaging and advice, veterinary treatment and deworming, mass vaccination campaigns against Rift Valley Fever (RVF) for cattle, sheep and goats, rabies for dogs. These activities will build the immunity of the animals and prepare them to better survive the El Nino disaster. Being the only institution offering Animal Disaster Management Courses in Africa, the University of Nairobi's Faculty of Veterinary Sciences' support will be key in managing and mitigating animal disasters in case the predicted El Nino occurs in Kenya.

The University's collaborations with World Animal Protection offer vast exposure in the field of disaster management to the students and faculty.