

IR2. COMMUNITY APPRECIATION OF THE COMMUNITY ANIMAL HEALTH WORKERS: THE TESTIMONY OF DEKHA MOHAMMED YUSSUF

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Deka Mohamed Yussuf is a 50 year old widow living in Badade with her eight children. She survives by rearing sheep and goats (shoats) of which she currently has 45. Last year, she lost 15 shoats due to sickness, despite spending money to save them.

She believes that people she consulted had very little knowledge or capacity to save her animals as many other pastoralists in her area experienced the same.

However this year when her animals fell sick she contacted the AFREC trained CAHW who treated her animals.

“I did not have the money to buy drugs for my livestock but the CAHW provided treatment at a very low cost, almost free and now I have healthy animals again. In addition, the CAHWs are also giving us advice on what the problems are and the follow up needed. I am very grateful to the staff and the organizers of the exercise and I would like to tell VSF-S that it was an important and useful project and request them to bring such treatment another time.” Says Deka.