

# Veterinary Skills for International Development

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# Setting the Scene: Livestock in International Development



# Veterinary Skills for Development: Medicine & Surgery...





# Veterinary Skills for Development: Research



- The most valuable research does not stay in the laboratory and the office, it is research FOR development (R4D)
- Conversely, development interventions without a solid evidence (research) base can be ineffective or even harmful.



# What clinical practice and research have in common: LISTENING



Quarry, W. & Ramirez, R. (2009) *Communication for Another Development: Listening Before Telling*. London: Zed Books.

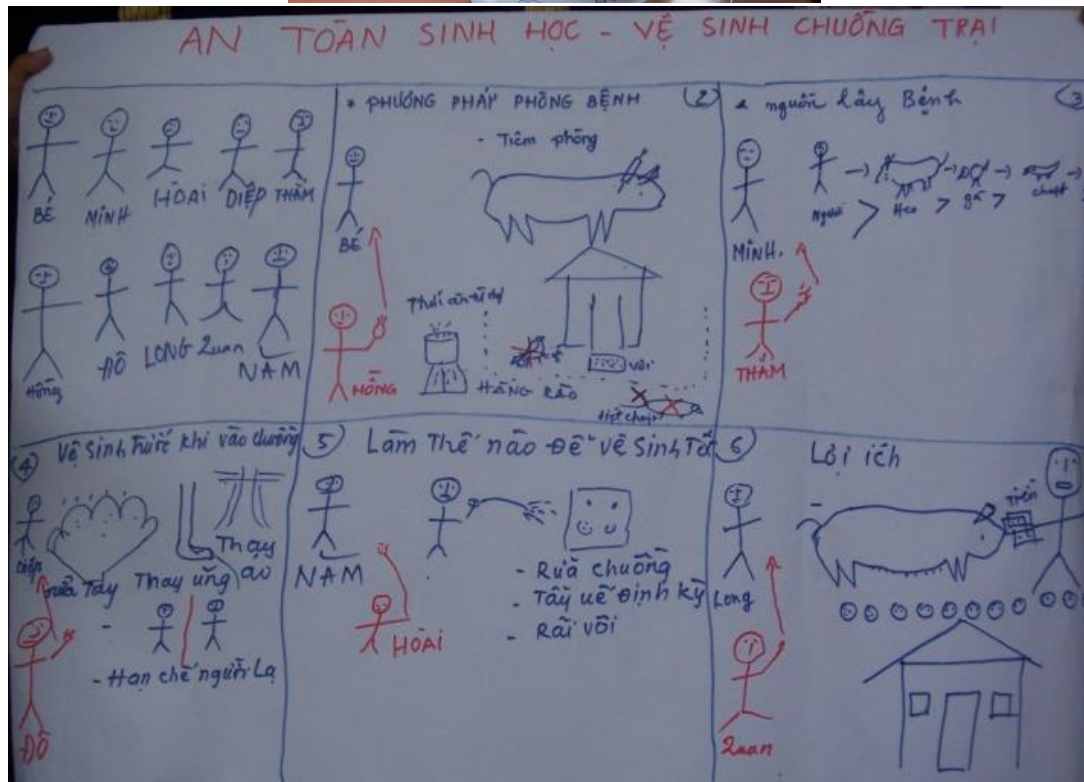


# 5<sup>th</sup> year veterinary research elective

*Turning veterinary on-farm trials into farmer-led learning through participatory video*



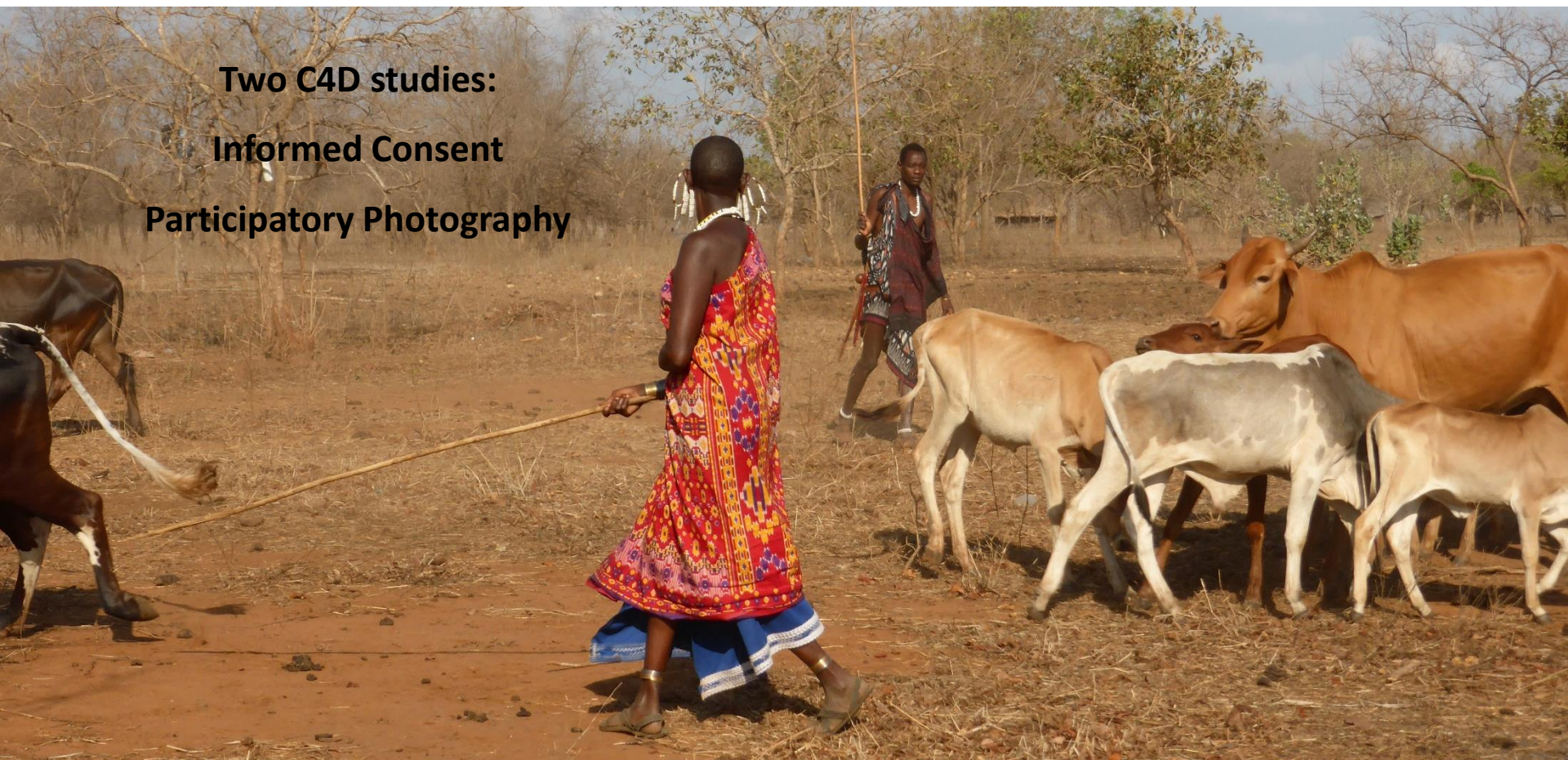
# Listening through Storyboarding





# Working with ILRI

**Two C4D studies:  
Informed Consent  
Participatory Photography**





# Informed Consent study

*Choosing the right communication tools and process for informed consent*



# Informed Consent study



*Assessment of comprehension  
& engagement*

*Providing feedback & talking  
through any  
misunderstandings*





# Listening through photographs and narratives



1. Farmers took photographs to show the changes that had occurred over 4 years
2. Co-researcher recorded farmer narratives, for our analysis
3. Farmers invited to share photographs and knowledge at an exhibition



# “What does a veterinarian do?”

‘Think outside the square’





# What you can do today

1. Get creative – Read about what you care about, write, plan the career you want
2. Contact the people already doing the work you love – Listen to their stories and ask them to speak to the student cohort/SIG
3. Join these Networks/Mailing Lists/Social media:
  - Researchers in Agriculture for International Development (**RAID**) [www.raidaustralia.net](http://www.raidaustralia.net)
  - Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (**YPARD**), international network [www.ypard.net](http://www.ypard.net)
  - Australian Volunteers for International Development (**AVID**)  
[www.volunteering.austraining.com.au](http://www.volunteering.austraining.com.au)
  - Australian Volunteers International (**AVI**)  
[www.australianvolunteers.com](http://www.australianvolunteers.com)

*A Maasai girl in Morogoro, Tanzania, allows the calf to suckle before she milks the cow*



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