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# Launch of Mobile Equine Veterinary Clinic

Brooke Ethiopia and ELNET Foundation, in collaboration with Urban Agriculture Development Commission (AACFUADC), proudly announced the official inauguration of a mobile equine veterinary clinic in Addis Ababa. The ceremony took place on November 17, 2023, at Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, and was attended by distinguished guests, including Faruk Jemal, Vice Commissioner of Addis Ababa City Farmers and Urban Agriculture Development Commission (AACFUADC); Yohannes Kassim, Country Director for Brooke Ethiopia; and Miss Jessica Headman, Chief Executive Officer for ELNET Foundation.

The generously donated mobile clinic by ELNET Foundation aims to provide essential veterinary services for needy equines in five sub-cities of Addis Ababa. The capital city houses over 5000 equines as Brooke document, crucial to supporting the livelihoods of the community in various ways. Unfortunately, these working animals face numerous welfare issues, including a lack of access to welfare-friendly veterinary services, diseases, mistreatment by owners, and insufficient feed, among others. The inauguration of the mobile clinic brings hope for these suffering animals, offering veterinary care, promoting equine welfare

through community education for behavioral changes, and facilitating a euthanasia program for horses and donkeys with untreatable conditions. The clinic is fully equipped with necessary diagnostic and therapeutic tools and will be managed by trained veterinarians and support staff. With a daily reach capacity of 200 equines, this mobile clinic stands as a unique initiative contributing to the promotion of veterinary services in the city and the country at large. It further adds to the city's image-building efforts, showcasing a commitment to the welfare of working animals and fostering a positive impact on the community



# Reviving Ailing Horses: Mobile Clinic Advances in Addis Ababa

*'The field visit was nothing short of magnificent and*



*awe-inspir-ing witnessing the veterinarians' empathy towards the severely sick and abandoned horse as they performed eu-thanasia with compassion left an indelible impression. It was an ex-perience beyond imagination, es-pecially for someone new to such inter-ventions, and I couldn't help but feel excited and deeply moved.'* This event, conducted under the banner of "Protect and Improve the Welfare of Animals in Ad-dis Ababa City Administration," was



organized by Brooke Ethi-opia, it has included a field visit and a biannual consultative meeting held on November 28th, 2023, at AYA Hotel in Addis Ababa. Various stakeholders actively par-ticipated during the event, includ-ing the ELNET Founda-tion, Addis Ababa City Farmers and Urban Agriculture Commis-sion (AACFU-AC), media practi-tioners, and direct beneficia-ries from the Equine Mobile Vet-erinary Clinic intervention areas. The journey took us to two in-ter-vention areas, Lemi Kura and Akaki Kality Sub City, where we witnessed the Mobile Clinic deliv-ering services to the embed-ded beneficiaries. The visit in-cluded a poignant moment when veterinarians performed euthanasia for a sick and derelict horse in Lemi Kura Sub City. Addition-ally, sick and horses with wound were treatment, and awareness on horse care and management created to their owners in Lemi Kura and Akaki Kality Sub Cities. Following the completion of the field visit, stakeholders received a presentation about the on-going activities conducted by Brooke Ethiopia in Addis A-baba. Dr. Cher-ent Abera provided a brief over-view, highlighting that the pro-ject had reached

1250 equines and 1500 equine owners over the last six months. Dr. Cherent Abera emphasized the importance of ensuring the pro-ject's sustainability, urging both the government and the project's own-er to be accountable by pro-vid-ing carcass disposal areas and allocating a budget for the project. Addressing the city adminis-tration, Dr. Fasika Belete stressed the sig-nificance of Brooke's re-quisition and the sustainability of the Mo-bile Veterinary Clinic. He expressed optimism that the city adminis-tration's higher officials would consider the request, pro-viding a short-term solution that would not only benefit equine welfare but also contribute to creating a clean-er Addis A-baba and reducing the transmis-sion of diseases from ani-mals to other animals and humans.





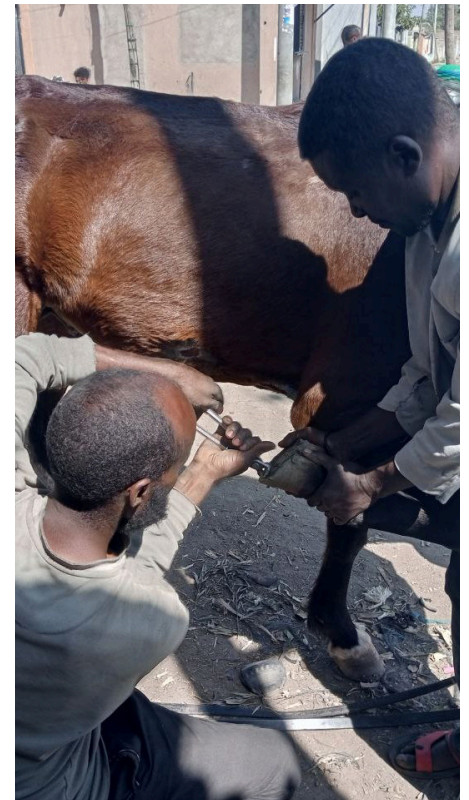
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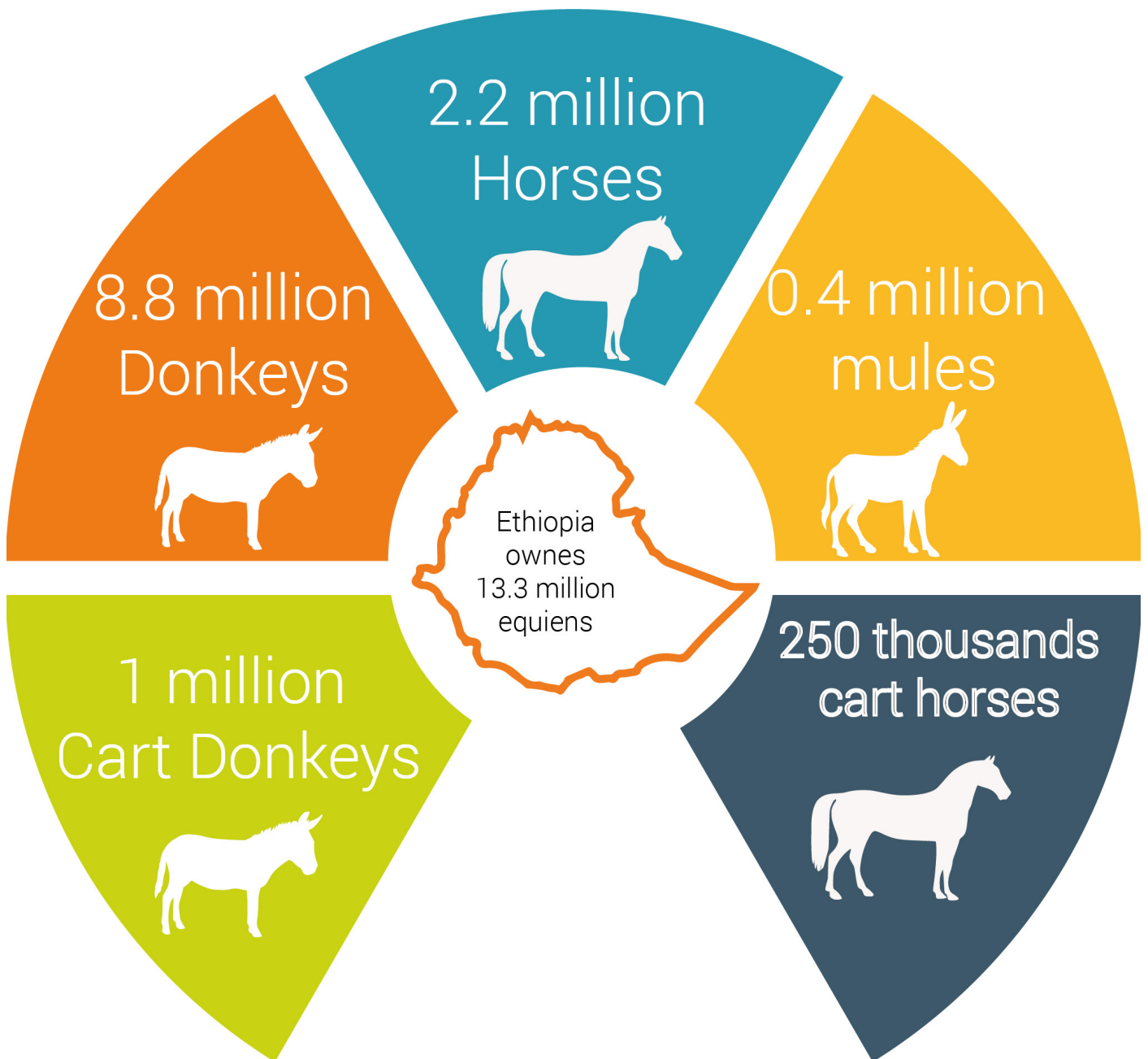
Kalil Aliyi, a dedicated farrier from Shashemenne town, Ethiopia, has experienced a profound transformation in both his professional skills and personal life, thanks to the intervention of the Brooke Ethiopia (BE) project. At the age of 45, Kalil found himself providing farriery services without any formal training or expertise. Motivated by the need to support his family of eight, he ventured into the business after facing challenges with the annual income from his 1.2-hectare maize farm, which is equivalent to 70,000 birr. His lack of knowledge and experience in farriery resulted in subpar services, leading to lameness in fifty percent of the gharry horses he treated. In his initial service delivery, Kalil simply cleaned, trimmed, or balanced horse hooves without paying attention to their necessity. He lacked awareness of working animal welfare issues and neglected the safety of his customers, animals, and himself due to insufficient knowledge and inadequate skills in hoof-making and equine-related activities. Moreover, his communication with the gharry operators was not effective.

Recognizing the need for improvement, Kalil underwent a transformative five-day technical training provided by Brooke Ethiopia. The project not only equipped him with necessary farriery tools but also offered continuous technical support through monthly mentoring sessions. Kalil's commitment to enhancing his skills resulted in a 60% improvement in the quality of his services. The positive outcomes were significant. Kalil's customer base expanded, and his farriery income witnessed a substantial boost by 60%, in addition to his farm income, he now earns approximately 187,200 ETB annually from farriery services alone. This newfound financial stability empowered him to address various aspects of his family's well-being, including social relationships, healthcare, and education. However, Kalil faces challenges in maintaining service quality due to poor-quality farrier tools and rising costs of nails and tires. Equine owners resist higher service costs, complicating matters. Additionally, the lack of a suitable workplace impacts service delivery, with Kalil operating by the roadside.

To address these challenges, Kalil suggests that BE initiates intensive awareness campaigns targeting gharry owners, communities, and associations—especially those employing gharry horse owners to understand hoof making and its valuable usage for their horses. Moreover, engaging with the local administration to secure appropriate working areas for farriers is crucial. Kalil emphasizes the importance of meeting with horse



owners to understand their needs fully and ensure the implementation of advice and recommendations. Kalil Aliyi's journey exemplifies the transformative power of education and support in uplifting individuals and communities. Through ongoing initiatives and collaborative efforts, the Brooke Ethiopia project continues to make a meaningful impact on the lives of farriers like Kalil, fostering positive change in the welfare of working animals and their owners.



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