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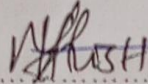
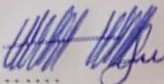
## ABSTRACT

Livestock diseases significantly constrain agricultural development in Uganda, particularly in Tororo Municipality, Eastern Division. Despite vaccine availability, disease outbreaks persist, compromising food security and farmers' livelihoods. This dissertation investigates vaccine usage among farmers in cattle, goat, and poultry enterprises in Tororo Municipality. This cross-sectional study employed a mixed-methods approach, combining a survey of 385 farmers with individual in-depth interviews. The problem which this research addressed was The effectiveness and utilization of vaccines in managing and controlling livestock diseases in Tororo Municipality Eastern Division is limited due to a lack of comprehensive data on vaccine usage .the main research objective was To investigate vaccine usage in livestock production in Tororo municipality eastern division, Tororo District and the specific Research Objectives were; To determine the proportion of farmers use vaccines in cattle, goat and poultry enterprises in Tororo municipality eastern division, Tororo district., To find out what vaccines the farmers are using in cattle, goat and poultry enterprises in Tororo municipality eastern division, Tororo district and To investigate what challenges the farmers are facing in regard to vaccine usage in Tororo municipality eastern division. This research contributes to understanding vaccine adoption and usage patterns among farmers in Tororo Municipality, highlighting challenges and opportunities for improving disease management. The findings inform policy interventions, veterinary services, and agricultural extension strategies to enhance vaccine uptake and promote sustainable livestock production.

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## CHAPTER ONE

### 1.1 Background of the Study

Livestock farming is a vital component of the economy and livelihoods of communities in Tororo Municipality, Eastern Division, Uganda(Kruse et al., 2017). However, the region faces significant challenges related to the prevalence of infectious diseases in livestock, which can lead to substantial economic losses, hinder agricultural productivity, and threaten food security(Industry, 2008). In response to these challenges, vaccination presents a promising strategy for managing and controlling livestock diseases(Fentie et al., 2017).

Vaccination is a cornerstone of preventive veterinary medicine, offering effective and cost-efficient means to mitigate the impact of infectious diseases in livestock populations(Kashyap et al., 2019). Vaccines stimulate the immune system of animals, providing protection against specific pathogens and reducing the risk of disease transmission within herds or flocks(Chamorro, 2020). In Tororo Municipality, where livestock farming is a primary source of income and sustenance for many households, the effective utilization of vaccines is crucial for safeguarding animal health and enhancing agricultural productivity(Sushma et al., 2018). Despite the potential benefits of vaccines, their optimal utilization in Tororo Municipality, Eastern Division, faces various challenges. These challenges may include limited access to veterinary services, particularly in rural areas, where veterinary infrastructure and expertise may be scarce(Gouveia et al., 2015). Additionally, factors such as vaccine affordability, awareness, and logistical constraints may hinder vaccine uptake among livestock farmers(Niki Whitley et al., 2018).

Understanding these challenges is essential for designing targeted interventions to improve vaccine utilization and enhance disease control efforts. While vaccines play a vital role in livestock disease management, limited research has been conducted on vaccine usage patterns, challenges, and effectiveness in Tororo Municipality, Eastern Division(ZIĘTEK et al., 2022). Therefore, this study aims to address this gap by: Assessing Vaccine Utilization: Investigating the extent to which livestock farmers in Tororo Municipality

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