

Brooke's Global Farriery Project

Transforming the farriery trade in low and middle income countries



Vision

Brooke's vision is for farriery to become a recognised, respected and regulated profession worldwide. This in turn will lead to measurable improvements in animal welfare, whilst positively impacting equine-owning communities.

The problem



Lameness is one of the most common welfare problems observed amongst working equine animals in low and middle income countries. It is a major source of pain and compromises welfare.

There are **100 million** working horses, donkeys and mules worldwide. In a Brooke study of **200** of these animals in Pakistan and India, **100%** were found to be lame. Chronic foot defects were seen in every single animal.



A donkey with badly deformed hoof capsules



Excessive hoof growth displaying long toes



A well-trimmed hoof

Barriers to change

In many low and middle income countries Farriery is an **unrecognised, unregulated** industry.

Poverty and time pressure results in equine owners **overloading** and **overworking** their animals.

Without robustly addressing farriery, welfare improvements in working equine animals will always be inhibited.

There is a **lack of farriery training** and locally available farriery **resources** such as tools and nails.

The farriery trade is **perceived negatively** and often seen as a 'dirty' or 'lowly' profession.

FOR A WORKING HORSE, DONKEY OR MULE, POOR FARRIERY =



POOR HOOF BALANCE

Discomfort

Inflammation

Chronic joint diseases
(Arthritis & Osteoarthritis)

Back and muscle pain

Restricted and painful movement

DIRECT HOOF TRAUMA

Lameness and pain

Exhaustion

Lowered immunity

Vulnerability to infections and disease

INHIBITED MOVEMENT

Reduced efficiency and poor performance

Owner frustration

Negative human-animal interactions such as beating

Persistent pain and suffering

Fear and neglect

Our Approach

- **Build local expertise** – we train local farriers, helping improve their farriery skills while also supporting them to be excellent mentors and trainers. They then provide training and support to vets and other farriers within their region.
- **Work with communities** – we work to understand the barriers and challenges that communities face in seeking farriery services. We work together to try to overcome these challenges and ensure that owners are willing to pay for quality farriery.
- **Innovative training approach** – Brooke's flagship mentoring programme uses our Farriery Mentoring Framework and bespoke training resources designed specifically for low literacy and low resource environments to train and mentor local farriers.
- **Advocate for farriery** to be a recognised and regulated profession. We encourage and support local governments and training institutions to provide a recognised certification for trained farriers.
- **Support others** – we aim to share our knowledge, experience and learnings with others who work with farriers in low and middle income countries.



Aspirations

- Farriery becomes a recognised, respected and regulated profession worldwide.
- Farriers are trained to a pre-defined standard of quality and regulated/certified by authorities with the power to do so within their country.
- Farrier services will be in demand by users, with appropriate levels of remuneration to ensure the sustainability of a career in this trade.

Supporting the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals

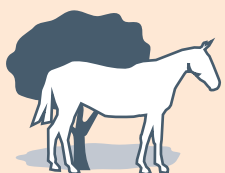
- **Goal 1:** No Poverty
- **Goal 4:** Quality Education
- **Goal 8:** Decent Work and Economic Growth

Equine welfare will measurably improve as a result

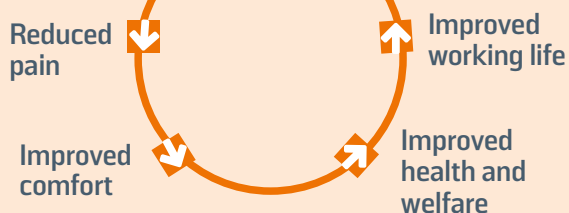


**Improved livelihoods and employment opportunities:
Thriving equine-owning communities**

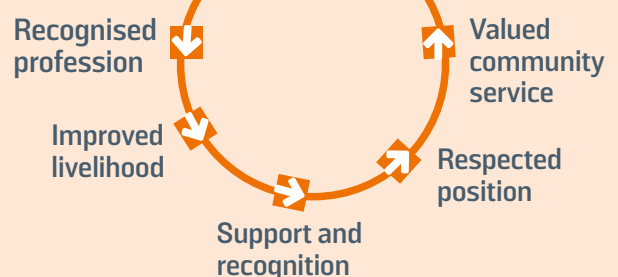
LASTING CHANGE



A LIFE WORTH LIVING



A JOB WORTH HAVING



Successes



A NEW ACCREDITATION

In 2019, the Senegalese government announced an accredited certification in farriery after years of collaborative work with Brooke West Africa. Thought to be the first of its kind outside of Europe, the certification marked a significant milestone in professionalising an industry that had previously been largely unknown, unrecognised and unregulated in the country.

BROOKE LAUNCHES FARRIERY SCHOOL

In February 2021, Brooke West Africa welcomed the first cohort of students to the Vocational Training Centre of Thies, Senegal, to begin their accredited certification in farriery, paving the way for better hoof care for hard-working animals and providing stronger livelihoods to those joining the trade.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FARRIERS SEAL OF APPROVAL

BROOKE FARRIERY MENTORING FRAMEWORK



The Worshipful Company of Farriers has formally endorsed Brooke's Farriery Mentoring Framework, having supported the project for several years.

Support Brooke's Global Farriery Project and be there for working horses, donkeys and mules



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