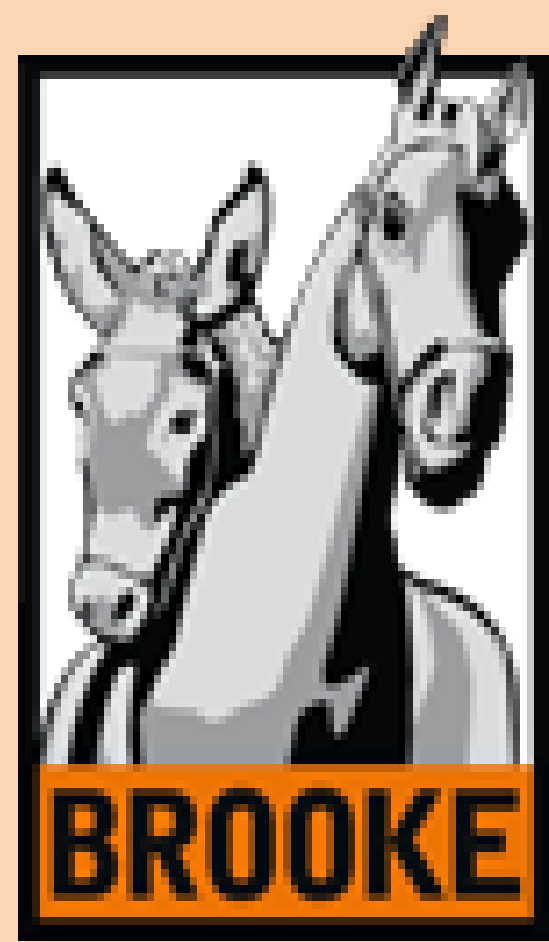


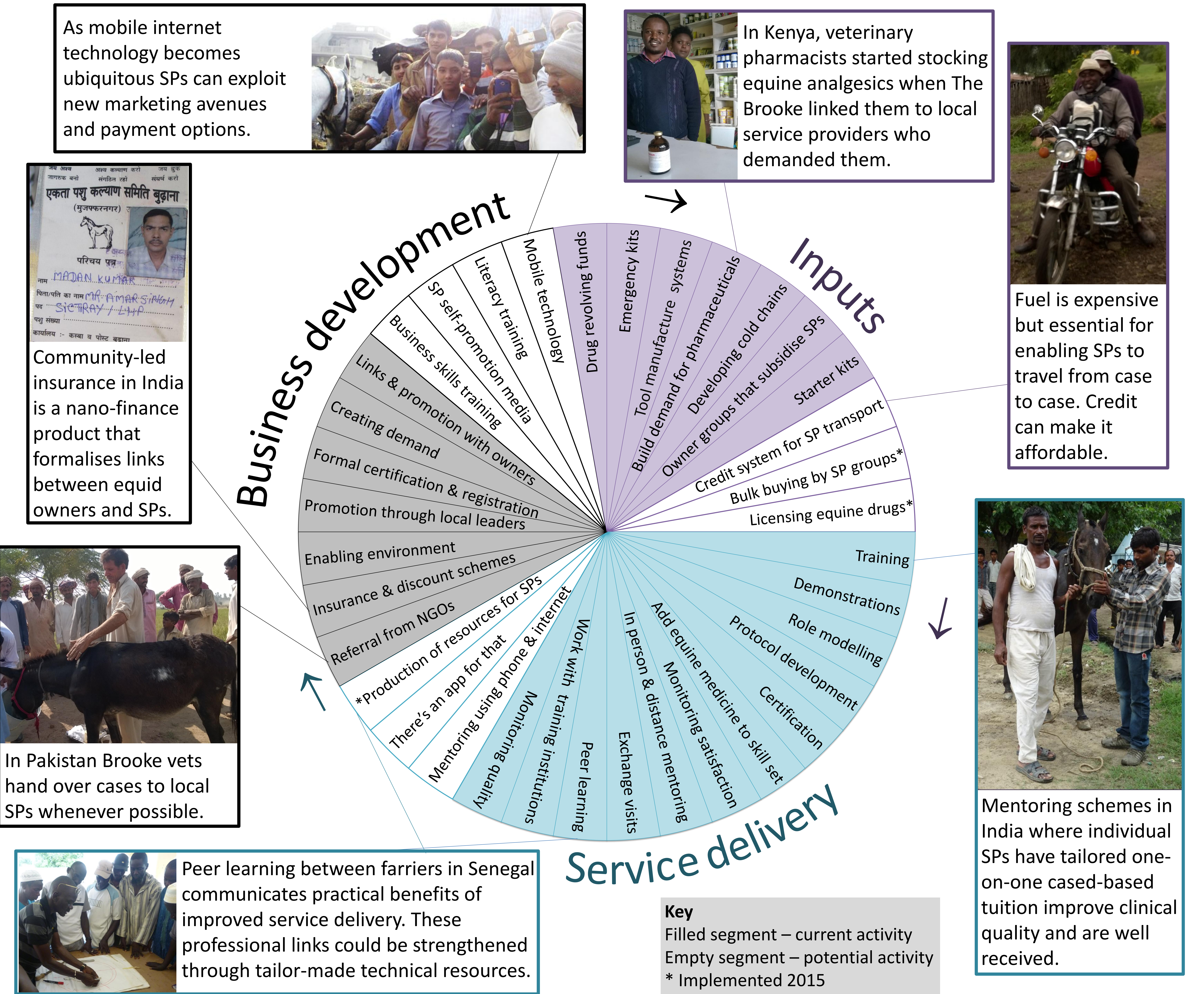
Strengthening service provider value chains to improve healthcare available to working equids

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- Insufficient healthcare for working equids compromises welfare and results in lost days of animal work.
- External interventions often focus on technical knowledge transfer and subsidised treatments, rather than providing support along the service provider (SP) value chain.
- This value chain can be described in three sections: inputs, service provision and business development.
- Current and potential programmatic activities in each of these sections were collated during a workshop in 2014 with vets from seven low-income countries and are detailed below.



These findings support the need for an integrated approach from animal health economists and academics alongside agencies working directly with SPs

- Most interventions focus on technical capacity building for service provision, potentially because:
1. strategies that strengthen inputs may be underdeveloped because animal health inputs are expensive.
 2. inherent difficulties in business development activities within communities with low financial literacy.
 3. complicated economic evaluation due to in kind payments and reliance on multiple income streams.
- Further exploration of how the whole value chain can be strengthened should be explored and documented.

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