

Ghana/ CSAS Project

Significant achievements continue to be made in our partnership project with the Ghana Society of Animal Science (CSAS-GSAP Twinning Project) in Northern Ghana. Two major accomplishments have been the reduction in the incidence of snake bites and fatalities (zero since the start of the project), and a 30% increase in average income from shea nut picking and processing activities among participating women. Two members of CSAS (Dr. Divakar Ambrose and Dr. Tim McAllister) have received official invitations from the Ghana Ministry of Agriculture (MOFA) to assist the Ghana Society of Animal Science and the MOFA to formulate strategies to accelerate the development of the beef and dairy industries in Ghana. Both scientists will be visiting Ghana in the fall. The current project ends in March 2006, but preparations are already underway to extend it to 2011. Members interested in participating in the partnership project may contact Dr. John Baah (baahj@agr.gc.ca).