FAO of the United Nations has donated Veterinary Laboratory equipment, reagents and consumables to the Ministry of Food and Agriculture. The donation is aimed at strengthening the diagnostic capacity of the Veterinary Laboratories (Labs) in the country.

Presenting the items, Mr. Serge Nakouzi, the Deputy Representative for Africa, FAO, said the batch of equipment included very essential and high value Veterinary laboratory equipment,

Mr. Nakouzi explained that the ability of Veterinary diagnosis laboratories to detect and characterise infectious disease pathogens was critical for effective and timely prevention and management of animal and public health threats.
The FAO is also building the skills of the Veterinary workforce to improve diagnosis techniques.

Receiving the items on behalf of Government, Dr. Nurah Gyiele, Minister of State in charge of Agriculture expressed gratitude to FAO for the support. He said the donation was timely as the country is battling with a number of animal diseases which are militating against the improvement of the livestock sub sector.

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