



2017 BHEARD Scholar
Abraham Thiong

Profile

Country of Study:	Kenya
University:	University Nairobi
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Research Area: *Reducing Prevalence of Tick Borne Diseases*

BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE: September 2017

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: BSc. In Animal Science & Management, Moi University, Kenya

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Through his five years experience in the livestock sector, Abraham has witnessed the challenges facing South Sudanese pastoralist communities and livestock keepers. He wants to research the best ways of controlling ticks especially in extensive systems with aims of reducing the prevalence of ticks borne diseases, notably East Coast Fever (ECF). This will help in improving food security levels of the pastoralist communities by availing sufficient food (milk & meat) and money obtained through selling of livestock.

PERSONAL STATEMENT: After graduating from the master programme, Abraham intends to obtain a teaching position, or join an agricultural research institution or non-governmental organization to work in the developmental sector. After working for two years, he intends to register for a doctorate degree for advancement of expertise in the same line of Animal Science.

WHEN I AM NOT WORKING I ENJOY: When not working, Abraham enjoys teaching and reading. Additionally, Abraham enjoys subsistence farming.