

Dr Lian Thomas



Originally from the north coast of Cornwall in the UK, I studied veterinary medicine at St. Georges University in the west Indies, undertook my MSc research in Uganda on the constraints faced by urban and peri-urban pig keepers and later moved to Kenya for my PhD in 2010, where I studied the epidemiology of *T. solium* cysticercosis in pig and human populations under the supervision of Professor Eric Fèvre. I've been based in the region ever since, living in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Kenya with time both in academia and working within a consultancy role for the WHO and other international organisations. I am now a jointly appointed scientist at the University of Liverpool and the International Livestock Research Institute ([ILRI](#)) in Nairobi where I lead a theme on Neglected Zoonotic Diseases within the [BMZ](#) funded [One Health Research, Education and Outreach Centre in Africa](#). I have a strong interest in the socio-economics of disease control and surveillance and have been lucky to have been mentored in this area by Professor Jonathan Rushton. I am proud to represent the [Soulsby Foundation](#) with whom I hold a One Health travelling fellowship and I am currently a resident of the European College of Veterinary Public Health.