



Farmer Led Beef Livestock Investment and Sustainability Project (FALBIIS)



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“For increased production, productivity and quality assurance”

Introduction

Uganda Meat Producers Cooperative Union Ltd (UMPCU) is implementing the “Farmer Led Beef Livestock Investment and Sustainability Project (FALBIIS)”. It is part of the “Developing a Market Oriented and Environmentally Sustainable Beef Meat Industry in Uganda (MOBIP)”, implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries funded by the European Union. FALBIIS is a 38 months project valued at Euro (€) 1,800,000; contribution by the European Union Euro (€) 1,500,000 and UMPCU Euro (€) 300,000.

The EU financing is provided as a direct award through MOBIP under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF).

Livestock especially cattle play multiple roles in the livelihoods of livestock keepers in Uganda. They provide food and nutrition, work/employment; economic stability and play a part in social/cultural aspects. This project intends to leverage change in the beef value chain – cattle production and marketing systems to reduce poverty and food insecurity levels amongst smallholders. Livestock also provides a safety net as a bank on the hoof and a strategy for economic diversification and resilience.

Relevance to the particular needs and constraints of UMPCU members

The project intervention provides a framework for increased food security, better incomes and climate resilience for UMPCU members through improved natural resource management and farmer-led, pro-member beef value chain (VC) development. The project will address three major and complementary challenges:

- i) improving the underperforming UMPCU members' participation in the animal disease control
- ii) improving pasture (rangeland) management involving small and large scale producers; and

- iii) Promoting supplementary feeding for enhanced live stock growth rates.

Overall Objective

To support the public and private sector with a focus on smallholder and small beef related agribusinesses, to work together towards the promotion of an environmentally sustainable climate resilient, low emission, local and regional meat Industry which respects as far as possible animal welfare practices and is responsive to the different needs of women and men, mainly in terms of food security, nutrition and animal welfare.

Specific Objective

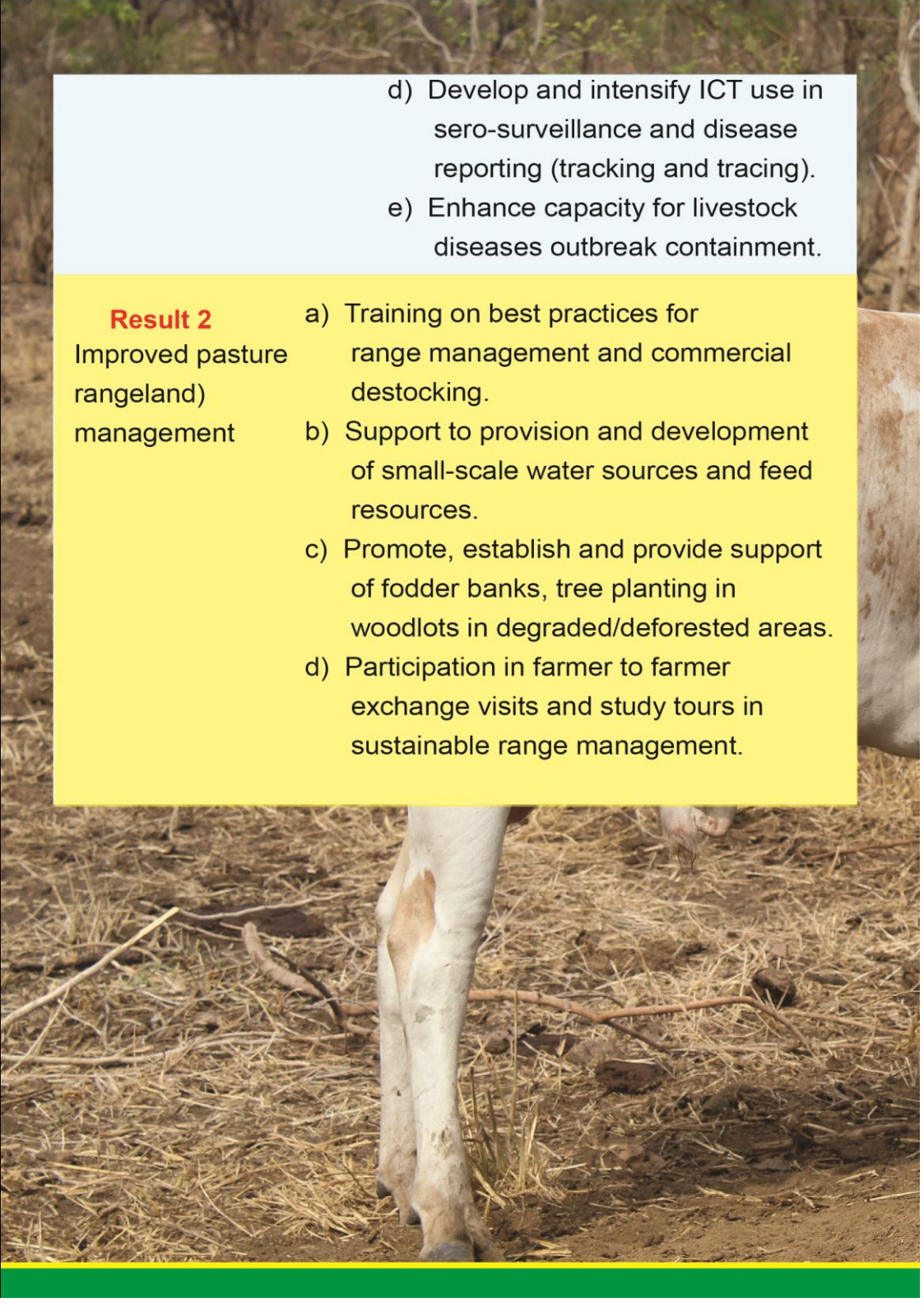
To enhance beef meat production, productivity and quality assurance through climate smart, locally developed small holder, rural livelihoods and producer gender responsive groups.

Result 1

Promote animal disease control and prevention

Activities

- a) Develop and implement a participatory and sustainable business model for investment in input supply
- b) Establish an integrated feedlot and quarantine infrastructure for commercial beef production.
- c) Establishment of a self-regulatory / self-control mechanism (farm certification services within UMPCU) based on set criteria.

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- d) Develop and intensify ICT use in sero-surveillance and disease reporting (tracking and tracing).
 - e) Enhance capacity for livestock diseases outbreak containment.

Result 2

Improved pasture
rangeland)
management

- a) Training on best practices for range management and commercial destocking.
- b) Support to provision and development of small-scale water sources and feed resources.
- c) Promote, establish and provide support of fodder banks, tree planting in woodlots in degraded/deforested areas.
- d) Participation in farmer to farmer exchange visits and study tours in sustainable range management.

Result 3

Promote supplementary feeding for enhanced livestock growth rates.

- a) Support demand-driven extension services promoting good animal husbandry practices, including supplementary feeding.
- b) Support, establish and train commercially-oriented male and female farmers and youth groups.
- c) Undertake profitable feedlots operations (see annex 5) using crop residues, residual standing hay and industrial by-products.

Complementarity with Other Actions

FALBIIS will be implemented as a complimentary project to the already on-going projects by the different UMPCU partners such as Norad-Nortura funded project. Efforts shall be undertaken to avoid duplication but rather complement each other.

Cross Cutting Issues

- i) Concern for the Environment
- ii) Concern for gender equity (especially women and youths)
- iii) Attention to climate change impact
- iv) Focused on small holder farmers (less than 100 animals)

Target Groups

Members of Uganda Meat Producers Cooperative Union Ltd in which 10 well selected farmers shall directly participate and contribute towards the project as beneficiaries.

UMPCU Contribution

UMPCU beneficiaries with 100 cattle or less will each subscribe UGX. **30,000** per animal per year. The subscribe funds will cover UMPCU member contribution to the project and will qualify a beneficiary to the following: -

- I. At least one vaccination against Foot and Mouth disease (FMD) per year
- II. Ear tagging and identification of the animals
- III. One visit from a qualified veterinary officer per month
- IV. Undertake four deworming sessions
- V. Contribution of UGX. 500,000 subsidies for 100 animals paid for, to get access to pasture harvesting equipment
- VI. Receive Acaricide equivalent to UGX. 1,000,000/- per year or 14.4 litres (not both)
- VII. Undertake one mandatory blood sampling & laboratory screening
- VIII. Contribute UGX. 1,000 per animal towards cooperative strengthening
- IX. Support beneficiary farmer to plant up to 20 acres of pasture/ fodder. Farmer shall be responsible for the clearing and preparation of the land.

Payment method

All beneficiary farmers are required to make their annual subscriptions per animal by the 30th of March for each year to allow for planned procurements. Payments are to be made through the UMPCU member cooperative societies which later remit the funds to UMPCU.

Qualifications of benefiting farmers (criteria):

1. FULL member of UMPCU member cooperative society (paid membership & shares)
2. Ready & willing to subscribe UGX. 30,000/- per year for a selected number of animals (Maximum 100 cattle)
3. Ready & willing to avail, clear & prepare about 20 acres of land for pasture development
4. Ready & willing to attend scheduled meetings
5. Ready & willing to use his/her farm as a learning centre for other coop members
6. Willing & ready to have his/her farm profile in an online database for easy monitoring
7. Willing to have a business orientation to beef farming

Breeding program under FALBIIS

UMPCU through the FALBIIS project in close coordination with National Animal Genetic Resource Centre and Databank (NAGRC/DB) will support breeding program within its membership.

Two farmers per cooperative society shall be identified as nucleus breeders and bulls, artificial insemination or embryo transfer shall be undertaken on the selected nucleus farmers. The nucleus farmer shall in return payback 30% of the male offsprings to UMPCU for sustainability of the program.

Responsibilities of a primary cooperative society

1. Identify farmers willing & ready to participate in the scheme (given deadline)
2. Collect/receive payments from farmers by a given date & pay on:
 - a. UMPCU account; Uganda Meat Producers Cooperative Union Ltd.
 - b. A/C No: 01063500181266
3. Organise beneficiary engagement meetings
4. Hold other statutory cooperative society meetings with members
5. Share information with ALL members
6. Nominate a cooperative administrator

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