

Objectives

Increased employment opportunities and income level in livestock trade value chain

Enhanced livestock production through feeding, better genetics and animal health

Increased competitiveness of UMPCU and UFMC in the livestock sector

Equitable and better performing livestock value chain

Expected Results

Skilled & non-skilled jobs created in the value chain

Improved reproduction & breeding methods

Increased offtake of optimal market value livestock

UFMC & UMPCU operated with proper standards of livestock trade

Target Group

UMPCU farmers in the primary cooperative societies, including women and youth

Achievements so far

1. Increased formal cattle trade, value addition, and market access
2. Strong institutions that represent cattle farmers in diverse government committees
3. Constructed a cattle holding area in Butalangu sub county, Nakaseke district
 - a. Acquired land for establishment of three livestock resource centres in Nakaseke, Mbarara and Ssembabule districts.
4. Access to finances
 - a. Credit facility to cooperative societies i.e. working capital & advances
5. Improved production & productivity
 - a. Animal health
 - b. Training farmers on production
 - c. Breeding
6. Skilled and non-skilled jobs created in the value chain



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Introduction/Background:

The **Sustainable Livestock Business Development Project in Uganda**, is part of a framework agreement between the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) and the Royal Norwegian Society for Development (Norges Vel) in collaboration with Nortura SA.

Nortura and Norges Vel's interventions in Uganda's meat sector date back in 2004 and 2014 respectively. Nortura advises on planning & management of cattle procurement/cattle supplies to the abattoir, among others. On behalf of Norad and Nortura, Norges Vel takes the lead in the administrative management, advises on business development, organisation & cooperatives development, and market access, among other things.

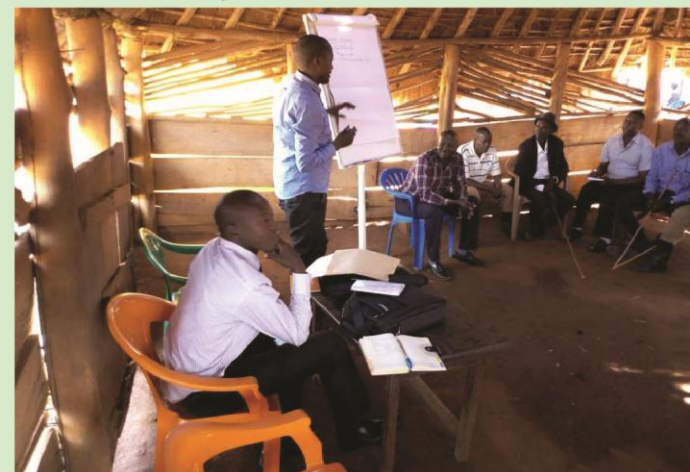


The project employs expertise in the meat value chain and cooperative development through the combined efforts of the Uganda Meat Producers Cooperative Union Ltd (UMPCU) and Uganda Farmers Meat Company Ltd (UFMC). It aims to establish competitive farmer organisations that represent cattle farmers in Uganda in order to foster sustainable supply of animals in an environmentally sustainable manner to the identified markets.

UMPCU is a limited liability cooperative union with 34 grassroots primary cooperative societies located mainly in the “cattle corridor” of Uganda. It is the umbrella body of over 2,617 individual livestock farmers in 17 districts in the country. The Union was formed in 2008 under the guidance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives (MTIC), together with Nortura to spearhead the improvement of livestock production and productivity,

professionalise the sub sector and lead in value addition along the value chain.

UFMC is a registered, independent company formed by UMPCU to carry out business on its behalf. It is a business enterprise for cattle trading with 51% ownership by UMPCU and 3% by three UMPCU member cooperatives; the rest of the shares being allotted to other member cooperatives.



Overall Objective:

To establish a market-driven business, while at the same time offer good services by the cooperative union to its members to ensure a fair share to the farmer, which results in increased member participation in the meat value chain and increase in revenue. The planned impact is to contribute to the reduction of poverty and food insecurity among livestock farmers in Uganda.