

REPORT ON LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION LAMU COUNTY.

1. Introduction and background.

Livestock and livestock services contribute significantly to the economy and livelihoods of the people of Lamu County. The production systems (livestock) include: - pastoralism, agropastrolism (mixed farming) ranching and nomadism.

However ranching is declining due to lack of credit facilities, insecurity and low share equity for increasing investment.

The sub-sector (livestock) support about 1500 households with approximately 90,000 people covering all the 10 wards in the county.

2. Status of livestock in Lamu County.

Currently the county is self-sufficient in terms of beef, mutton and chevon but has some deficit in milk production, eggs and poultry meat.

Livestock keeping in the county is found in all the four livelihood zones i.e. pastoral, fishing, mixed farming and urban zones of Lamu East and Lamu West sub-Counties.



A veterinary officer vaccinating cattle's at Moa in Witu ward

3. IN LIVESTOCK SPECIES AND DISTRIBUTION

| Species | Witu Division Witu Ward | Mpeketoni Division Baharini, Hongwe, Mkunumbi Wards | Hindi Division Hindi, Mokowe, Basuba Wards | Amu Division Mkomani, Shella Wards | Faza ward | Kiunga Ward | Total |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|---|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| Beef cattle | 64,800 | 48,600 | 32,400 | 2,240 | 6,720 | 4,240 | 162,000 |
| Dairy cattle | 50 | 2,200 | 500 | 1,850 | 450 | 0 | 5,050 |
| Meat goat | 33,000 | 38,000 | 25,000 | 1,500 | 2,500 | 41,200 | 141,200 |
| Milk, daily goat | 1,200 | 2,300 | 800 | 250 | 50 | 0 | 4,600 |
| Sheep Black head Persia | 22,000 | 11,950 | 7,000 | 200 | 800 | 8,000 | 150,000 |
| Donkeys | 100 | 150 | 100 | 2,300 | 1,000 | 850 | 4,500 |
| Local chicken | 36,000 | 50,000 | 250,000 | 5,000 | 20,000 | 4,000 | 134,000 |

4. COUNTY LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS DONE (2013-2017)

| Name of the project | Location | Target | Status |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|--|
| Fodder, pasture conservation project | Witu livestock farm | 5 acres | Completed and operational. |
| Construction of Nagele livestock market | Witu (County wide) | 1 | 75% structures completed and awaiting operationalization |
| Operationalization of Witu Cooperative mini dairy project. | Witu Ward | 1 | Completed and operationalized. |
| Construction of hyban(shade) at Tchundwa | Faza Ward | 1 | Completed. |
| Rehabilitation and construction of livestock production office HQs at Amu | County wide (shella Ward) | 1 | Completed and operational. |
| Construction of livestock production sub-county office | Lamu East Sub-county (Faza) | 1 | Completed and operational |
| Goat improvement project | Faza Ward | 100 | Purchased and distributed. |
| Local poultry improvement project | County wide (all 10 wards) | 16000 | Purchased and distributed. |

5. Current and ongoing interventions.

i) Emergency livestock feeds distribution

A total of 685 bags of 50 kg each was distributed in Witu Ward in Didewaride, Chalaluma, Moa, Witu, Soroko, Kitumbini, Nairobi area and Sedemke in the month of January 2018.

A total of 347 bags of 50 kg each were also distributed in Faza Ward in the month of January 2018.

