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Project name:

Sustainable Livestock
Management Project

Implementation period:

Pilot phase: Jul - Dec, 2008

Main phase: 2009-2015

Budget:

Pilot phase: CHF 350'000

Main phase: CHF 1.5 million
(per year)

Implemented by:

Component 1:

V.E.T. Net NGO

Component 2: "Mongol

Yak" and "Mongol Camel"
Societies

Component 3 and 4:

SDC Project
Implementation Unit

Target group:

Herders in 7 selected aimags

Key partners:

Ministry of Food, Agriculture and
Light Industry,
Ministry of Health,
Veterinary Research Institute,
State Specialized Inspection
Agency Laboratory,
Mercy Corp, Mongolia,
European Union – Animal
Health and Livestock
Marketing Project,
Swiss College for Agriculture

Background

The Livestock sub-sector is important to the national economy of Mongolia. It generates 80% of total income of the agriculture sector and provides livelihood security of more than 800,000 people or around 1/3 of the total population. The agriculture sector itself contributes to around 20% of the national economy. Since 1999 a negative sequence of extremely harsh winters and dry summers that lasted till 2002 reduced the livestock population by almost 30 percent.

Nowadays, the main challenges of livestock sub-sector development are low livestock productivity as well as low quality of animal products, inadequate animal health services, degraded pastureland, unsustainable stocking rate, limited access to markets and under developed value chains.

To address these challenges, SDC has initiated several major projects to support Mongolia. These include the "Green Gold" Pasture Ecosystem Management Project (2004-2012), the Coping with

Desertification Project (2007-2014) and the "Baruun Mongol" Regional Economic Development Project. In the livestock sector, SDC has implemented a number of small action projects which include: improvement of the Veterinary Drug Testing Laboratory capacity; co-funding of a livestock intensification study together with UNDP; a training seminar on brucellosis. The Sustainable Livestock Management Project will complement the SDC portfolio addressing livestock productivity and production management issues. The project ideas are coherent with Mongolian Development Goal-based National Development Strategies as well as Swiss Cooperation Strategy for Mongolia 2007-2012.

Main goal

Contribute to increased livestock productivity through enhancement of sustainable herd management skills of herder households.

Objective

The objective of the project's pilot phase is to establish an effective implementation mechanisms and demonstrate the first positive effects of increasing livestock productivity, value additions of livestock products and income.

Project Structure



SDC's strategic objective:

To contribute to improved and securer livelihoods of herders and ex-herders in rural areas focusing on improving sustainable use and rehabilitation of natural resources and supporting ecologically-oriented social and economic development.



Expected results

Component 1:

- At least 80% of the veterinarians of the selected soums are trained in modern veterinary care practices, breeding concepts, herd management and improved customer relations with herders.
- A continuous veterinary education programme is developed and distributed to local veterinarians and technicians.
- Model herd is applied in the selected aimags in western Mongolia



Component 3:

- Assist to the Government of Mongolia in development and implementation of Brucellosis programme.
- Drug testing procedures are approved and implemented effectively.



Component 4:

- Additional needs and baseline assessment in the livestock sector is conducted
- Options for collaboration with external partners explored

Component 2:

- Value chain improvement options in at least two yak and camel products are developed.
- Yak and camel societies are supported in their capacity and institutional development.



CAMELACT products - Value-added camel milk



Yak wool processing Vocational Training Centre in Ikh Tamir soum, Arkhangai Province



Yak wool products - Value-added yak wool

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