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Project name:

Livestock Project

Implementation period:

Main phase: 2009-2011

Budget:

Main phase: CHF 4.9 million

Implemented by:

Component 1:

V.E.T. NET Mongolia NGO

Component 3:

Mongol Yak Society and Mongol Bactrian Society

Component 2 and 4:

SDC Project Implementation Unit

Target group:

Herders in Arkhangai, Bayan-Ulgii, Bayankhongor, Govi-Altai, Khovd, Uvs and Zavkhan aimags

Key partners:

Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry,
Ministry of Health,
Veterinary Research Institute,
Central Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory,
Mercy Corp, Mongolia,
Animal Health and Livestock Marketing Project,
funded by EU
Swiss College for Agriculture
Swiss Tropical Institute

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.

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. However, thanks to the favorable weather conditions recent few years the livestock population reached 40 million.

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 for main phase

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



Components and objectives

Component 1: Enhancement of livestock management skills of private veterinarians and herder families as part of a nationwide coordinated development approach.

Objective: significantly increase the productivity of the herds (output per animal) in the 7 project aimags through quality veterinary services and extension inputs by trained and motivated private veterinarians.



Component 2: Brucellosis eradication programme of the Government of Mongolia

Objective: support the Government of Mongolia to develop and test a nationwide brucellosis eradication programme and to support the development of a national action plan.



Component 4: Coordination and harmonization at project and national levels

Objective 1 /National dimension/: support the Mongolian government to coordinate and harmonise ongoing and future projects and programmes in the livestock and rangeland sectors by developing and introducing comprehensive monitoring, documentation, knowledge management and capacity building tools.

Objective 2 /Project specific dimension/: provide support to the above three project components in terms of management, coordination, monitoring, reporting, technical assistance, capacity building and evaluation.

Component 3: Camel and yak value chains

Objective: demonstrate improved income opportunities for yak and camel herders through developing products with high added value, overall market acceptability and access to marketing networks.



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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