

BRIEF ON

THE ACTIVITIES OF
MINISTRY OF ANIMAL & FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT,
DAMATURU, YOBE STATE

FOR PRESENTATION TO

THE INTERACTIVE SESSION OF THE NIGERIA
GOVERNORS' FORUM HELD AT THE WAWA
HALL, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, DAMATURU

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INTRDOUCTION

The Ministry of Animal and fisheries Development was created on 29th of May, 2003 with three (3) Technical Directorates viz - a) Fisheries Development; b) Livestock Services; and c) Veterinary Services. The Ministry has two Parastatals under it and government has been granting approval of various policies to be implemented under the Parastatals. They are the Pilot livestock Project Development and Damaturu Modern Abattoir. Fattening, breeding and upgrading activities of indigenous animals are carried out with high grade traits breed at Nguru LIBC and Gujba Cattle Ranch. The above outlets serve as a Research unit to the state and as a Liaison station to the Federal Government.

FISHEIRES DEVELOPMENT

The Department is responsible for development of fish production to enhance protein intake of the populace and increase revenue generation to the state. The Department has five Zonal Offices at Gashu'a Nguru, Geidam, Damaturu and Potiskum.

The Department has seven production fish ponds and a Hatchery complex is currently under construction. Under the ECOWAs accelerated artisanal fish production project, the Department has received 227 number of applications out of 155 applications were processed and approved and a total of N13,858,000:00 was disbursed to the successful applicants across the State.

VETERINARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Department has five units that are charged with various responsibilities. Disease control, Clinics and Public Health and hygiene units are most effective of the Department. They take charge of exploiting and uncovering animal diseases outbreaks and mass animal vaccination. The efficient staff also promotes the enlightenment of disease outbreaks and channel regular records to the Federal Livestock Department. The Department has been receiving support from government at intervals to support the surveillance and quarantine activities.

YOBE STATE PILOT LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Following the inception of this administration under the able leadership of Alhaji Ibrahim Gaidam, the Pilot Livestock Development Programme was fully resuscitated. In trying to show its commitment to Livestock development in Yobe State, the State Government through the State Ministry of Animal & Fisheries Development has made tremendous efforts and decisive interventions, all in a bid to better position the YSPLDP for better service delivery and attainment of its vision. As a Pilot scheme, it was stunted in terms of development as a result of myriads of problems confronting the agency especially lack of counterpart fund by the World Bank. The Pilot Livestock Development Programme has attained its height through the existing structures of the Ministry and the following:

- a) Purchases of two (2) Brand new vehicles;
 - i) Toyota Corolla Car XL Utility Vehicle for P.M.
 - ii) Toyota Hilux Pick up 4WD for Disease Surveillance..

- b) Repair of five (5) existing Vehicles; i) Toyota Cressida, ii) Toyota land cruiser, iii) isuzu trooper, iv) Suzuki jeep and v) Nissan UD ten tonne lorry.
- c) Provision of monthly Standing Payment as running cost for sustainability and capitalisation.
- d) Purchases of 27KvA sound proof Generator to encourage staff performance and provision of power needed for vaccines cold chain storage maintenance.
- e) Procured and installed five (5) sets of Desk top computer in all unit heads and director of finance.
- f) Renovated the existing office building and fenced the office complex to provide adequate security.
- g) Construction of underground reservoir and water reticulation at the office premises.
- h) Construction of two (2) VIP toilets to enhanced sanitation of the area. These Government interventions stirred the management of the YPLDP to aim for excellence result not betraying the confidence reposed on them by the Government. Within a period of the present Programme Manager (Dr. Mustapha A. Geidam), some modest achievement has been made. These achievements could not have been possible without the support of the Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Animal & Fisheries Development. These includes but not limited to:
 - i) Procured and distributed drugs to Zonal Veterinary Offices for Animal Diseases Control in the State to combat disease outbreak for several times free.
 - ii) Procured and distributed Veterinary Drugs to Zonal Veterinary Offices for sale at subsidized price across the State as Animal Drugs Revolving thereby reactivating the dormant ADRF using the monthly running cost.

- iii) Under the directive of His Excellency the Ministry of Animal & Fisheries Development, through the Programme formed a technical committee that visited Cameroun Republic for fact finding on mission on the establishment of LIVESTOCK FREE TRADE ZONE IN THE STATE. Therefore, the committee has accomplished their mission and has submitted report. In reciprocal gesture toward development of livestock sub sector the state Government under the amiable and dynamic leadership of His Excellency Alhaji Ibrahim Gaidam has constituted another committee for the development of three cattle markets viz Garin Alkali, Gaidam and Nguru cattle .
- iv) In collaboration with Avian Influenza Control Project, the Programme sponsored a workshop for all the Zonal, Area and Field Officers, Poultry sellers and all stakeholders in the Livestock Industry in the State. This is aimed at educating attendants on concepts, significance and hazard associated with certain practices in the industry.
- v) Vaccinated over nine hundred thousand (900,000) herds of Cattle, Sheep and Goats, dogs out of one million, two hundred thousand (1,200,000) herds targeted in 2009 across the state and during second phase vaccinated over 650,000 heads of cattle ,sheep and goat in the year 2010..
- vi) Repaired borehole and constructed overhead tank at Buni- Yadi Zonal Livestock Office, Area Veterinary Office & Cattle Market.
- vii) Development of Fodder banks using *Mucuna* beans and *Stylosanthesis spp* at Dilawa, Gumsi, Nasari/Jakusko Grazing Reserves and Gujba Cattle Ranch in 2009.
- viii) Stock route demarcation, survey and beaconing throughout the state of about 222Km animal route were done successfully.
- Areas covered include;
- a) Badegana to Ngelzarma (130Km),
 - b) Jakusko to Gogaram (50Km), and
 - c) Nguru to Gumsi (42Km).

This year proposed to demarcate and beaconing 300km of stock route in order curtail the problem of farmer's and pastoralist conflict.

CONCLUSION

Indeed there is a new dawn for Livestock Production and development in the state. The Programme is now positioned to implement the next step that will take Livestock development in the state to next level where three (3) out of four (4) major Livestock markets located at Nguru, Geidam and Garin Alkali are to be developed. The Programme is also determined to chart a new course for Livestock industry in the State and indeed the Nation at large by conducting a Livestock census in the state.