

MINISTRY OF ANIMAL AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

YOBE STATE PILOT LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (YSPLDP).

Introduction

Yobe state is richly endowed with Livestock. It is indeed one of the richest States in Nigeria in terms of these resources. Rim. Report 1991 and FAO 2005. The Savannah terrain of the State greatly encourages the sustenance of these resources. A very young state, Yobe is indeed the jewel of the savannah. It is in furtherance of its vision of becoming the richest state in Nigeria in terms of Livestock and livestock products thus the state established a full pledge Ministry charge with responsibility of Animal & Fisheries Development. Since the present administration came into being, serious effort has been made by the State Government to take livestock production and development to next level. It is for this obvious reason that the Administration of His Excellency Alhaji Ibrahim Gaidam FNCA, CPA as one of its effort and major intervention toward up lifting livestock sub sector by Resuscitation dormant Yobe State Pilot Livestock Development Programme (YSPLDP). 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 some 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. To solve these problems, the state government has resuscitated the YSPLDP as one of its full pledge parastatals under the Ministry of Animal & Fisheries Development and make the following decisive intervention in the year under review November, 2007 to date:

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.

viii) Sponsored VCN mandatory Continuing Education Seminar at Bauchi, Kaduna and minna for the Zonal Veterinary Officers/Area veterinary officers with a view to keep them up to date with Veterinary knowledge for efficient service delivery.

x) Recently the Programme also register all the Five (5) Zonal Veterinary Clinics as required by the Veterinary Council under the Veterinary Practice Premises Registration for them to practice hence serve the state ever increasing Livestock population.

xi) Prompt payment of workshop\seminar\training to build capacity of staffs for efficient service delivery.

xii) Procured and distribute surgical and laboratory equipment to the five zonal veterinary offices.

All these were done to strengthen the Veterinary and Livestock Departments service delivery in the state as one of the objective of the Programme.

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.

The project has three core technical components and two supporting components headed by Head of units in each of the respective component namely:

1. **Animal Health unit:** Activities carried out under this components

are:

- Vaccination
- Undertaking drug recovery schemes
- Renovation of veterinary clinics/laboratories
- Equipping of veterinary clinics/laboratories
- Control of livestock disease outbreak in the State

2.) Technical Support Services unit: This components deals with credit

implementation to small scale livestock farmers, - there include:

- Cattle fattening sect oral reforms
- Ram fattening
- Animal traction (work – oxen with implement)
- Development of grazing reserves
- Gazzeting of ungazzeted grazing reserves
- Poultry broilers
- Re-surveying and re-demarcation of stock routes to curtail crop farmers and pastoralist conflicts.

3.)Extension Support Services unit: Deals with dissemination of livestock services, innovation to livestock farmers throughout the State using Unified Agricultural Extension Services (UAES) at the grass root level through the Agricultural Development Programme (ADP) e.g. extension to pastoralists, extension to small livestock farmers and extension to commercial farmers.

4.)Management Support Services Component: This deals with:

- Monitoring, evaluation and data collection
- General repairs and maintenance of motor vehicles
- General office expenses like stationeries/equipment

5.)Account Section: Deals with financial transaction .