



BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE CREATION OF DISEASE FREE ZONE AS A VISION 2030 FLAGSHIP PROJECT IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

I. BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, in collaboration with stakeholders, is implementing the establishment of livestock disease-free zones and has embarked on activities for Zone 1 at the coastal region of Kenya. The programme is targeting zonal eradication for Foot and Mouth Disease and Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia as well as the gathering of scientific evidence for confirming the historical freedom from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy. In the process, other trade sensitive diseases in the region will also be addressed. The expected outputs are additional supply of quality meat, milk and leather for domestic and export markets, improved wealth and livelihoods and greater industrialization of the livestock sector.

II. ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

1. DFZ Programme Proposal Development
2. Economic Feasibility Analysis (Cost-Benefit Analysis)
3. Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
4. Rangeland resource baseline survey
5. Baseline survey 7 target diseases in the zone.
6. Formation and launching of National Steering Committee and the Technical Steering Committee.
7. Study-tour of South Africa and Botswana zones for PS and other senior officials.
8. Engagement of following stakeholders:
 - a. H.E. the President
 - b. Parliamentarians under PCA, PPP and Members from the proposed 5 zones
 - c. Wildlife officials
 - d. Zonal community representatives
 - e. Zonal leaders
 - f. Via Ministry of Finance, the African Development Bank (ADfB) and probably also Arab Bank for the Development of Africa (BADEA).
 - g. OIE PVS experts

III. ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

1. Rehabilitation of FMD Laboratory
2. Rehabilitation of Mariakani RVIL
3. Phased construction of Biosafety Level 3 Laboratory at CVL, Kabete.
4. Construction of 12 office-blocks in the zone

5. Preliminary land boundary survey for the coastal zone and design of veterinary fence;
6. Up-scaling of awareness creation among decision-makers and the rest of the public through:
 - a. Training of trainers
 - b. Development and implementation of communication and branding strategy.
7. Baseline survey for bovine tuberculosis in the zone.
8. Resource mobilization
9. Acquisition of title deeds for all Ministry land ear-marked for zonal infrastructure development.

IV. ACTIVITIES PENDING

1. Implementation of procedures for eradication of target diseases and maintenance of resultant disease freedom, namely:
 - a. Structured tri-annual vaccinations for FMD
 - b. Test-slaughter-compensation for CBPP
 - c. Creation of disease-barriers
 - d. Subsidiary legislation for zoning biosecurity measures.
2. Implementation of procedures for certification of zonal products, namely:
 - a. Identification and traceability
 - b. Residue monitoring
 - c. Laboratory accreditation
3. Identification of target meat market and subsequent agreement on recognition of Kenya's zoning procedures.
4. Breed improvement programmes
5. Range improvement programmes
6. Marketing improvement programmes
7. Cabinet approval necessary for greater mobilization of funds

