



Project Highlights

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“Zimbabwe emergency drought mitigation operation for livestock”

Project code: OSRO/ZIM/203/UK

Donor: United Kingdom (DFID)

Contribution: GBP 5.5 million (USD 8.9 million)

Implementation: 19/11/2012 – 31/10/2013

Target areas: Matabeleland South, Matabeleland North, Midlands, Manicaland, Masvingo provinces



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Objective:	To contribute to poverty reduction through protection of livestock assets.
Key partners:	Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanization and Irrigation Development and the NGOs World Vision, Caritas, Netherlands Development Organisation and Africare.
Beneficiaries reached:	28 434 beneficiary households from the distribution of stock feed distribution; 32 500 from foot-and-mouth vaccinations; 59 375 from anthrax vaccinations; and 17 200 from borehole rehabilitation ¹ .
Activities implemented:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distributed 13 730 tonnes of stock feed, of which 10 383.8 tonnes was sold at a subsidized price of USD 6 per 50 kg bag.• Set up 18 community feedlots, cultivating 80 ha of fodder crops (velvet bean, lablab, cowpea and leucaena) around the feedlot sites.• Rehabilitated 349 boreholes and established Drought Mitigation Committees.• Procured, distributed and administered 260 000 foot-and-mouth (FMD) and 475 000 anthrax vaccines to 735 000 cattle.• Trained 216 extension officers on animal husbandry, animal health management, disease surveillance, livestock feeding regimes and fodder bank and feedlot establishment through the training of trainers method.• Produced a documentary on project beneficiaries to illustrate the impact of project activities.
Results:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved access to stock feed at a subsidized rate, supporting 86 530 cattle over a feed period of 40 to 60 days.• Approximately 28 434 livestock owners received extension support.• Through the feedlotting system, farmers received good prices for their cattle, ranging from USD 500 to USD 600 per head.• A total of USD 829 662.91 was raised by the Livestock District Associations to fund community livestock-related projects.• Reduced livestock deaths associated with drought, FMD and anthrax.• Safeguarded the livelihoods of rural households who depend on livestock.• Beneficiary farmers gained knowledge on how to better cope with drought and increase their resilience to future shocks.

¹ This list cannot be summed to obtain the total number of beneficiary households reached by the project, as some households benefited from all project interventions (stock feed, vaccines and borehole rehabilitation).