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Project Highlights SRI LANKA

"Emergency livestock management and coordination activities in Sri Lanka"

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Objective:

To ensure that the delivery of food security assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs), host communities and returnees takes place in a coordinated manner; and to restore the cattle herd in Northern Province and begin the process of re-establishing livestock production and redevelopment in the north.

Key partners:

Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Department of Animal Production and Health (DAPH) under Northern Provincial Council, district government agents (GAs), Ministry of Defense, livestock breeder cooperatives, farmer organizations.

Beneficiaries reached:

1 364 households in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts; humanitarian actors involved in agriculture sector activities in Sri Lanka.

Activities implemented:

- Strengthening food security and livelihood coordination mechanisms at all levels through activities such as establishing information sharing platforms; assisting implementing organizations/agencies to define an overall 'common understanding and strategy'; and collecting data on activities of Agriculture Cluster partners to avoid duplication and gaps.
- Construction of paddocks; searching for and capturing stray cattle; providing shelter, feed, water, vaccination and veterinary assessment; and distribution of animals to original owners and other IDP returnees.

Results:

- Ten paddocks in Kilinochchi and eight paddocks in Mullaitivu constructed.
- 7 312 animals rounded-up and distributed to 1 105 households in Kilinochchi.
- 3 740 animals rounded-up and distributed to 259 households in Mullaitivu.
- All 11 052 animals medically assessed and treated and ear-tagged.
- DAPH capacity in northern Sri Lanka strengthened through provision of much needed veterinary drugs and instruments.
- Strengthened coordination of agriculture sector activities to ensure that effective assistance is provided by humanitarian actors and local communities to restore the affected population's resilience and increase access to, and production of, food in a coordinated and effective manner.

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