



Project Highlights

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“Provision of dipping chemical, dip tank management and improved community dipping service in communal areas in Zimbabwe”

Project code: OSRO/ZIM/902/FIN

Donor: Finland

Contribution: USD 843 880

Implementation: 13/07/09 – 12/12/10

Target areas: all eight provinces of Zimbabwe

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Objective:

To stabilize livelihoods, and improve food security and rural livelihoods by reducing cattle and goat mortality due to tick-borne diseases through the sustainable control of ticks and tick-borne diseases.

Key partners:

European Union, Help Germany and the Government of Zimbabwe’s Division of Veterinary Field Services (DVFS)

Beneficiaries reached:

642 655 vulnerable livestock owners.

Activities implemented:

- Distributed 120 tonnes of dipping chemical (aracide) used to dip 33 701 323 cattle and 107 813 goats and sheep.
- Facilitated study tour for all Chief Animal Health Inspectors to help promote and improve national goat dipping practices.
- Provided extension support programmes on the management and maintenance of dip tanks and dipping services to livestock-based communities through the training of 741 Veterinary Extension Assistants.

Impact:

- Strengthened capacity of the DVFS through the training sessions implemented.
- Improved collection of dipping fees as payment rose from 11–15 percent to 20–70 percent.
- Increased reporting of disease outbreaks by farmers as dip tanks were operational in the project areas.
- Reduced incidences of tick-borne disease outbreaks by over 50 percent in five provinces.
- Improved livestock health and overall food security to livestock-based communities of Zimbabwe.