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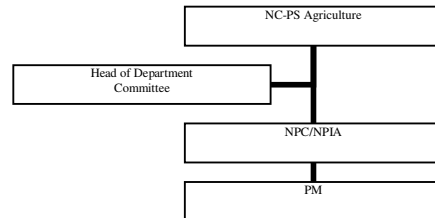
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## Introduction

The project focused on 40 selected farms in the Naitasiri and Tailevu districts and aimed at improving incomes of small holder farmers through increased milk production. The main activities included: procuring and distributing agro-inputs; conducting staff and farmer trainings; and establishing forage plots.

## Project Organization and Budget Arrangements



The project was 97% successful that all activities were undertaken. The total budget of \$94,000 USD was utilized.

## Project Outputs

- 1. Pasture Development -24.2 hac of Fodder s stema/Guatemala was planted, 11 farmers assisted through Land Drainage, Cultivation & land Clearing*
- 2. Fencing- 2.8km of fence renovatd and 4.8 km of fencing completed*
- 3. Twenty (20) bulls assisted 20 farmers*
- 4. 50 farmers assisted from 100 milkcans*
- 5. Additional twenty Eight (28) farmers were identified and received inputs which was higher than the initial 40 farmer-units targeted;*
- 6 Two (2) trainings were conducted involving 37 farmers and 5 staff less than the targeted 40 farmers and 18 staff.*
- 7. Milk yield increased from 3 to 5 liters/cow/day. The target is 7litres/day; and*
- 8. One (1) Milk collection centre was established in Rewa and construction of a new chilling center in Naqali is ongoing with arrangement between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rewa dairy Limited.*

## Conclusions

The smallholder dairies have progressively increased its contribution to total milk production to 42% today. (3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Report-AHP)

## Recommendations

The project was among those approved to receive additional support in the expansion phase. Identified activities which could further enhance farm productivity and food security include: (i) materials calf shed (ii) purchase of milking machines and (iii) beef and milk products value adding (including acquisition of materials

equipment) (v)coverage of more beneficiaries (vi)organize dairy farmers. The project may have to strengthen its evaluation system for animal and/or farm performances as an aid to decision-making process. Further, strengthening organizational management capability through training for farmer-members is needed.

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