LINKING LIVESTOCK BENEFICIARIES TO SAVINGS, LOANS SCHEMES AND AGRIBUSINESS SUPPORT
BACKGROUND INTRODUCTION

• This presentation summaries the progress made by FAO Group Savings and Lending Associations (GSLA) and Agribusiness in Borno state.

• The GSLA intervention aims to strengthen the resilience of communities-IDPs, Returnees & Hosts, especially women, youth and farmers through access to finance, diversified livelihoods and improved technologies.
ACHIEVEMENTS

• 73 Groups trained, functional and have access to finance for micro businesses at HH level

• 15 Community Facilitators identified and trained

• 1293 participants; Women 865 [67%] and 428 Men [33%] reached

• 10 group projects started from their own savings (7 in Bakassi & 3 in Gongolong)

• 73 groups trained in Business Management

• 73 Group project proposals developed and funded from the revolving group seed grant.

• 6 FFS trained in GSLA Methodology

• No drop outs recorded to date
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY GROUPS BENEFITING.

- 15 CLUSTERS
- 73 GROUPS
- 1,293 Participants
- 4,196 PERSONS BENEFITTING
ACHIEVEMENTS:- CUMULATIVE GROUPS STATISTICS

Net worth
N2,235,600

Loans
Given Out
N2,911,170

Cumulative Savings
N1,284,590

Social Fund
N456,240
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SPECIFIC SUPPORT TO LIVESTOCK BENEFICIARIES THROUGH GSLA/AGRIBUSINESS

• Provision of training on small business management skills
• Facilitation of collective products marketing, bulk sales of eggs and purchase of feeds and vaccines.
• Facilitation of linkages to agro-dealers and markets
• Facilitation of access to finance for scaling up livestock business
IMPORTANCE OF GSLA/AGRIBUSINESS SUPPORT TO LIVESTOCK BENEFICIARIES

• GSLA serves as a means for providing social support to the participants
• GSLA also facilitates the easy realization of economies of scale in small businesses.
• It empowers the participants collectively in terms of price negotiation through product bulk purchasing and sales.
LESSONS LEARNT

• The intervention is effective in building resilience as it empowers communities to initiate and manage their own development.

• GSLA has capacity in increasing household livelihood security (assets, options and welfare).

• Ownership and participation at both household and community level is enshrined in the project thus sustainability and continuity of this program is certain.

• The program enhances social cohesion and reduces donor dependency.

• Since GSLA is being mainstreamed on other interventions improved coordination within programme sectors is critical.
RECOMENDATIONS

• Interventions in poultry should consider a larger scale approach to achieve economies of scale

• Livestock sector should emphasize grouping and proper training of target beneficiaries in animal husbandry and small business management prior to handing out livestock kits.

• Proper value chain approaches should be taken into considerations in livestock interventions to achieve sustainability in livestock interventions.
PICTURES: POULTRY PROJECT BY A GSLA GROUP
POULTRY KITS BENEFICIARY AT BAKASSI CAMP