

Livestock Technical Working Group

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: 18th June 2020

Chair: FSLC/FAO

FSLC Virtual Room

Meeting Agenda:

- Vaccination and treatment campaign from July 2020, with the LOA partners in planning & implementation – FAO (15mts)
- Update on CAHWs – review of the manual & guidelines consultancy, with technical inputs from Sub-Regional Office - (30mts)
- Discussion on the PPR targeted campaign and the launching event – FAO / Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (15mts)
- Update on the Total Mixed Ration for pre – positioning (2019 flood emergency) – Lemma FAO (15mts)
- Brief update on the Guidance for emergency livestock actions in the context of COVID -19 in South Sudan (5mts)
- AOB

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Update on vaccination and treatment campaign from July 2020

Target increased and more than 10. 7 million animals vaccinated. It's more likely that, the FMD vaccination will be introduced this year, 2020. Some partners, who have already secured operational funding, would require pipeline support as well. It was also assured that the matrix would be shared with partners. (Attached here)

Review of Manuals, guidelines and curriculum Development for CAHWs

FAO South Sudan has engaged a consultant to facilitate development of standardized manuals, guidelines and curriculum for training of CAHW. Existing literature show need for additional harmonized material (for training of CAHWs) to include gaps, including mainstreaming conflict sensitivity.

Upcoming activities to include sample collection for lab diagnosis, support with selection of candidates for AHA training at MLLTC (to be revitalized), CAHW training to include COVID 19 mitigation actions, distribution of masks for beneficiaries

PPR targeted campaign

FAO, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, and partners are planning to launch a PPR targeted vaccination campaign in South Sudan for 2020 – 2023 in line with the PPR Global Control and Eradication Strategy 2030. A total of 4.4 million doses secured (resource partners and 3.6 million through FAO own resources) and the launch is on 23rd and 24th June 2020 (e launching and field)

Initial targeted coverage – whole of Eastern Equatoria and two counties in Central Equatoria, and eventually expand to other counties. There is a need to discuss the geographical targeting further (some locations in Jonglei had no PPR outbreaks but trade in small ruminants led to new outbreaks). Awareness and sensitization, lab support for sero-surveillance to be provided, also there is a need for pre-positioning of vaccines to contain outbreaks.

Total Mixed Ration (TMR) for prepositioning

Many animals died of starvation in 2019 after the floods and FAO has imported 800 MT of Total Mixed Ration as a learning experience and to protect the breeding stock, pregnant and lactating animals, calves. It was also highlighted about Rift Valley Fever and the alert for East Africa (floods), FAO printing posters / messages and radio programmes being developed.

COVID-19 – Guidance on emergency livestock actions

Global FSC TWG's guidance note for emergency livestock actions in the context of COVID-19 has been contextualized to South Sudan with the initiative by FAO, the Livestock TWG and FSL cluster, to address emerging needs related to the pandemic and to reprogram the 'on-going' critical activities, which complements existing useful reference materials.

Encl:

1. Excel sheet on Livestock vaccination and treatment target for 2020 (incl. VSFs and SC targets)
2. PPT on 'Review of CAHW Training Materials
3. DRAFT Guidance for emergency livestock actions in the context of COVID-19 in South Sudan