Project Evaluation Series

Evaluation of "Improving farmer livelihoods in the dry zone through improved livestock health, productivity and marketing"

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Management response

Management response to the evaluation of "Improving farmer livelihoods in the dry zone through improved livestock health, productivity and marketing"					June 2020
Evaluation Recommendation (a)	Management response (b) Accepted, Partially Accepted or Rejected	Management Actions to be taken, and/or comments about partial acceptance or rejection (c)	plan Responsible unit (d)	Time frame (e)	Further funding required (Y or N) (f)
Recommendation 1: Greater emphasis should be placed on extension services to provide greater project impact and to ensure sustainability of improved livestock production. (FAO, LIFT, Government of Myanmar)	Accepted	FAO proposed to expand the work on extension for Phase 2 of the project but this was rejected by the donor, who preferred to allocate resources to expanding CAHW training as much as possible. However, since extension is one of the functions of CAHWS, there is still scope to expand some extension activities in Phase 2.	FAO, LBVD, LIFT	Phase 2 is implemented from 2020- 2023	Yes, in Phase 2
Recommendation 2: There should be increased support for native chicken production. (FAO, LIFT, Government of Myanmar)	Accepted	FAO proposed to expand the work on native chicken production for Phase 2 of the project but this was rejected by the donor, who preferred to allocate resources to expanding CAHW training as much as possible. However, since native chicken health and production is one of the services of CAHWS, there is still scope to expand some work in this area in Phase 2.	FAO, LBVD, LIFT	Phase 2 is implemented from 2020- 2023	Yes, in Phase 2
Recommendation 3: A second phase of the project could strongly promote and extend the CAHW training and accreditation program (FAO, LIFT)	Accepted	CAHW training and accreditation is included as the core activity in Phase which has already been approved.	FAO, LBVD, LIFT	Phase 2 is implemented from 2020- 2023	Yes, in Phase 2

Recommendation 4: A second phase of the program could capitalize on the approach piloted for socioeconomic assessment and investment planning through further development and implementation (FAO, LIFT)	Accepted	Socio-economic assessment will continue in Phase 2, and investment planning, especially linked to credit linkages is included as the core activity in Phase which has already been approved.	FAO, LBVD, LIFT	Phase 2 is implemented from 2020- 2023	Yes, in Phase 2
Recommendation 5: The skills developed by LBVD staff should be further enhanced and consolidated (Government of Myanmar, LIFT, FAO)	Accepted	Phase 2 will build on LBVD skills, especially in data collection and management, training program development, and policy development and implementation.	FAO, LBVD, LIFT	Phase 2 is implemented from 2020- 2023	Yes, in Phase 2
Recommendation 6: The policies in preparation should be finalised and promoted nationally (Government of Myanmar, FAO)	Accepted	Phase 2 will mainly focus on national roll out of the CAHW policy, but will develop policies in priority areas as issues emerge.	FAO, LBVD, LIFT	Phase 2 is implemented from 2020- 2023	Yes, in Phase 2
Recommendation 7: The project delivery using an 'adaptive management' approach is endorsed and should be refined and utilised in the future. (FAO, LIFT)	Accepted	Phase 2 will contine the adaptive management approach in full agreement with the donor.	FAO, LBVD, LIFT	Phase 2 is implemented from 2020- 2023	Yes, in Phase 2
Recommendation 8: There should be greater cross-project coordination leading to improved synergies and efficiencies at country and regional levels. (LIFT, FAO)	Accepted	Phase 2 will include greater cross-project coordination as this is a key strategy in rolling out a national CAHW program in areas where other projects are active and can provide resources.	FAO, LBVD, LIFT	Phase 2 is implemented from 2020- 2023	Yes, in Phase 2

Recommendation 9: Gender should	Accepted	Gender was included in Phase 2 design and is	FAO, LBVD,	Phase 2 is	Yes, in
be considered in the design phase for all projects and documents and		incorporated into the project as per the recommendation	LIFT	implemented from 2020-	Phase 2
included in the project documents, initial scoping and work plan development, as well as project staff recruitment. (FAO)				2023	