

C2F (Cooperative to Farmer) approach to Livestock Development



ABSS Limited provided cattle to the Farmers

C2F approach is a livestock development approach through profit-loss sharing with farmers with a view to develop a group of livestock farmers with the technical and financial support by the Astha Bohumukhi Somobay Somittee Limited. Currently it creates a great demand to promote farmers in the area of livestock. This approach is an innovation of ABSS Limited.

Goal: Rural Development through livestock partnership approaches

Objectives:

- Develop the concept of profit-loss sharing following win-win method
- Promote a class of livestock farmers through cooperativesupports
- Contribute to the Rural Development of Bangladesh through partnership approach

Ownership: The Farmer and the ABSS Limited

Source of Fund: Initially own fund of the ABSS Limited and develop a revolving fund by the farmer as well as development partners.

Plan: Farmers' plan assisted by livestock technical experts/consultants.

Primary target: Beef Fattening with 10 farmers with 5 cattle for each farmer

Farm house:



ABSS Limited supported cattle shade



abss limited

Community Development through Partnership approaches

Farmers need to have at least 2/3 cattle accommodation with proper electricity facility and enough space to reserve minimum feeds. **Cooperative will support for building extended cattle shade for at least 10 years contract with 10 percent depreciation each year after an assessment of 1st batch completion.**



Feed and Treatment: ABSS Limited carried all types of feed, water supply, medicine along with treatment and the technical supports.

Electricity and Equipment: ABSS Limited will bear electricity and equipment cost. Electricity meter should be separated.

Profit/loss Sharing: Current practice in rural Bangladesh for beef rearing is observes as equal (Owner 50% and the Farmer 50%) as profit sharing where ABSS Limited will bear all the costs. ABSS Limited observes that most of the rural farmers have a little capacity to maintain quality nursing and for this, the growth of cattle is going slow down. Considering this circumstances ABSS Limited offers its livestock farmer members to provide Cattle, Feed, Treatment and Medicine and the technical supports.

The profit/loss sharing ratio as 50 percent for the cooperative and the 50 percent for the Farmers. Farmers will be allowed to apply for cattle shed for the 2nd batch of their farming. Profit/loss sharing ratio:

Input	% of Profit/loss	Responsibility
Animals	15%	
Structural support	10%	Cooperative
Programme Operation and Technical Support	10%	Cooperative
Feed, Treatment, equipment and fittings, Electricity bill	15%	Cooperative
Taking care	20%	Farmer
Cattle shed and land	10%	Farmer
Vermin-composting	10%	Farmer
Grass cultivation for Animal	10%	Farmer

Risk Sharing: Cooperative observes some risk factor as; management of sick animals, access Indian beef cattle, uncertain diseases etc. Cooperative will take necessary action towards a risk fund from the source of the procurement at 2% from each cattle. Any kind of missing related to disease or any other causes, the committee for risk fund judge the case and fill up the cattle within 2 (two) weeks with immediate effect but unknown missing like theft will not considerable for risk fund and the responsibility will go on the farmers.



abss limited

Community Development through Partnership approaches

Farm House Transfer: After the end of depreciation the cooperative will transfer all the assets to the Farmer with proper documentation. Then she/ he will be able to continue her/his farm by herself/himself. Of course, the technical support may be continued if the farmer required.

Farmer (Livestock): Farmer (Livestock) is the key implementation person for day to day nursing and taking care of the farm. She/he has to stay in the farm premises for nursing and taking care of the animals simultaneously. She/he has to maintain some terms and conditions:

1. Must be a member of ABSS Limited
2. Her/ his gross deposit to the cooperative will not be less than BDT=10,000.00 (Ten thousand only) for each animal.
3. She/he has minimum experience in beef fattening
4. Has at least 3 cattle accommodation by own arrangement for 1st batch
5. Has enough space for minimum feed storage
6. Has good will in honesty and hard working
7. Commitment to be a livestock farmer
8. Respect to the cooperative principles and values

Her/his tasks will be:

- Prepare feed for animals and Feeding the animals
- Waste management and cleanness for the farm
- Bathing the animals as the suggestions of the Officer (Livestock)
- Feeding medicine as following the suggestions of the Officer (Livestock) or livestock physician
- Maintain the discipline of the animals
- Willing to travel different places to procure, trade and retail the animals
- Cultivation of grass by the cooperative financial support
- Produce vermin-compost with the support of Officer (Livestock)

Officer (Livestock)

Role and Responsibilities:

As the Officer (Livestock), you are the linchpin of technical expertise for the successful implementation of the program. Your role encompasses a wide array of responsibilities aimed at ensuring the health, welfare, and productivity of the livestock under your care. Your tasks include, but are not limited to:

1. **Animal Health Management:** Take proactive measures to prevent diseases and promote the overall well-being of the animals. Administer timely vaccinations, medications, and treatments as necessary to safeguard their health and ensure optimal growth.
2. **Feeding Management:** Develop feeding charts and calendars tailored to the nutritional requirements of different livestock species and growth stages. Ensure a balanced diet that supports healthy growth and productivity.
3. **Procurement and Sales Planning:** Prepare comprehensive plans for procuring new animals into the farm and selling matured livestock. Coordinate with suppliers and buyers to optimize stock levels and maximize returns.
4. **Feed Quality Assurance:** Conduct regular testing of feed ingredients and finished feed products to ensure they meet quality standards and are free from contaminants or toxins that could harm the animals.



abss limited

Community Development through Partnership approaches

5. **Hygiene and Sanitation:** Supervise the cleanliness and hygiene of the farm premises, including maintaining dry and well-ventilated housing facilities. Implement sanitation protocols to prevent the spread of diseases and ensure a safe environment for the animals.
6. **Temperature Monitoring:** Monitor temperature levels in the farm environment at regular intervals and take prompt action to adjust heating or cooling systems as needed to maintain optimal conditions for livestock comfort and health.
7. **Utilities Management:** Ensure uninterrupted access to essential utilities such as electricity, safe drinking water, and efficient sewage disposal systems to meet the basic needs of the animals and maintain farm operations.
8. **Inventory Management:** Maintain accurate stock registers and records of all livestock, feed supplies, medications, and other inventory items. Implement efficient inventory management practices to minimize waste and losses.
9. **Farmers Assistance:** Provide technical assistance and guidance to farmers participating in the program, including advice on animal husbandry practices, disease management, and productivity enhancement strategies.
10. **Data Management:** Establish and maintain an organized animal database containing essential information such as breed, age, health status, and performance metrics. Regularly update and analyze the data to inform decision-making and improve farm management practices.
11. **Weight Measurement:** Conduct regular weighing of animals as per the database requirements to track growth rates, monitor health status, and assess feed conversion efficiency.
12. **Financial Management:** Manage petty cash funds for local expenses related to farm operations, ensuring transparency, accountability, and compliance with financial procedures and regulations.
13. **Worm Compost Plant Management:** Take responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Natural Manure (Worm Compost) Processing Plant, ensuring the production of high-quality organic fertilizers for use on the farm.

By diligently fulfilling these responsibilities, you will play a crucial role in the success and sustainability of the livestock program, contributing to the welfare of the animals and the prosperity of the farming community.

Future Partnership Business Model:

