

PS-Government, private sector to enhance market access for livestock farmers

BY MUTISO MBITHI (MYGOV)

The government has embarked on a beef and leather value chain development project to create jobs and enhance livelihoods especially in arid and semi-arid lands (ASAL) counties and foster the economic development of the country and these arid regions.

The Principal Secretary for Livestock Mr. Jonathan Mueke says Kenya is home to over 18 million cattle, 18 million sheep, 28 million goats, and three million camels with about 60 per cent of the households (about seven million) keeping some livestock that includes over 30 million poultry and over 300,000 pigs.

“The livestock sector contributes over 10 per cent and 40 per cent of Kenya and Agriculture Gross Domestic Products (GDPs) respectively while access to a valuable market remains a key challenge for most of the livestock producers especially in the beef value chain,” Mr. Mueke said.

The PS, in an interview with

reporters, further noted that the government had opened export opportunities in several countries and was working on strengthening the livestock value chain competitiveness by identifying and addressing the bottlenecks faced by producers and other market actors.

He added that the Government is also committed to developing the country’s local beef market and leather industry by streamlining the entire leather value chain through numerous initiatives.

Among such initiatives, Mueke said, is the World Bank funded De-risking Inclusion and Value Enhancement of Pastoralist Economies (DRIVE) Project that aims at ensuring that livestock production is economical and sustainable for the value chain actors.

The DRIVE Project, the PS said, is a national government initiative implemented in partnership with county governments in a Public- Private Partnership model.

The DRIVE Project, Mueke said, approaches the value chain development from two ways. The first is enabling the beef livestock producers to access government insurance premium subsidy and savings

incentives which is coordinated by ZEP-RE (PTA Reinsurance Company).

This approach, the PS added, aims at cushioning them against the impact of drought on fodder and building saving buffers to respond to the mild shocks and increase their bankability.

The insurance, Mueke said, is meant to support pastoralists to access timely funds (insurance payouts) to finance livestock fodder and health needs during drought times.

To date, the PS further said, ZEP-RE, the Horn of Africa implementing agent for this component, has coordinated fourteen underwriters in Kenya and seven international reinsurers to cover close to 140,000 pastoralists in twelve counties with insurance payouts of Sh640 million paid to the few areas that have had drought even as the country witnessed good rains.

“Insurance will be more critical if the seasons change from the prevailing good rainfall to poor rainfall like it was witnessed in the last drought cycle where over 2.5 million livestock was lost whose estimated value was over Sh100 billion,” the PS said.

The other component of DRIVE, Mueke added, will aim at unlocking access to capital through partners like Kenya Development Corporation (KDC) and Agricultural Finance Corporation among others.

“Access to markets is a major component for the project since it enables pastoralists to access high value domestic and export markets, as well as developing the leather value chain,” the PS said.

To enhance the impact of the project, Mueke noted that the government is undertaking a value chain approach under the DRIVE project.

“The Government is supporting the market to function optimally so that value can be delivered at all levels of the beef and leather value chains,” Mueke said.

Through the project, he noted, pastoralists will be accessing local and export markets through co-operative aggregation models, equivalent to the dairy sector.

“This model does not only deliver more value to pastoralists but ensures the cost of doing business by market actors like local abattoirs and exporters is optimised,” Mueke said.

Cotton, Textile, sector urged to formulate policy

BY BERNARDETTE KHADULI (KNA)

The Principal Secretary for Industry Dr. Juma Mukhwana has called upon the cotton, textile and apparel (CTA) sector to come up with sound policy interventions that will address each challenge on cotton, textile and apparel.

Dr. Mukhwana said the sector holds a prominent place in Kenya’s industrialization agenda of Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) whose development is crucial not only to the national economy but also to improve the livelihoods of countless individuals along the value chain and across communities at the grassroots.

He said policy formulation in the country follows laid down guidelines that advocate for comprehensive stakeholders’ consultation and public participation.

The PS was speaking during the launch of the Cotton, Textile, and Apparel (CTA) Policy development exercise and the CTA Policy Development Technical Steering Committee composed of experts, stakeholders, and industry leaders held at a Nairobi hotel.

He said the launch marks a significant step forward in the sector’s ongoing efforts to develop the cotton value chain.

“Our journey towards revitalizing the cotton, textile, and apparel sector is driven by the recognition of the sector’s immense potential to contribute to our economic growth, job creation, and sustainable development,” said Mukhwana.

The PS noted that the establishment of the CTA Policy Technical Steering Committee will harness collective expertise and perspectives to craft a policy that is innovative, practical and fit for purpose.



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