



Somali Livestock
Certification Project

SOLICEP



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About AU-IBAR

The African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) is a specialized technical office of the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA) of the African Union Commission (AUC). AU-IBAR's mandate is to support and coordinate the utilization of livestock, fisheries and wildlife as resources for both human wellbeing and economic development in the Member States of the African Union (AU). In support of livestock development in Africa, AU-IBAR supports Member States to set and comply with essential trade standards relevant for animal and animal products including certification systems.

Rationale

Livestock trade is vital to Somali pastoralists and is a main source of revenue for Somalia. Import bans for Somali livestock which have been imposed by countries in the Arabian Peninsula from time to time, have impacted negatively on the Somalia economy. Trade restrictions on live animals, by importing countries, have mainly been aimed at limiting risks associated with Rift Valley Fever and other trade limiting diseases. To sustain trading in live animals, Somalia and the Horn of Africa countries in general, have to develop



an animal health certification system, which is acceptable by both the exporting and importing countries to ensure reduced risk of introduction of RVF and other TADs into the importing countries. The system should also provide for

enhanced communication on sanitary information between the trading partners.

Somalia Livestock Certification Project (SOLICEP) is an African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) project funded by the European Union with the objective to improve export performance of the livestock sub-sector in Somalia and Somalia ecosystem.

SOLICEP will achieve the above objective through the following results:

- Animal health certification model that promotes the OIE/ WTO/SPS Standards for live animals and is acceptable to both importing and exporting countries is defined and tested.
- Capacity of Somali public and private institutions to improve access to international livestock markets enhanced.
- Linkages among relevant Somali institutions and livestock trading partners enhanced.

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Result 1: Animal health certification model that promotes the OIE/WTO/SPS Standards for live animals and is acceptable to both importing and exporting countries is defined and tested

- Develop a model that will take into account the unique circumstances of nomadic husbandry practices.
- Disease and species specific animal health certification models will be developed, using epidemiological data, for rinderpest, RVF, FMD and PPR.
- The models will be evaluated and validated for technical, economic and financial feasibility.
- FAO together with the Somali authorities will lobby OIE, other international organizations and trading partners for acceptance of the proposed certification model.

Result 2: Capacity of Somali public and private institutions to improve access to international livestock markets enhanced

- A self-assessment Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) will be undertaken to assess the state of the Somali veterinary services and to identify capacity building needs.
- Somali public and private personnel will be trained on animal health certification, international standards and requirements of trading partners.
- Investment funding to public and private sector institutions will be provided to support the implementation of the animal health certification system.
- Veterinary professional will be trained on disease data collection, collation, analysis and dissemination.
- Veterinary professionals will be trained on risk analysis.

- Web-based database on animal health certification and trade will be maintained on the websites of ministries and AU-IBAR.
- Institutions involved in certification process will be strengthened to establish & maintain the certification system.

Result 3: Linkages among relevant Somali institutions and livestock trading partners enhanced

- Sensitize and create awareness among stakeholders about animal health certification.
- Enhance communication about animal health certification among stakeholders in Somalia and with importing countries.
- Enhance technical coordination on animal health certification, trade and marketing for Somaliland, Puntland and central/south Somalia.
- Enhance communication with trading partners including disease notification to OIE and AU-IBAR.
- Train key personnel on trade negotiations.



Quarantine in Barbera – livestock is kept in quarantine to ensure disease-free status before being loaded into vessels for export

Goal To contribute to the reduction of poverty and consolidation of peace through sustainable economic growth and regional integration

Objective To improve the export performance of the livestock sub-sector in Somalia and the Somali ecosystem through enhanced live animal health certification that promotes OIE/WTO SPS standards

Main Expected Results

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Somalia and Somali Ecosystem

Project geographical coverage.

February 2008—July 2010

Project implementation period.

Beneficiaries

Livestock producers, traders, consumers and service providers from public and private institutions.

3.11 million euros

Amount in the Financing Agreement signed by AU-IBAR and the EU.

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