

## Zambia Dairy Transformation Programme (ZDTP)

### Monthly Newsletter – March 2017

#### Key highlights:

- Finalising the selection of cooperatives with which ZDTP will work.
- Practically biased induction training for five Extension Officers who will work with farmers in the selected cooperatives.
- Visit to Zambia College of Agriculture (ZCA) in Monze to understand more about their Certificate and Diploma courses in General Agriculture.
- Milk for Schools stakeholder input workshops in association with the World Food Programme (WFP) and Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (MFL).
- Attendance at Dairy Platform workshop and delivery of a presentation at the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry organised 'Stakeholder meeting on possible dairy project for Enhanced Integrated Framework funding'.

#### Overview of activities carried out under ZDTP output areas:

##### **Output 0: Programme Management**

Tania (Programme Country Manager) and her team have continued to meet with organisations working in the dairy sector to help align ZDTP with other interventions which are being carried out. This month, meetings have been held with:

- ✓ Heifer International (Kabwe) and Heifer International and Oxfam (in Lusaka) to identify how the three organisations can work together in Balaka, Fisenge and Mufulira dairy cooperatives. A joint visit by the three organisations to the three cooperatives is planned for April.
- ✓ Dairy Association of Zambia (DAZ) during the Extension Officer induction, to understand more about the dairy industry and how DAZ and ZDTP can complement each other's efforts.
- ✓ SNV (Kabwe) to understand more about SNV's biogas programme.
- ✓ Department of Livestock Development at MFL for updates and information sharing.
- ✓ Via Skype with Global Good Fund, who are interested in testing technologies in milk chilling, milk testing and quality, and fodder production

Meetings held and visits made over the last couple of months have been extremely helpful in allowing ZDTP to finalise areas of operation, which will be: Chibombo, Liteta and Balaka dairy cooperatives in Central Province and Fisenge, Kwanshama and Mufulira cooperatives in the Copper Belt.

##### **Output 1: On-farm production, inputs, systems and processes improved**

Five Extension Officers (EOs) joined ZDTP on 6<sup>th</sup> March. They've had a busy month becoming familiar with ZDTP values, ways of working and procedures, as well as attending a three-week practical technical induction to smallholder dairying appropriate to the Zambian context. A key focus has been integrating economics and business development into technical topics as well as concentrating on all those soft skills required for effective extension. During the training, the EOs had a chance to visit Parmalat to understand the dairy sector from the 'processor's point of view' and spent time visiting fodder demonstration plots at the GART research station and Klein Karoo farm. Extension officers

from MFL, Zammilk and Parmalat also joined on some of the training demonstrations.

**Output 2: Capacity of farmers, extension officers and other dairy industry personnel increased**

Tania spent half a day at ZCA in Monze meeting with faculty members, touring the teaching facilities, including the farm, and understanding more about the Certificate and Diploma courses offered in General Agriculture. The next step to ZDTP supporting ZCA with curriculum development is to have an MoU between MFL and the Ministry of Agriculture. Support from MFL has been requested in order to achieve this.

**Figure 1: Tim Harvey giving a silage making demonstration during the EO training**



**Figure 2: Tania and some of the faculty members at ZCA.**



**Output 3: Market-led milk handling, quality and processing capacity increased**

WFP and ZDTP, with the support of MFL held the Stakeholder input workshop for the Milk for Schools programme at the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit on 30<sup>th</sup> March. The workshop was attended by participants from: GRZ (MFL; Ministries of Community Development; Commerce; Education), Chamber of Commerce, representatives from the Copper Belt Province (Fisenge Dairy Union, Provincial MFL Office and Education Board) and processors/ packaging companies (Zammilk; Tetra Laval). Workshop minutes will be written up, circulated in April and used to develop the business case over the coming months. If you would like to receive a copy of the workshop outputs, please contact Tania.

**Output 4: Policy and regulatory framework improved**

Kapeza our Business Support Officer and John, the Programme Community Engagement Officer attended a Dairy Platform workshop hosted by Oxfam, SNV and DAZ. They also delivered a short presentation on ZDTP at a meeting organised by DAZ and the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry who are identifying gaps for possible funding within the dairy industry. The ZDTP team look forward to seeing how they can be involved in outputs emanating from these two initiatives.

*We hope you've found this third edition of the ZDTP newsletter informative and welcome any questions, or comments you may have,  
Best Regards, The ZDTP Team*

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