

Executive Board Consultation

Botswana Livestock Commercialisation Project

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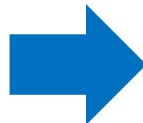
BoLCoP AT A GLANCE

Duration:	8 years
Project Area	21 districts
Financing	<p>Direct Project Costs: US\$ 86.84 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IFAD: US\$ 31.52 million• GoB: US\$ 5.08 million• GEF: US\$ 5.00 million• AF: US\$ 20.00 million• SSTC grant: 0.25 million• Project participants' contribution: US\$ 1.5 million• IFAD Financing gap: US\$ 23.48 million• Parallel Financing – EU DeSIRA + grant (US\$5M), NSO with Bank Gaborone (US\$10M), private sector contribution (US\$5.1M)
Implementing Agency	Ministry of Lands and Agriculture (MoLA)
Target group	50,000 HH

PROJECT RATIONALE

Problem Context

- **Limited economic diversification** dominated by diamond mining (90% of export revenues) and the cattle sector (80% of agricultural GDP)
- 61.5% of the population under UMIC **poverty** line; **high unemployment rate and food insecurity**
- **Low production and productivity in the small stock sector, vulnerability to climate change and limited commercialisation**
- **Lack of job opportunities for youth and high gender inequality**



Project Logic

- **Investments in the small stock sector**, less resource- and emission-intensive than the cattle sector, which has potential to **bolster food security, commercialisation and poverty reduction**
- **Improved access production and productivity and value chain development** (inputs, veterinary and extension services, climate smart agricultural technologies, digitalization, farmer organization, aggregation, market linkages etc)
- Promoting social inclusion through **targeted support** to enhance **participation of women and youth**

PROJECT COMPONENTS

COMPONENT 0:

Response to emergencies and disasters

- **Establishing mechanisms to mitigate and manage shocks** to small livestock such as floods, droughts, and disease outbreaks

COMPONENT 1:

Increased Climate-Resilient Small Livestock Production and Productivity

- **Improving access** to enhanced breeds, feed and fodder, weather information, training and e-extension services
- Promotion of **community-based rangeland management, livestock breeding programme and animal health management**

COMPONENT 2:

Strengthened and Inclusive Small Livestock Value Chains

- **Construction and rehabilitation of 191 facilities** for marketing, processing and storage
- **Promoting strengthening of farmer organizations (FO)** and providing capacity building support to 30,000 members
- Improved access to **business development and green financial services** for inclusive value chain support

COMPONENT 3:

Enhanced Enabling Environment for Improved Small Livestock Development

- **Capacity building** of the Project Management and Coordination Unit
- Support the **development of sheep value chain strategy, small livestock meat grading systems and requirement for minimum local content**

SPECIAL FEATURES

Mainstreaming Themes	Building on Good Practices	Partnerships & Strategic Alignment
Gender-sensitive: Promoting women's leadership and participation across priority value chains	Scaling up of 4 years of technical assistance on the small stock sector	Contributions to SDGs: 1, 2, 5, 8, 13, 17
Youth: Enhance their participation in production and VCs	Small Stock Strategy and desire for greater commercialization, diversified and technologically driven sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision 2036 • National Transformation Strategy (2023-2030) • National Development Plan 12 • IFAD CSN 2025-2027
Building adaptive capacity: Climate-smart practices and climate-proof infrastructure	Aligns with Botswana's Agricultural Sector Policy (2025), with a focus on CSA, access to finance, value chain development and entrepreneurship	Greater synergy in increasing liquidity in rural financing and support to BoLCoP 's commercial and medium-scale farmers via NSO with a commercial bank

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