President’s report

Proposed loan and grant to the Republic of Rwanda for the Rwanda Dairy Development Project

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Abbreviations and acronyms

COSOP  results-based country strategic opportunities programme
FAO    Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GHG    greenhouse gas
HPI    Heifer Project International
L-FFS  livestock farmer field school
MCC    milk collection centre
MINAGRI Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources
NISR   National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda
RAB    Rwanda Agriculture Board
RDDP   Rwanda Dairy Development Project
RIMS   IFAD's Results and Impact Management System
SPIU   single project implementation unit
Map of the project area

Rwanda
Rwanda Dairy Development Project (RDDP)
Republic of Rwanda

Rwanda Dairy Development Project

Financing summary

Initiating institution: IFAD

Borrower: Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning/ Republic of Rwanda

Executing agency: Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources

Total project cost: US$65.1 million

Amount of IFAD loan: SDR 31.35 million
(equivalent to approximately US$43.6 million)

Amount of IFAD grant: SDR 0.79 million
(equivalent to approximately US$1.1 million)

Terms of IFAD loan: Highly concessional loan

Cofinancier: Heifer Project International (HPI)

Amount of cofinancing: Heifer Project International: US$4 million
Private sector: US$6.6 million

Terms of cofinancing: Grant

Contribution of borrower: US$3.9 million

Contribution of beneficiaries: US$5.9 million

Appraising institution: IFAD

Cooperating institution: Directly supervised by IFAD
Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to approve the recommendation for the proposed financing to the Republic of Rwanda for the Rwanda Dairy Development Project, as contained in paragraph 46.

Proposed loan and grant to the Republic of Rwanda for the Rwanda Dairy Development Project

I. Strategic context and rationale

A. Country, rural development and poverty context

1. Rwanda is a small, landlocked country in east-central Africa with a land area of 26,338 km². Its estimated population in 2016 is 11.55 million with an annual growth rate of 2.36 per cent. Population density has increased from 321 persons per km² in 2002 to 445 persons per km² in 2015 – the highest in Africa.

2. While Rwanda has had an impressive record translating its sustained growth into poverty reduction across the country, poverty remains a major challenge with slightly over 4.4 million people estimated to be living in poverty. The country is ranked 163rd out of 188 countries in the 2014 Human Development Index, classifying Rwanda as a low human development country. The latest national poverty survey identified 39.1 per cent of the population as poor and 16.3 per cent as extremely poor (unable to afford the basic basket of goods and services estimated at Rwf 159,375 per household per year in 2014).¹

3. Poverty is mostly a rural phenomenon: the incidence of poverty in rural areas is estimated at 43 per cent compared to 22 per cent in urban areas. The country’s land distribution is skewed – 36 per cent of households own 6 per cent of all farm land, with an average of 0.1 hectare (ha) per household (compared to the national average of 0.33 ha per household). The HIV prevalence rate has fallen below 3 per cent as a result of concerted efforts to promote awareness and behaviour change, coupled with ensuring that pregnant women living with HIV have access to antiretroviral medicines.

4. Official estimates show that 19 per cent of Rwandan households are food insecure. Food insecurity follows a similar distribution across districts as poverty and is highest in the northern (46.2 per cent) and western (45.3 per cent) provinces. Food insecurity is often related to the stability of rural incomes, access to land, animal ownership and events such as crop failures and seasonal scarcities, which reduce access to food. While there has been a marked reduction in the prevalence of chronic malnutrition over the last decade, stunting continues to be above the World Health Organization severity threshold and is a major public health concern. Almost 38 per cent of children under 5 are chronically malnourished, with stunting levels above 40 per cent reported in over 30 per cent of districts in the country.

5. Dairy is a strategic commodity and the dairy subsector is crucial for rural development, poverty reduction and food and nutrition security in Rwanda. It offers a pathway out of poverty for the large number of households keeping livestock and those who provide services and add value throughout the supply chain. The current "farm gate" value of annual milk production is approximately US$153.90 million. The dairy subsector is the largest segment of the livestock sector in Rwanda, which accounts for 10.5 per cent of agricultural gross domestic product and is the fastest growing subsector within agriculture.

6. In recognition of the importance of dairy, the Government has made significant investments in the industry over the past decade aimed at transforming it from subsistence to a business-oriented, modern sector capable of meeting the country’s demand for dairy products and producing surpluses for the regional market. The results of these investments are clearly visible today and include the transformation of the national cattle herd from 600,000 cattle dominated by local breeds with low milk production potential in the 1990s to today’s national herd of 1.35 million, which includes 54 per cent improved dairy breeds. In tandem with this transformation of the sector, annual milk production increased from 50,000 metric tons in 2000 to 731,000 metric tons in 2015. Per capita milk consumption has also steadily increased from below 20 litres per year in the 1990s to 64 litres per year in 2015.

7. While the impressive growth of the dairy sector in Rwanda has enabled the country to become a significant player in the regional dairy industry, the sector’s performance still lags behind that of competing countries in the region, and there are still many challenges to be tackled. The Government’s National Dairy Strategy seeks to build on the gains made so far to address the remaining factors constraining the dairy sector from achieving its potential. A key thrust of the strategy is to formalize the dairy value chain and – considering the health benefits – increase national consumption of processed milk instead of the raw milk currently being consumed. The strategy also seeks to improve value addition and product diversification based on the anticipated milk surplus. The National Dairy Strategy aims to not only increase the number of improved breed cows but enhance their productivity through improved feeding across seasons. The latter is important to ensure consistent milk supply, particularly during the dry season when milk supply has consistently been far below demand. The Government is also seeking to expand the milk-collection infrastructure, including the establishment of more milk collection centres (MCCs) and increased commercialization of their operations. Improved productivity and efficiency along the dairy value chain are expected to reduce costs, making Rwanda’s dairy products less expensive and more competitive in regional markets.

8. The National Dairy Strategy emphasizes the importance of public-private-producer partnerships in achieving its objectives. The Government has spearheaded the development of the dairy industry through projects such as the African Development Bank-funded Livestock Infrastructure Support Project and the Rwanda Dairy Competitiveness Programme I and II funded by the United States Agency for International Development. In addition, the Netherlands Development Organisation, Heifer Project International (HPI), Send-a-Cow and the recently completed East Africa Dairy Development Programme funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have supported dairy development in Rwanda. The projects are being implemented in prescribed districts, with the Rwanda Dairy Competitiveness Programme II active in 17 districts across the country’s five milksheds.

9. Despite remarkable progress in developing the country’s dairy sector, significant challenges remain. Key among them are: (i) low milk productivity, attributed to the low number of improved dairy cattle and compounded by inadequate forage, animal feeding practices and seasonal fluctuations in water availability; (ii) limited support services (such as artificial insemination, veterinary services, extension and inputs), and inadequate knowledge of dairy cattle management; (iii) limited organization of farmers for collective action in marketing of milk and accessing inputs and services; (iv) inadequate development and management of milk collection, processing and marketing infrastructure for the supply of quality milk to domestic and regional markets; (v) limited access to financing for dairy value chain actors, especially women and youth; and (vi) a nascent policy and institutional framework and the need for specific laws, regulations and institutional capacity development to encourage the industry’s growth.
10. The dairy sector is susceptible to climate change on both the production and marketing sides as water and land become more limited for fodder production and temperatures increase, requiring changes in forage-feeding systems. This makes the transport and safe storage of milk to consumers more complex and requires more energy use. On the other hand, dairy farming contributes to climate change since increasing dairy production may contribute to anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, biophysical degradation and loss of biodiversity if green strategies are not promoted along with good dairy-management practices. For these reasons, dairy production needs to be increased through well-managed intensification rather than an extensification approach, and must incorporate climate-smart measures and technologies to mitigate against adverse environmental impacts.

B. Rationale and alignment with government priorities and COSOP

11. The proposed Rwanda Dairy Development Project (RDDP) will address these challenges and capitalize on the opportunities created by past investments in the sector. At the current level of productivity, milk-supply projections show that the country will not be able to meet the rapidly growing domestic demand for milk and sustain the upward trend in cross-border exports to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Burundi. RDDP is expected to contribute to closing this gap. The project design builds upon lessons learned in the dairy sector by developing the value chain through: improving cattle productivity, milk quality and the processing capacity of the dairy industry; and strengthening the policy and institutional framework for the sector. RDDP supports all three strategic objectives of the results-based country strategic opportunities programme (COSOP) 2013-2018.

II. Project description

A. Project area and target group

12. The project area comprises 12 districts throughout Rwanda. Selection of the targeted districts was based on: (i) the current cattle population and level of milk production; (ii) current and projected market development potential, including investments in MCCs, dairy processing plants and animal feed factories; and (iii) levels of poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition. With an estimated population of 4.6 million, poverty in the project area is higher than the national average, with the highest poverty in targeted districts in the north and west.

13. The project’s primary target group comprises slightly over 100,000 resource-poor rural households, of whom 80,000 will be involved in dairy farming and 20,000 in off-farm activities along the dairy value chain. The target groups include:

- 51,800 smallholder dairy farmers in zero-grazing systems who typically own up to three cows – this is the predominant livestock system in Rwanda, accounting for 92 per cent of all livestock keepers, producing mainly for home consumption and selling a small surplus locally;
- 22,200 smallholder dairy farmers in semi-extensive grazing systems with up to 10 cows – they are principally located in the northern and eastern provinces, and typically have 5-10 ha, which form a good base for sufficient supply of forage for their cattle, but face challenges associated with shortages of water and pastures during dry months;
- 6,000 Girinka (one-cow-per-poor-family) beneficiaries, who will receive a cow in-calf and pass on the first heifer to a qualifying neighbour – these households meet the criteria set by the government programme, with some land for forage production and ability to construct a cowshed;
• 15,400 young farm assistants age 15 to 24 working as wage labourers on dairy farms, especially in women-headed households with no male adults – they are typically from very poor families, with little or no education, and a limited skills base;

• 5,400 rural women age 15-35, who will benefit from new economic opportunities and the creation of small off-farm business opportunities; and

• 640 livestock farmer field school (L-FFS) facilitators, 450 producers of forage seeds and vegetative-planting materials, 175 veterinarians, 72 community animal health workers and artificial insemination technicians, members of dairy cooperatives, milk-collectors and dairy processors.

14. The gender strategy aims to provide equal opportunities for women and men to participate in, and benefit from, development of the dairy value chain through RDDP-supported activities. It is expected that women will account for at least 45 per cent of all project beneficiaries. Women-headed households and women in men-headed households will be empowered to build small businesses or engage in activities related to dairy farming. The Gender Action Learning System will ensure that women fully participate in household decision-making, especially regarding dairy activities. Women’s participation in L-FFS will encourage their membership and leadership in dairy farmers’ organizations, apex organizations and policy engagement. Climate-smart investments will support the use of labour-saving technologies such as rainwater harvesting, and the intensification of dairy production will provide opportunities for biogas systems, which can be used for household energy.

B. Project development objective

15. The overall goal of RDDP is to contribute to pro-poor national economic growth and improve the livelihoods of resource-poor rural households. This will be achieved by focusing on food security and nutrition, empowering women and youth, increasing smallholder dairy farmers’ incomes and developing a climate-resilient dairy value chain. Specifically, the project seeks to increase the dairy sector’s competitiveness and profitability through the provision of quality products from small-scale producers to domestic and regional consumers, thus improving their livelihoods, food security and nutrition while building overall resilience.

16. There are two specific objectives:

• Sustainably intensify dairy production and increase productivity among participating smallholder farmers. This shall be achieved through: the promotion of improved climate-smart dairy-farming practices and access to quality dairy inputs; extension services including veterinary and artificial insemination services; green technologies; and business and financial services, following a hub-model approach.

• Increase incomes among 80 per cent of participating smallholder farmers from dairy farming through the combined effects of increased milk production and improved market access. This shall be achieved through the: development of 30 dairy hubs; establishment and strengthening of dairy farmers’ organizations; and facilitation of linkages to markets and dairy value chain actors such as milk collectors, processors, transporters, traders and investors in milk quality through public-private-producer partnerships.
C. Components/outcomes

17. To achieve its objectives, RDDP has three technical components:

18. **Component 1: Climate-smart dairy production intensification** aims at increasing the capacity of smallholder dairy farmers and farm assistants to sustainably produce and supply higher volumes of quality milk to the dairy market. This component focuses on: (i) enhancing the capacity of smallholder dairy farmers and farm assistants to improve their knowledge, attitudes and behaviours for increased milk productivity and quality; (ii) providing smallholder dairy farmers with sustainable access to public and private livestock services and inputs; and (iii) supporting resource-poor households without cattle to acquire dairy assets so that they can begin dairy farming through the *Girinka* programme and increase their capacity to implement climate-smart investments aimed at sustainably improving milk productivity and quality, as well as increasing household-level milk consumption.

19. **Component 2: Producer organization and value chain development** is designed to enable farmers to capitalize on productivity gains realized through investments made under component 1. This component aims to increase their earnings through: (i) organization and capacity-building of dairy-farmer cooperatives for improved service delivery to farmers in milk collection and marketing, input supply, animal-health services and financial services under the hub model; (ii) investment in climate-resilient milk collection, processing and marketing infrastructure aimed at reducing post-production losses and enhancing the supply of quality milk in the domestic and regional markets; and (iii) leveraging financing for climate-resilient dairy enterprise development aimed at catalysing growth in all segments of the dairy value chain.

20. **Component 3: Institutional and policy development** aims to facilitate the establishment of an evidence-based, inclusive policy framework and institutional structure for the Rwandan dairy sector. It will achieve this by supporting: (i) formulation of a national dairy policy and legislation necessary for improving the regulatory environment of the sector; (ii) policy implementation and institutional strengthening; and (iii) policy-related analysis and technical assistance.

III. Project implementation

A. Approach

21. The starting point of RDDP will be the value chain for milk and milk products; it will focus on supporting milk production, marketing and processing. In the process, it will also support public and private production service providers such as extensionists, input suppliers, artificial insemination and veterinary services, smallholder dairy farmers and their organizations, informal traders and transporters, small private dairy and MCC operators, and milk processors. The project will facilitate the emergence of diverse subsector value chains offering a range of products to different markets. In all of them, emphasis will be on: increasing the quantity of milk marketed and processed; promoting efficiency in value chains; ensuring the quality and safety of the final products; and increasing household-level milk consumption.

B. Organizational framework

22. The lead agency in project implementation will be the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI). Within the Ministry, daily operations will be managed by the single project implementation unit (SPIU), which currently implements the IFAD-supported Project for Rural Income through Exports, Post-harvest and Agribusiness Support Project and the Kirehe Community-based Watershed Management Project in Rwanda. In line with the sector-wide approach principles and to mainstream project implementation within government agencies responsible for dairy development, the main implementing body for the project will be the
Rwanda Agriculture Board (RAB), which will work closely with HPI in developing the dairy-hub model. Other implementing partners will be the Rwanda Council of Veterinary Doctors, the Rwanda Cooperative Agency, Rwanda’s Business Development Fund and the Rwanda National Dairy Platform. These agencies will provide facilitation and technical services in line with their mandated roles to support project implementation. Collaboration will also be forged with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) for technical support.

23. **Performance-based contracts.** Project implementation will be structured around performance-based memoranda of understanding and partnership agreements with government and non-governmental agencies, and service contracts with recruited service providers. To ensure uninterrupted service delivery during implementation, MINAGRI will enter into multi-year agreements with government implementing partners and HPI, but provide annual reviews to ensure the achievement of results. All service contracts for multi-year engagement will be issued on an annual basis, and will be renewable only upon achievement of clearly set performance targets.

C. **Planning, monitoring and evaluation, and learning and knowledge management**

24. Project management will be guided by a results-based management approach, which aims to ensure that all processes, services and activities of the project and its implementing partners contribute to achieving the project targets within the framework of the project’s theory of change. As part of this approach, planning will be guided by the project’s strategy, logframe and broader results framework, which will inform the development of annual workplans and budgets.

25. The objectives of the project’s monitoring and evaluation system are to: (i) provide information on progress towards results as required for results-based management at all levels; (ii) enable the tracking of physical progress against the targets in the annual workplan and budget; and (iii) collect and disseminate lessons for learning purposes, including options for scaling up, replication and risk management. In line with IFAD’s Results and Impact Management System (RIMS), results will be measured at the output, outcome and impact levels. The project logframe will be extracted from the results framework and linked to the economic and financial analysis in line with IFAD guidelines.

26. A knowledge management strategy for the dairy sector will be developed building on three pillars: people, processes and technology. Quarterly reviews with implementing partners will be organized by the SPIU to discuss progress towards planned results in order to prepare quarterly progress reports, which will focus on lessons learned, challenges and good practices. Study tours, exchange visits and learning visits will be organized for lateral knowledge transfer.

D. **Financial management, procurement and governance**

27. MINAGRI will have overall responsibility for the project’s financial management system. It will be administered through the existing SPIU financial management structure, which is regarded as a best practice in the region. The SPIU uses the TOMPRO accounting system for both project and government reporting. The financial reporting and audit standards are acceptable to IFAD.

28. **Project audit.** The SPIU will recruit an internal auditor to assess compliance of the project’s internal controls and procedures. The external audit will be performed by the Office of the Auditor General.

29. **Funds flow and disbursement arrangements.** IFAD will disburse loan and grant proceeds through a designated account to be opened at the National Bank of Rwanda. The operational and counterpart funds accounts, denominated in Rwandan francs, will also be opened at the National Bank of Rwanda, through which daily payments to suppliers will be made. Funds will be transferred to other implementing partners from the operational account. Implementing partners may
be required to open bank accounts specifically for RDDP funds depending on whether they will receive substantial advances for activities under their responsibility. Project funds will flow from the SPIU to the RAB and other implementing partners only once memoranda of understanding are in place.

30. **Start-up costs.** Withdrawals for start-up costs are encouraged for eligible expenditures to be incurred between the date of entry into force of the financing agreement and the satisfaction of the conditions precedent to withdrawal.

31. **Procurement.** RDDP will adopt national procurement systems in line with the international competitive-bidding threshold for goods, works and services, provided that this system is in compliance with IFAD’s guidelines and in accordance with the financing agreement and the letter to the borrower. The following actions will be mainstreamed during RDDP implementation to ensure greater transparency and accountability in financial management and procurement: (i) disclosure of information to a wider audience, including at the community level; (ii) beneficiary/civil society oversight for monitoring purposes and to ensure that project-related information is discussed openly; (iii) a responsive complaints-handling system; and (iv) sound accounting and audit measures within a context of rigorous financial management.

E. **Supervision**

32. Project supervision will be carried out by IFAD jointly with MINAGRI, and with the participation of HPI. Two implementation support/supervision missions will be conducted every year and a midterm review will be organized by MINAGRI in the third year. The IFAD Country Office will play an important role in supervising the project by continually assessing bottlenecks and risks to successful implementation and sustainability, and monitoring changes in implementation that require proactive adjustments to the project design, implementation arrangements and logframe.

IV. **Project costs, financing, and benefits**

A. **Project costs**

33. Total project costs over six years, including physical and price contingencies, are estimated at US$65.1 million, as presented in table 1 below, which summarizes overall costs by component and financier. Component A represents 42 per cent of total base costs, component B, 46 per cent and component C, 3 per cent; project coordination and management costs are 9 per cent.
### Table 1
**Project costs by component and financier**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

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### B. Project financing

34. The project will be financed by: (i) IFAD in the amount of US$44.7 million (69 per cent of the total cost) through a highly concessional loan of US$43.6 million and a grant of US$1.1 million; (ii) HPI for US$4 million (6 per cent of the total cost); (iii) the private sector/banks for US$6.6 million (10 per cent of the total cost); (iv) the Government of Rwanda for US$3.9 million (6 per cent) in the form of tax exemptions; and (v) beneficiaries for US$5.9 million (9 per cent). Table 2 below details project costs by expenditure category and financier.
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(Thousands of United States dollars)

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C. Summary benefit and economic analysis
35. The economic and financial analysis shows that the project would be profitable with an internal economic rate of return of 26.2 per cent and a net present value of US$44.1 million at a 12 per cent economic discount rate. Sensitivity analysis shows that the economic profitability of RDDP remains satisfactory even if the project costs increase by 50 per cent, the project benefits decrease by 50 per cent or the benefits lag behind by two years. The project is financially profitable at the production, processing and marketing segments of the value chain, with the financial internal rate of return for farmers ranging from 22 per cent to 43 per cent depending on the production system (for small-scale processors, it is estimated at 43 per cent and for milk collection and marketing enterprises, it ranges from 25 per cent to 36 per cent).

D. Sustainability
36. RDDP will contribute to improving the livelihoods of targeted dairy-farmers and strengthening the resilience of their production systems through the promotion of dairy farming as a profitable business. The sustainability of project benefits will be ensured through:

- Implementation by national bodies and utilization of national procedures to build country ownership and sustain investment in the dairy value chain;
- A focus on empowerment of dairy groups through L-FFSs, which contributes to a bottom-up approach for technology transfer, knowledge dissemination and support service delivery, enabling dairy farmers to access these services at affordable cost well beyond the project time frame;
- An emphasis on cost-sharing with farmer beneficiaries to ensure their ownership and project investment support to enhance beneficiaries’ entrepreneurial capacities so that farmer groups can access services and develop business enterprises supported by financial institutions, and conclude contracts with nationwide milk processors;
• Facilitation of dairy hubs’ access to financial services, which will enable them to establish long-term business relationships with the financial sector so that businesses can grow and advance to a commercial scale; and

• Promotion of partnerships with stakeholders such as HPI for dairy-business hub development, FAO for technical assistance regarding animal-health and feeding, and operational partnerships with the Business Development Fund and the Rwanda Veterinary Doctors Council to ensure the continuity of project interventions beyond IFAD support.

E. Risk identification and mitigation

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<td>Medium: Business management capacity of dairy hubs does not develop fast enough to cope with their expansion and ensure that activities are managed effectively in support of dairy value chain development.</td>
<td>RDDP is expected to provide inputs appropriate to the needs of the hubs that will be supported by an extensive training and business coaching programme. Where appropriate, the project will support a &quot;turnaround&quot; programme that has proved effective in other projects supporting cooperative development.</td>
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<td>Low: RDDP interventions encourage non-commercial value chain investments.</td>
<td>RDDP has been designed in accordance with a value chain approach. The sustainability of this approach rests on commercial incentives and private-sector participation. The project will support dairy-farmers, MCCs and other dairy value chain stakeholders to build financially self-sustaining commercial linkages based on commercial incentives rather than reliance on subsidies. Results of the economic analysis show that the project has a good and resilient economic profitability that should remain satisfactory even in case of strong adverse developments in project costs, benefits and implementation delays.</td>
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<td>Medium: Under-investment in rural roads, water and electricity infrastructure perpetuates the problems of low-quality milk for processing, high production costs and limited opportunities for export.</td>
<td>The Government has committed to provide additional resources through the Feeder Roads Development project to finance feeder road improvements under component 2, which are currently estimated at US$12.8 million.</td>
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<td>Low: Disease outbreak (e.g. foot-and-mouth disease, Rift Valley Fever, Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia) can cause losses for dairy producers and the dairy industry if contingency and mitigation plans are not implemented by national veterinary authorities.</td>
<td>The Government has put in place disease-control measures that include regular vaccination campaigns against these diseases and elaborate movement control of livestock and livestock products. Lessons learned from IFAD-funded projects in Zambia and Malawi on disease control have been considered in formulating project activities to strengthen national capacity for mitigating the risk of disease outbreaks.</td>
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<td>Medium: The effects of climate change can have significant impacts on natural resources, especially pasture and forage/crop production, affecting seasonal available grazing and reducing the nutrition and lactation of cattle.</td>
<td>The project’s climate-smart dairy intensification approach will strengthen community resilience through the sharing of dairy-farming best practices and adoption of green innovations in order to cope with extreme climate events. The project will train dairy farmers in forage conservation and invest in pasture improvement and conservation at the farm level. The project will also promote investments in climate-resilient and low-carbon post-production procedures, cooling, processing and value addition to reduce product losses and increase the incomes of farmers and rural labourers.</td>
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<td>Medium: Rwanda has been ranked as maintaining a high level of integrity in public administration and has made significant progress in establishing mechanisms to support integrity and transparency in public procurement systems. The 2015 Transparency International Corruption Perception Index score of 54 places the country at medium risk.</td>
<td>Mitigation measures include strengthening the internal audit function, performing financial management assessments of new implementing agencies, upgrading accounting software and maintaining a project implementation manual with all financial procedures.</td>
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V. Corporate considerations

A. Compliance with IFAD policies

37. RDDP complies with IFAD’s policies on targeting, gender equality and women’s empowerment, private sector, climate change, environment and natural resource management. The project is designed to be consistent with the IFAD’s Private Sector Development and Partnership Strategy, its Rural Finance Policy and the associated Decision Tools for Rural Finance. The project is also in line with the approaches outlined in the Framework for Gender Mainstreaming in Programme Management Department Operations.

38. The project’s Social, Environmental and Climate Assessment Procedures (SECAP) category is B considering that RDDP will promote enhanced natural resources management and integration of livestock and crop production. It will ensure that climate-resilience technologies (e.g. solar energy and biogas) are widely adopted along with improved management of natural resources and dairy cattle herds, which in turn will mitigate environmental risks.

B. Alignment and harmonization

39. RDDP investments will be integrated with ongoing IFAD, government and other partner-supported initiatives related to livestock, dairy and rural infrastructure development. The project is aligned with core programme areas of the Government’s Strategic Plan for the Transformation of Agriculture (PSTA III), including: (i) agriculture and animal resources intensification; (ii) research and technology transfer, advisory services and professionalization of farmers; (iii) value chain development and private sector investment; and (iv) institutional development. In addition, RDDP will contribute to the goals of the Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy II and the National Strategy on Climate Change and Low-Carbon Development.

C. Innovations and scaling up

40. RDDP builds on past and on-going experiences with improving the national dairy industry through the dairy-hub model. Through the promotion and support of this successfully-tested model, project interventions will seek to strengthen dairy-farmers’ cooperatives and set up basic dairy infrastructure under a business framework that will evolve into sustainable farmer-managed dairy hubs. These dairy hubs will act as a nexus of private sector-led interventions designed to increase access to productive services such as feed and other inputs, artificial insemination and veterinary-extension services, output markets and dairy-related business development services such as finance, insurance, and market support.

41. Scaling-up of results under the RDDP will be achieved through linking focused project investment resources to leverage private co-investments and borrowing from the commercial banking system through public-private-producer partnerships – and in so doing, developing commercial value chain relationships and services that are market driven and sustainable. RDDP will strengthen the dairy value chain and, in particular, the linkages between smallholder dairy producers and their organizations on one hand, and processors and traders on the other. It will also: promote the development of a scalable model for integrating financial and non-financial services into commercial relationships between smallholder dairy farmers and processors; and support efforts to reduce the cost of doing business in the dairy-processing industry, thus creating incentives for further investments in the entire sector.

D. Policy engagement

42. By considering policy engagement as a full-fledged component of the project, IFAD emphasizes the need for a conducive – and inclusive – institutional framework for the Rwandan dairy sector in which smallholders are involved from the formulation
to the implementation of policies. The project will support dairy-farmer cooperatives, the Rwanda National Dairy Platform and the Rwanda Council of Veterinary Doctors in strengthening their technical and organizational capacities, thereby ensuring continuity and sustainability of support after the implementation period. The project will work across all phases of the national policy cycle – including policy formulation, implementation and evaluation – and will emphasize: partnerships and learning from previous experience; integration into national policy processes and existing governance structures; and the generation and use of evidence to inform policy decisions.

VI. Legal instruments and authority

43. A project financing agreement between the Republic of Rwanda and IFAD will constitute the legal instrument for extending the proposed financing to the borrower/recipient. A copy of the negotiated financing agreement is attached as appendix I.

44. The Republic of Rwanda is empowered under its laws to receive financing from IFAD.

45. I am satisfied that the proposed financing will comply with the Agreement Establishing IFAD and the Policies and Criteria for IFAD Financing.

VII. Recommendation

46. I recommend that the Executive Board approve the proposed financing in terms of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: that the Fund shall provide a loan on highly concessional terms to the Republic of Rwanda in an amount equivalent to thirty-one million three hundred and fifty thousand special drawing rights (SDR 31,350,000) (approximately US$43.6 million), and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein.

RESOLVED FURTHER: that the Fund shall provide a grant to the Republic of Rwanda in an amount equivalent to seven hundred and ninety thousand special drawing rights (SDR 790,000) (approximately US$1.1 million) and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein.

Kanayo F. Nwanze
President
Negotiated financing agreement

Negotiated financing agreement: "Rwanda Dairy Development Project"

(Negotiations concluded on 24 August 2016)

Loan Number: ____
Grant Number: ____

Project Title: Rwanda Dairy Development Project (RDDP) ("RDDP" or "the Project")

The Republic of Rwanda (the "Borrower/Recipient")

and

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (the “Fund” or “IFAD”)

(each a “Party” and both of them collectively the “Parties”)

HEREBY agree as follows:

Section A

1. The following documents collectively form this Agreement: this document, the Project Description and Implementation Arrangements (Schedule 1), and the Allocation Table (Schedule 2).

2. The Fund’s General Conditions for Agricultural Development Financing dated 29 April 2009, amended as of April 2014, and as may be amended hereafter from time to time (the “General Conditions”) are annexed to this Agreement, and all provisions thereof shall apply to this Agreement. For the purposes of this Agreement the terms defined in the General Conditions shall have the meanings set forth therein.

3. The Fund shall provide a Loan and a Grant to the Borrower/Recipient (the “Financing”), which the Borrower/Recipient shall use to implement the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Section B

1. A. The amount of the Loan is thirty one million, three hundred and fifty thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 31 350 000).

   B. The amount of the Grant is seven hundred and ninety thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 790 000).

2. The Loan shall be free of interest but bear a service charge of three fourths of one per cent (0.75 percent) per annum and have a maturity period of forty (40) years, including a grace period of ten (10) years.

3. The Loan Service Payment Currency shall be US dollar.

4. The first day of the applicable Fiscal Year shall be July 1st.
5. Payments of principal and service charge shall be payable on each 15 February and 15 August.

6. There shall be one Designated Account denominated in USD (referred to as the "Designated Account") opened by the Borrower/Recipient in the National Bank of Rwanda, through which the proceeds of the Financing shall be channelled. The Borrower/Recipient shall inform the Fund of the officials authorized to operate the Designated Account.

7. There shall be one Project Operations Account denominated in Rwandan francs (RWF) (the "Operations Account") opened by the Lead Project Agency in the National Bank of Rwanda to receive and hold the proceeds of the financing transferred from the Designated Account. The Borrower/Recipient shall inform the Fund of the officials authorized to operate the Project Operations Account.

8. There shall be a Project Counterpart Account denominated in RWF and opened by the Lead Project Agency in the National Bank of Rwanda to receive the Borrower's counterpart funds. The Borrower/Recipient shall provide counterpart financing for the Project in an approximate amount of three million, eight hundred and sixty-three thousand and nine hundred US dollars (USD 3,863,900). The counterpart financing provided by the Borrower/Recipient shall cover the payment of duties and taxes related to the Financing.

Section C

1. The Lead Project Agency shall be the Borrower/Recipient's Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI).

2. The following are designated as additional Project Parties: the Rwanda Agriculture Board (RAB), the Rwanda Council of Veterinary Doctors (RCVD), the Rwanda Cooperative Agency (RCA), Heifer International, and any other parties deemed necessary by the Lead Project Agency (LPA).

3. The Project Completion Date shall be the sixth anniversary of the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

Section D

The Loan will be administered and the Project supervised by IFAD.

Section E

1. The following are designated as additional grounds for suspension of this Agreement:

   (a) The Project Implementation Manual ("PIM"), or any provision thereof, has been waived, suspended, terminated, amended or modified without the prior consent of the Fund, and the Fund has determined that such waiver, suspension, termination, amendment or modification has had, or is likely to have, a material adverse effect on the Project.
(b) The SPIU Coordinator, the RDDP Programme Manager and/or the SPIU Director of Administration and Finance (DAF) are appointed, transferred or removed from the SPIU without the prior concurrence of the Fund.

2. The following are designated as additional general conditions precedent to withdrawal:

   (a) The Borrower/Recipient and HPI have entered into the HPI Co-Financing Agreement as outlined in section 8.2 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to the Fund;

   (b) The Borrower/Recipient has duly opened the Designated Account and the Project Operations Account;

   (c) The Borrower/Recipient has prepared the revised PIM, in form and substance satisfactory to the Fund;

   (d) The Borrower/Recipient has established the Project Steering Committee in accordance with section II.A.6 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement; and

   (e) The Borrower/Recipient has appointed the RDDP Programme Manager with terms of reference and qualifications acceptable to the Fund.

3. This Agreement is subject to ratification by the Borrower/Recipient.

4. The following are the designated representatives and addresses to be used for any communication related to this Agreement:

   For the Borrower/Recipient:

   Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
   P.O. Box 158
   Kigali, the Republic of Rwanda

   For the Fund:

   President
   International Fund for Agricultural development
   Via Paolo di Dono 44
   00142 Rome, Italy
This Agreement, dated [Date], has been prepared in the English language in two (2) original copies, one (1) for the Fund and one (1) for the Borrower/Recipient.

THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

[Authorized Representative Name]
Minister of Finance and
Economic Planning

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Kanayo F. Nwanze
President
Schedule 1

I. Project Description

1. Target Population. The Project shall benefit about 100,000 resource-poor rural households, of whom 80,000 will be involved in dairy farming and 20,000 in off-farm activities along the dairy value chain. The Project comprises initially 12 districts in the East, North, West and South Provinces of Rwanda. Selection of the targeted districts was based on: (i) current cattle population and level of milk production; (ii) current and projected market development potential, including investments in milk collection centres (MCCs), dairy processing plants and animal feed factories; and (iii) levels of poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition ("Project Area"). With an estimated population of 4.6 million, poverty in the project area is higher than the national average.

2. Goal. The goal of the Project is to contribute to pro-poor national economic growth and improve the livelihoods of resource-poor rural households. This will be achieved by focusing on food security and nutrition, empowering women and youth, increasing smallholder dairy farmers’ incomes and developing a climate-resilient dairy value chain.

3. Objectives. The objective of the Project is to increase the dairy sector’s competitiveness and profitability through the provision of quality products from small-scale producers to domestic and regional consumers, thus improving their livelihoods, food security and nutrition while building overall resilience. The specific objectives will aim at the following:

- Sustainably intensify dairy production and increase productivity among participating smallholder farmers. This shall be achieved through: the promotion of improved climate-smart dairy-farming practices and access to quality dairy inputs; extension services including veterinary and artificial insemination services; green technologies; and business and financial services, following a hub-model approach.

- Increase incomes among participating smallholder farmers from dairy farming through the combined effects of increased milk production and improved market access. This shall be achieved through the development of dairy hubs; establishment and strengthening of dairy farmers’ organizations; and facilitation of linkages to markets and dairy value-chain actors such as milk collectors, processors, transporters, traders and investors in milk quality through public-private-producer partnerships.

4. Components. The Project shall consist of the following Components:

Component 1: Climate-smart dairy production intensification

This component aims at increasing the capacity of smallholder dairy farmers and farm assistants to sustainably produce and supply higher volumes of quality milk to the dairy market, through: (i) enhancing the capacity of smallholder dairy farmers and farm assistants to improve their knowledge, attitudes and behaviours for increased milk productivity and quality; (ii) providing smallholder dairy farmers with sustainable access to public and private livestock services and inputs; and (iii) supporting resource-poor households without cattle to acquire dairy assets so that they can begin dairy farming through the Girinka programme and increase their capacity to implement climate-smart investments aimed at sustainably improving milk productivity and quality, as well as increasing household-level milk consumption.
Component 2: Producer organization and value chain development

This component is designed to enable farmers to capitalize on productivity gains realized through investments made under component 1 and to increase their earnings through: (i) organization and capacity-building of dairy-farmer cooperatives for improved service delivery to farmers in milk collection and marketing, input supply, animal-health services and financial services under the hub model; (ii) investment in climate-resilient milk collection, processing and marketing infrastructure aimed at reducing post-production losses and enhancing the supply of quality milk in the domestic and regional markets; and (iii) leveraging financing for climate-resilient dairy enterprise development aimed at catalysing growth in all segments of the dairy value chain.

Component 3: Institutional and policy development

This Component aims to facilitate the establishment of an evidence-based, inclusive policy framework and institutional structure for the Rwandan dairy sector, through: (i) formulation of a national dairy policy and legislation necessary for improving the regulatory environment of the sector; (ii) policy implementation and institutional strengthening; and (iii) policy-related analysis and technical assistance.

II. Implementation Arrangements

A. Organization and Management

5. Lead Project Agency ("LPA")

5.1. The LPA shall be MINAGRI, who shall have the overall responsibility for Project implementation.

6. Project Steering Committee ("PSC")

6.1. Establishment and Composition. The Borrower/Recipient, through MINAGRI, shall establish the PSC, with structure, functions and responsibilities in accordance with the PIM and acceptable to the Fund. The PSC shall be chaired by MINAGRI’s Permanent Secretary and comprise representatives as indicated in the PIM. The PSC shall meet at least twice a year and the SPIU shall act as PSC’s secretariat.

6.2. Responsibilities. The PSC is responsible for Project oversight and strategic guidance, as detailed in the PIM, including (i) provision of strategic guidance to Project management; (ii) approval of the AWPB and of the initial Procurement Plan and of financial and technical progress reports; (ii) vigilance over full transparency and accountability in Project management; (iii) review and follow-up of supervision and audit recommendations; (iv) promotion of cooperation with all development partners; and (v) identification of policy issues for attention by the Borrower/Recipient and initiation of follow-up action on lessons and findings from the Project.

7. Single Project Implementation Unit ("SPIU")

7.1. Composition. The MINAGRI shall keep the SPIU with the structure, functions and responsibilities acceptable to the Fund and in accordance with the PIM. Additional qualified staff shall be selected according to the Borrower/Recipient’s applicable procedures acceptable to the Fund and their recruitment shall be subject to the Fund’s no-objection.

7.2. Responsibilities. The SPIU is responsible for overall Project management and coordination, including, inter alia: (i) preparation of the AWPB; (ii) financial
management; (iii) procurement; (iv) Project monitoring and evaluation (M&E); (v) knowledge management; (vi) preparation and consolidation of SOEs, financial statements and withdrawal applications; (vii) Project reporting; and (viii) coordination of all Project implementing partners.

B. Implementation of Components

8.1. Supporting Agencies. Within MINAGRI, the day-to-day operations of the Project will be carried out by the SPIU, which will report to the Director General of the RAB, the main implementing partner. The RCVD, the RCA, Rwanda’s Business Development Fund ("BDF"), the Rwanda National Dairy Platform and/or any other relevant institution selected by the LPA will be responsible for supporting implementation of core Project activities. To this end, the SPIU shall amend and/or sign implementation conventions with RAB, RCVD, RCA, BDF or any other parties deemed necessary by the LPA, which shall outline the activities to be undertaken, expected outcomes, the obligations and rights of each party, time frames, deadlines for submitting reports and indicators for monitoring and evaluation.

8.2. Co-Financing Agreement. The Borrower/Recipient and Heifer International will enter into the Co-Financing Agreement for a total co-financing by Heifer International of USD 4 000 000. The Co-Financing Agreement will establish the terms and conditions of the co-financing as well as the implementation of activities under components 1 and 2 by Heifer International, including detailed description of activities financed solely by Heifer International and those to be financed by IFAD in the amount of USD 4 000 000.

8.3. Partnership Agreements. Project implementation will be structured around performance-based Memoranda of Understanding ("MOUs") with key government agencies, partnership agreements with implementation partners, and service contracts with recruited service providers. Collaboration will also be forged with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) for technical support, including on-the-job training in: (i) prospective study on demand and supply for feed and GHG emissions; and (ii) conceptualization and preparation of a breeding programme for smallholder dairy cows including the development of an Animal Identification and Performance Recording System (AIPRS) for dairy cattle.

8.4. Service Providers. Service providers shall be contracted through competitive government procedures and based on renewable performance based service contracts. These contracts shall specify the activities to be undertaken, expected outcomes, the obligations and rights of each party, time frames, deadlines for submitting reports and indicators for monitoring and evaluation. To ensure uninterrupted service delivery during implementation, the LPA will enter into multi-year agreements with all partners, but provide annual reviews to ensure the achievement of results. All service contracts for multi-year engagement will be issued on an annual basis, and will be renewable only upon achievement of clearly set performance targets. The LPA shall enter into a service contract with Heifer International for the Project activities to be financed by the Fund and implemented by Heifer International.

8.5. Mid-Term Review. (a) The LPA and the Fund shall jointly carry out a review of Project implementation no later than the end of the third year of the Project (the "Mid-Term Review") based on terms of reference prepared by the Borrower/Recipient and approved by the Fund. Amongst other things, the Mid-Term Review shall consider the achievement of Project objectives and the constraints thereon, and recommend such reorientations as may be required to achieve such objectives and remove such constraints.
(b) The Borrower/Recipient shall ensure that the agreed recommendations resulting from the Mid-Term Review are implemented within the agreed time frame and to the satisfaction of the Fund. Such recommendations may result in modifications to the Project.

8.6. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E). The Project will set up a participatory learning system integrating planning, monitoring and evaluation and knowledge management. The LPA will establish an M&E system by no later than the end of the first year of the Project. The M&E system shall be based on a baseline study that shall be undertaken by the LPA within the first six months of Project implementation. The M&E system of the Project shall be participatory and shall be used as a management tool. Interim monitoring reports shall be sent to the Fund. These reports shall contribute to the certification of the work completed by implementation partners, service providers and SPIU Project staff in order to assess their performance and decide whether or not to renew their contracts. The M&E system shall collect and analyze the necessary information concerning the:

(a) quantitative and qualitative performance of Project activities,
(b) technical and financial implementation of Project activities,
(c) financial appraisal of investment costs,
(d) participation of beneficiaries, and
(e) data management and update.

C. Project Implementation Manual (“PIM”)

9.1. Preparation. The Borrower/Recipient shall prepare, in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Fund, a PIM, which shall include, among other arrangements: (i) institutional coordination and day-to-day execution of the Project; (ii) Project budgeting, disbursement, financial management, procurement monitoring, evaluation, reporting and related procedures; (iii) detailed description of implementation arrangements for each Project component; and (v) such other administrative, financial, technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the Project.

9.2. Approval and Adoption. The LPA, shall forward the draft PIM to the Fund for comments and approval. The LPA shall adopt the PIM, substantially in the form approved by the Fund, and the LPA shall promptly provide copies thereof to the Fund. The Borrower/Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the PIM and shall not amend, abrogate, waive or permit to be amended, abrogated, or waived, the aforementioned manual, or any provision thereof, without the prior written consent of the Fund.
Schedule 2

Allocation Table

1. Allocation of Loan and Grant Proceeds. (a) The Table below sets forth the Categories of Eligible Expenditures to be financed by the Loan and the Grant and the allocation of the amounts of the Loan and the Grant to each Category and the percentages of expenditures for items to be financed in each Category:

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<td><strong>31 350 000</strong></td>
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(b) In all cases the percentage of expenditures to be financed will be 100% net of taxes and financing and co-financing from beneficiaries, national financial institutions and the private sector.

(c) The terms used in the Table above are defined as follows:

“Grants and Subsidies” comprises financial incentives and transfers to support incremental costs related to business plan investments in low-carbon energy supplies and post-harvest equipment, infrastructure, climate-resilient buildings and associated training to develop the dairy hubs’ capacity to establish and operate such investments and improve their efficiency and sustainability. These Grants and Subsidies will be administered by the SPIU and/or BDF and/or any financial service provider identified by the Borrower/Recipient and acceptable to the Fund.

“Goods, Services and Inputs” also comprises vehicles, equipment and materials.

2. Start-up Costs. Withdrawals in respect of expenditures for start-up costs incurred before the satisfaction of the general conditions precedent to withdrawal shall not exceed an aggregate amount of SDR 100 000.
## Logical framework

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<td><strong>Goal:</strong></td>
<td>Contribute to pro-poor national economic growth and improve the livelihoods of poor rural households</td>
<td>80% of project beneficiaries</td>
<td>Income from milk sales will be used on household improvements</td>
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<td><strong>Development Objective:</strong></td>
<td>To increase competitiveness and profitability of the dairy sector for the provision of quality products from small-scale producers to domestic and regional consumers, thus improving their livelihoods, food security and nutrition whilst building overall resilience</td>
<td><a href="#">National Statistics, household surveys incl. poverty &amp; gender studies</a></td>
<td>Increased production will lead to sales and domestic consumption</td>
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<td><strong>Outcomes:</strong></td>
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<td>Smallholder dairy farming productivity and supply of quality milk enhanced and milk consumption at household level increased</td>
<td>80% of project beneficiaries</td>
<td>Incomes increase through a combined effect of increased milk production and improved market access</td>
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<td>Enhanced organizational capacity and enterprise skills of dairy cooperatives</td>
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<td>Well-functioning MCCs intend to provide multiple services to farmers beyond mere milk collection and marketing</td>
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<td>Expansion and improved utilization of milk collection and processing infrastructure</td>
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<td>Number of female- and male-headed households that experience an increase in household assets</td>
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<td>Number of children 0-5 years suffering from chronic malnutrition in project area (stunting)</td>
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<td>Volume and value of milk sold from targeted small-holder dairy farmers annually</td>
<td>Volume: 43,560 MT; Value: USD 9.3m</td>
<td>National Statistics</td>
<td>Baseline, midterm, completion</td>
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<td>Increased income among participating smallholder farmers from dairy farming</td>
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<td>Average kg of milk produced per cow per day during one lactation period</td>
<td>Cross-breeds: 5.5 kg/day Local breed: 2.1 kg/day</td>
<td>MCC records</td>
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<td>Average consumption of milk at household level increased</td>
<td>64 litres/person/year</td>
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<td>Number (and %) of MCCs serving targeted farmers in milk collection and marketing, dairy input supply, animal health and extension services and financial services</td>
<td>38% (25 out of 65 category 1 MCCs)</td>
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<td>Number of dairy farmers using a formal milk collection system (by gender)</td>
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<td>% of installed capacity of milk collection and processing facilities functional and utilized</td>
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<td>Enhanced policy and institutional environment for development of the smallholder dairy industry</td>
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<td>GMG emissions (CO2e/kg milk) avoided or sequestered by the climate-smart dairy production intensification approach (RIMS)</td>
<td>TBD</td>
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<td>Thematic study using ExAct methodology at baseline and completion</td>
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<td>Developing farmer capacity in good dairy production practices</td>
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<td>Supporting informal sector to comply with milk quality standards</td>
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*Volume of milk sold to market annually = (kg per lactation period excluding milk intake of calves and own household consumption).*