

# PROCESSING AND MARKETING OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS FOR IMPROVED HOUSEHOLD INCOME



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Herd of goats

## Background

Kimeeme Livestock cooperative society Limited was registered in 1984 as a primary cooperative society. The society trades in livestock products, mainly goats' meat, mutton, hides and skins.

Amidst its business operations, the society is faced with problems such as poor storage of livestock products, limited capacity for distribution and collection of both livestock and their products, selling of unprocessed products, and poor working conditions.

## Project summary

The aim of this project is to improve the livelihoods of the community members by increasing the tonnage of livestock products and the number of live animals sold per day by processing and improving the quality of livestock products, increasing marketing and distribution, and creating employment opportunities. The project will focus on improving and reducing transportation costs and distribution of livestock products. The establishment of modern storage facilities

and new processing machines for meat packaging will increase the products in store life span. Training will be provided for women and they will be encouraged to join the livestock trade. The use of protective clothing will also be enhanced to improve working conditions and increase hygiene standards.

### Contribution to the Decent Work Country Programme's priorities (DWCP):

- Reduce poverty through increased opportunities for youth employment and productivity;
- Incidence of child labour and its worst forms reduced.

## Partners

Our partners for this project include:

- Livestock farmers will provide the stock purchased by Kimeeme;
- Novelty Tannery Group will purchase the hides and skins from the Society;
- Kampala city council will be consulted on bio-safety and provide solid waste collection and management services;

- NEMA (National Agency for Environment) will provide consultancy on environmental issues;
- UCA Ltd and Cooperative Development Department – Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Industry will provide monitoring and evaluation services;
- Uganda Industrial Research Institute (UIRI) will share their expertise on appropriate machinery/technology;
- The Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS) will provide services on quality standards.

## Beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries are the members and employees of the society. Indirect beneficiaries include livestock farmers, the community, with access to high quality livestock products, and the government, with higher tax revenues. Other beneficiaries are poultry farmers, with access to improved feeds, leather tanning industrialists, traders and students.

## Expected achievements

- Increased number of goats slaughtered per day and the number of hides and skins sold per day;
- Increased tonnage of meat sold by the society per day;
- Improved shelf life of livestock products handled by the society;
- Increased sales and value addition to the livestock products and higher commission fees leading to higher income;
- Improvement of working conditions;
- Creation of new employment opportunities.

## Project duration and budget

Project duration: October 2009 – June 2010

Total budget: USD 64,320

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Workers tending to the livestock

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