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Declaring the training open at the Education Resource Center, Gombe, the Honourable Commissioner for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and Cooperatives, Dr. Barnabas Malle, reiterated the Gombe State Government's commitment to transforming the livestock sub-sector while improving livelihoods.

Dr. Malle expressed delight at the diverse representation among the participants, particularly the inclusion of women, PWDs, and other vulnerable groups. He emphasized that this inclusive approach aligns perfectly with the government's development objectives of ensuring that everyone benefits from its initiatives.

In his remarks, the Coordinator of the Gombe State L-PRES Project, Professor Usman Bello Abubakar, said the training was designed to enhance livelihoods, boost self-reliance, and create new economic opportunities for vulnerable groups across the state.

He acknowledged Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya's visionary leadership, stating, "If not for his zeal and strong commitment, the World Bank and the L-PRES project would not have come to Gombe State in the first place".

Justifying the choice of goat-keeping, Prof. Abubakar said, "Goats have a shorter gestation period, higher productivity, and comparative advantages in terms of management and feeding."

He also highlighted the growing global demand for goat meat, stating that Gombe is strategically positioning itself to capitalize on this opportunity.

With the planned establishment of the Ultra-Modern Abattoir in Gombe, the state aims to become a net exporter of goat products to other countries.

He commended Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya for his unwavering support in improving the livelihoods of the people.

"This initiative and the overall L-PRES project are the results of the Governor's visionary leadership. His support has been instrumental in ensuring the successful implementation of this project in Gombe State," he noted.

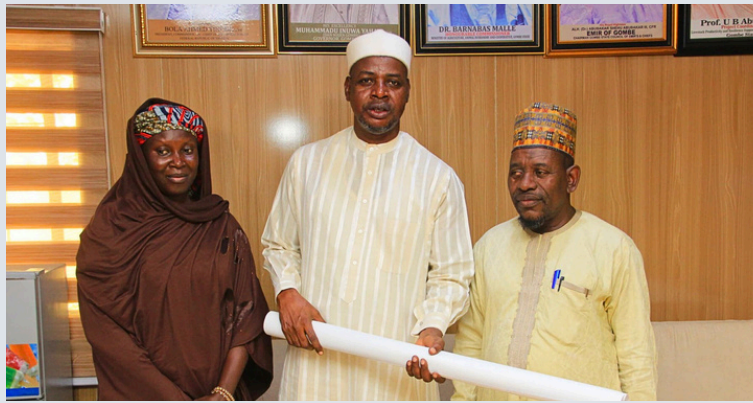
The training, conducted in batches, featured presentations from a resource person, Prof. Hussaina Makun of the National Animal Production Research Institute, Zaria.

Expressing their appreciation, participants lauded the state government and the L-PRES Project for organizing the training, stating that it would significantly enhance their production.

"We are now equipped with ideas and best practices for goat farming. With this knowledge, we will increase productivity, earn more profit, and become self-reliant. We will no longer need to seek alms," said Ja'o Sarkin Aiki, Chairman, Association of Physically Challenged Persons, Gombe State Chapter.



Gombe L-PRES Receives Survey Plan for 41-Hectare International Livestock Market, Ultramodern Abattoir



As part of ongoing preparations for the establishment of an International Livestock Market and Ultramodern Abattoir, the Gombe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) Project has received the official survey plan for the 41-hectare project site.

Receiving the technical document, the State Project Coordinator, Prof. Usman Bello Abubakar, expressed gratitude to the Acting Surveyor General, Surv. Zakari Isa, and his team for their outstanding work in facilitating the implementation of this ambitious project.

"We sincerely appreciate your commitment and professionalism in producing the site plan. Your contributions are invaluable, and I am confident that history will document your names in gold," Prof. Abubakar stated.

He further commended Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya for approving the 41-hectare land and for his unwavering support of the L-PRES project.

"All the successes recorded by Gombe L-PRES are credited to His Excellency. He is a leader with foresight and an uncommon passion for development," he added.

In his remarks, Surv. Zakari Isa, the Acting State Surveyor General, explained that the survey plan provides a detailed topographic map of the site, which will guide the proper execution of the project.

"The plan outlines the relief pattern of the area and integrates the L-PRES master plan for the project. It will serve as a critical tool for engineers during the design phase and will facilitate monitoring and evaluation at every stage of implementation," he explained.

Surv. Zakari Isa further expressed appreciation to the L-PRES Coordinator for involving them in this landmark initiative, emphasizing that the project is a significant step toward Gombe State's economic transformation.

"We are honored to be part of this project that will not only boost the livestock sector but also contribute significantly to the overall development of Gombe State," he noted.

ALGON Chair Hails Gombe L-PRES for Advancing Governor Inuwa's Vision on Livestock Development



The commendation came during a courtesy visit by the Chairman and his council members to the L-PRES Project Coordination Office in Gombe, where discussions focused on strengthening collaboration for the effective implementation of the project across the 11 Local Government Areas (LGAs) of the state.

Welcoming the delegation, the State Project Coordinator, Professor Usman Bello Abubakar, expressed gratitude for the visit, describing it as a significant step towards fostering synergy between L-PRES and local government authorities. He reiterated the project's commitment to working closely with LGAs to ensure the successful execution of interventions aimed at modernizing the livestock sector.

Professor Abubakar commended the Governor of Gombe State, Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, for his visionary leadership and for appointing competent individuals to drive governance and development efforts in the state.

Highlighting L-PRES' impact in Gombe LGA, Professor Abubakar pointed to several key projects, including the construction of the ultramodern abattoir, whose bidding process has been completed and the contract awarded.

"This facility holds enormous potential for job creation, economic growth, and development. It will also significantly reduce the risks associated with transporting live animals to distant markets," he stated.

Additionally, he informed the delegation about L-PRES' plan to establish a digitalized international livestock market within the abattoir complex. The facility will feature a police station, radio station, fire service station, banks, and a 50-room motel, a fattening area for cattle, rams, and goats among others.

Professor Abubakar also revealed plans for a dairy factory and milk collection centers within the state capital, aimed at boosting dairy production and profitability for local farmers. The leather processing industry will further add value to livestock by-products, making Gombe a hub for high-quality meat, dairy, and leather exports.

"Because the abattoir is highly automated, the quality of processed animal products will meet international standards, making them suitable for export," he emphasized.

He assured that all these facilities would be managed by indigenes of Gombe State, creating employment opportunities and ensuring sustainable operations.

The L-PRES Coordinator reaffirmed the project's openness to collaboration with local governments, emphasizing that with the continued support of ALGON and all LGA Chairmen, the vision for livestock transformation in Gombe would be fully realized.

He also briefed the delegation on Governor Inuwa Yahaya's recent approval for the employment of veterinary professionals to strengthen animal health services across the state, ensuring quality veterinary care reaches rural communities.

In his remarks, ALGON Chairman Barrister Sani Ahmad Haruna lauded Professor Usman Bello Abubakar for his leadership and the unprecedented success recorded by L-PRES in such a short time.

"We have seen remarkable results, and I am confident that more achievements will follow. I appreciate the strong leadership and dedication within the L-PRES team. This project is one of the most impactful initiatives in Gombe State," he stated.

He emphasized that L-PRES' objectives align with global best practices, encouraging self-sufficiency in livestock farming and business development.

"The initiatives and interventions of L-PRES will not only boost local government revenue but also harness the unique economic potentials of each LGA based on their comparative advantages," he noted.

Barrister Sani assured that LGAs remain open to collaboration and pledged full support to L-PRES, stating:

"I foresee a brighter future for Gombe State with L-PRES, and together, we will actualize this vision."

He further commended L-PRES for its training programs, capacity-building workshops, borehole drilling for livestock farmers, and rehabilitation of veterinary infrastructure, which have greatly benefited local communities.

Expressing optimism about the future, he suggested that future meetings should involve other LGA Chairmen to deepen engagement and identify more areas for collaboration in project implementation.

"Our visit today is to strengthen our relationship with L-PRES, follow up on ongoing projects in our respective LGAs, and explore more areas of synergy to support our people and advance Governor Inuwa Yahaya's mission for livestock transformation," he concluded.

Gombe L-PRES Revalidates Dairy Cooperatives for Enhanced Production

The Gombe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) Project has commenced the revalidation and certification of dairy value chain cooperatives across all Local Government Areas (LGAs) in the state.

This strategic initiative aims to strengthen existing cooperatives, ensuring they effectively benefit from project interventions while driving sustainable dairy sector growth.

Inspired by Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya's investment mission to Morocco, the exercise seeks to establish structured dairy clusters that will facilitate the efficient delivery of key support services, including artificial insemination, improved breeding techniques, and access to milk collection infrastructure.

L-PRES State Project Coordinator, Professor Usman Bello Abubakar, emphasized the crucial role of cooperatives in enhancing milk production, ensuring quality control, and linking farmers directly with processors.

"By organizing dairy farmers into structured groups, we aim to boost productivity, increase profitability, and build a more resilient dairy sector in Gombe State," he stated.

The revalidation team comprising L-PRES Technical Team and the Head of Planning, Research, and Statistics from the Ministry of

Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and Cooperatives, conducted on-site visits to each LGA to collect biodata from cooperative members.

The revalidation process involves thorough vetting to ensure that all cooperatives meet established criteria and are free from any impediments that could hinder project implementation.

This initiative will pave the way for the establishment of milk collection centres within cooperatives, facilitating proper storage, distribution, and transportation to processing facilities.

The revalidation team visited all emirates and met with the respective local government chairmen to seek their support and cooperation.

All of the Local Government Council Chairmen expressed happiness with the activity and pledged their full support towards achieving the target.

By streamlining these processes, L-PRES aims to modernize the dairy value chain, minimize post-harvest losses, and enhance commercialization opportunities for smallholder farmers.

Ultimately, this exercise will improve coordination, strengthen cooperatives, and support the seamless implementation of L-PRES dairy programs, positioning Gombe State as a leading hub for dairy production in Nigeria.



Dairy: Gombe L-PRES Free Artificial Insemination Takes Off, As Actual Insemination of Local Cows Begins ...Project Sets Sights on Enhanced Dairy Production, Increased Commercialization, and Profitability

In a continuation of the ambitious effort to put Gombe State at the forefront of dairy production and processing, the Gombe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) Project has begun a free insemination exercise, utilizing exotic breeds with local cows to improve livelihoods, resilience, and profitability.

The exercise follows a recent synchronization program designed to optimize the timing of insemination.

The State Coordinator of the L-PRES Project, Professor Usman Bello Abubakar, previously explained that the project has imported semen from high-yielding exotic breeds of cows from Brazil.

Our goal is to produce crossbred animals that can thrive in our local environment while significantly increasing milk production. We aim to transition from the current average of one or two liters per day from local breeds to significantly higher yields," he stated.

This initiative serves as a crucial step towards establishing milk collection centers and a subsequent milk processing factory within the state capital.

By improving milk production and facilitating the development of a robust dairy value chain, this initiative will enhance the profitability and commercialization of the livestock industry while simultaneously improving hygiene and reducing the risks associated with traditional milk distribution and selling methods.



Gombe L-PRES, College of Horticulture Dadin Kowa Partner to Enhance Animal Health and Production Tech



The Gombe State L-PRES Project has expressed its strong interest in collaborating with the Federal College of Horticulture, Dadin Kowa, enhancing technical and expertise in animal health and production technology to improve the capacity of farmers within the state.

This commitment was expressed during a courtesy visit by staff from the College's Veterinary Teaching and Research Clinic to the L-PRES Project Coordination Office in Gombe.

Receiving the team, Professor Usman Bello Abubakar, the Gombe State L-PRES Project Coordinator highlighted the college's regional significance in advancing livestock development, particularly in capacity building for the next generation of agricultural professionals.

He emphasized the importance of practical learning and proposed a collaborative approach: "Recognizing the importance of practical experience, we believe it is appropriate to strengthen this relationship by including the college farm in our artificial insemination initiative. This will not only enhance the college's training capabilities but also provide students with valuable hands-on experience."

Regarding the request for collaboration, Professor Abubakar outlined the L-PRES Project's readiness to work with the institution towards improving and modernizing the livestock sector.

He stated, "This partnership presents a significant opportunity for both the Gombe L-PRES Project and the College of Horticulture, Dadin Kowa. Let us work together to equip our youth with the necessary knowledge and skills to address the challenges and problems facing the livestock sector."

He recommended further discussions to finalize the areas and modalities of the partnership, adding, "The L-PRES Project is committed to supporting the institution in any way possible, including in areas of Feed and Feeding, Pasture development, Veterinary training and services, and other relevant areas," assuring that the project is dedicated to supporting not only the students but also the staff in building their capacities.

Professor Abubakar used the visit to push for the need of modernizing the livestock sector. "While the world has made significant strides in modernization, our society still lags behind in certain aspects. The L-PRES Project is committed to changing this narrative and making animal husbandry a profitable business."

He informed the visitors of the project's ambitious efforts to establish an Ultra-modern Abattoir, an International Livestock Market, a Tannery, and a Dairy Factory to create job opportunities and drive business development.

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Earlier speaking, Dr. Hassan Madu Kamti, Team Lead from the Veterinary Teaching and Research Clinic of the college, commended the appointment of Professor Usman Bello Abubakar by Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya and expressed appreciation for the L-PRES Project's interventions in modernizing and commercializing livestock farming in Gombe State.

Dr. Madu also extolled the L-PRES Project's intervention in conducting Artificial Insemination on local cows at the school farm, explaining that

It would significantly enhance the institution's teaching, training, and capacity building efforts.

He sought the support and collaboration of the L-PRES Project towards advancing the college's capacity in animal health and production technology to contribute to a modern livestock sector.

By leveraging the strengths of both the Gombe L-PRES Project and the Federal College of Horticulture, Dadin Kowa, this partnership has the potential to drive innovation, improve livelihoods, and contribute significantly to the economic growth of Gombe State.

Gombe L-PRES Project Kicks Off Livestock Value Chain Cluster Activation



The Gombe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) Project has officially commenced the activation and socialization for selected Value Chain Clusters (Dairy, Beef, Poultry, and Sheep & Goats).

This strategic initiative marks a pivotal step toward ensuring proper organization towards tailored interventions, and long-term impact of the project on livestock development in the state.

The Project Coordinator, Professor Usman Bello Abubakar, who was represented by the Value Chain and Linkage Officer to the Project Abubakar Ibrahim Jalo said the activation exercise commenced with visits to major livestock value chain clusters across the state.

The Project Coordinator emphasized the critical role of organizing stakeholders into Clusters and Sub-clusters. These groups he said will enable tailored support programs to address their specific needs, create job opportunities and improve the livelihood of their members.

He noted it will foster inclusivity, enhance productivity and improve the revenue drive of the state.

He further highlighted the need for active participation by cluster members, stressing the importance of collective action in driving the success of the value chains.

"The activation activity builds on a comprehensive beneficiary profiling exercise that identified and mapped key stakeholders within the value chains" Professor Abubakar said, and encouraged cluster members to actively engage in the initiative, emphasizing its potentials to transform the livestock sector in Gombe State.

"This effort aligns seamlessly with the state's Livestock Reform Agenda, championed by His Excellency Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, to reposition Gombe as a leading hub for livestock business and bolster the state's agricultural economy" he added.

Leaders of the value chain clusters expressed gratitude to the L-PRES Project and commended the unwavering commitment of Governor Inuwa Yahaya to livestock development. They pledged their full support towards the initiative, recognizing its significance for their economic growth and community empowerment.

The activation exercise was supported by the Value Chain Officer, Animal Husbandry Officer, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, and Extension Officer of the Project.

Gombe State Restores Cattle Routes, Grazing Reserves to Curb Farmer-Herder Clashes

The Gombe State Government, under the World Bank-supported Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) Project, has launched the re-survey and re-demarcation of 38 cattle routes and 8 grazing reserves to reduce recurring clashes between farmers and herders.

The initiative, flagged off late last year, targets peaceful coexistence by establishing clear livestock movement corridors—particularly during farming and harvest seasons when conflicts often escalate, threatening food security and livelihoods.

Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya's administration sees this effort as a long-term solution to fostering harmony between pastoral and crop farming communities while boosting livestock productivity.

Restored routes and grazing reserves provide structured forage access, reduce encroachments, and support ecological balance—enhancing livestock health and climate resilience.

The contractor, Ignited Goals Limited, has completed work in Nafada LGA and is currently operating in Funakaye, with plans to move next to Kwami. Activities include the installation of boundary markers and concrete signposts to clearly define pathways.

Stakeholders have welcomed the project, describing it as timely and crucial to curbing seasonal disputes. Experts also believe this will position Gombe as a rising hub in Nigeria's livestock sector with strong economic prospects.



Gombe L-PRES: Transforming Livestock Production Through Enhanced Water Access, Supply



Water scarcity has long been a significant challenge for livestock farmers in Gombe State, often forcing them to embark on unpredictable and often-conflicting migratory patterns in search of water for their animals.

Recognizing this critical issue, the Gombe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) project under the able leadership of Professor Usman Bello Abubakar has made significant strides in improving access to clean water for both livestock and their keepers.

A key component of the L-PRES project has been the strategic rehabilitation and construction of water infrastructure.

Notably, the project successfully rehabilitated three earth dams within the Wawa-Zange Grazing Reserve in Dukku and Funakaye LGAs, ensuring year-round water availability for livestock.

Furthermore, to address the critical need for potable water across the state, the project embarked on an ambitious program to expand access to clean water sources.

A total of 63 new solar-powered boreholes were installed across all 11 Local Government Areas, with an additional 33 existing boreholes rehabilitated, bringing the total number of reliable water sources to 96.

Each of these strategically placed boreholes is equipped with state-of-the-art features, including solar-powered facilities, a 20,000-liter capacity overhead reservoir, a dedicated drinking trough for livestock, and a five-pump reticulation system for human consumption.

These interventions have significantly improved the livelihoods of livestock farmers in Gombe State by reducing reliance on unpredictable water sources, improving animal health, and enhancing overall animal productivity.

By reducing the time and effort spent on water collection, pastoralists can dedicate more time to other productive activities, such as livestock rearing and marketing.

The success of these water-related interventions demonstrates the L-PRES project's commitment to addressing the critical needs of livestock farmers in Gombe State and fostering a more sustainable and resilient livestock sector.

Gombe L-PRES Hosts NVMA, Reaffirms Commitment to Stakeholder Collaboration

...Promises Support in Preventing Anthrax, Bird Flu in Gombe State



The Gombe State Livestock Productivity Resilience and Support (L-PRES) Project hosted the leadership of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA) Gombe State chapter for a courtesy visit at the project's coordination office in Gombe.

Welcoming the delegation, the State Coordinator, Professor Usman Bello Abubakar expressed gratitude for their visit, emphasizing its significance beyond a mere courtesy call. He underscored the crucial role veterinarians play in the livestock business and the overall well-being and prosperity of the people.

The State Coordinator attributed the L-PRES Project's successes to the support and visionary leadership of Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya. "Without his support and foresight, we would not have achieved this level of progress, and the Gombe State livestock subsector would not be where it is today."

He acknowledged Governor Yahaya's commitment to the project's objectives, stating, "Since assuming office, His Excellency has never interfered with our work or pressured us to favor any individual. His focus has always been on improving the lives of our people and developing our state".

Professor Abubakar commended the Federal Government for establishing the Ministry of Livestock, recognizing its significance in developing a sector that contributes significantly to the nation's Gross Domestic Product but has historically been neglected.

Addressing the recent outbreaks of Anthrax and Bird Flu in other parts of the country, Professor Abubakar emphasized the importance of vigilance and preparedness.

He informed the NVMA members that the Gombe L-PRES Project had conducted a proactive vaccination campaign against Anthrax and is ready to provide any necessary support to combat these diseases. He urged the veterinarians to report any suspicious symptoms to the relevant authorities.

The State Coordinator assured the NVMA of the L-PRES Project's commitment to supporting their professional development. He emphasized the need for capacity building programs to equip veterinarians with the skills and knowledge to address emerging challenges in the livestock sector.



Professor U. B. highlighted that with the span of two years, Gombe L-PRES has recorded remarkable achievements. He noted the significance of the upcoming International Livestock Market and Ultra-Modern Abattoir.

"This mega-project will not only benefit Gombe State or the country, but also the entire African continent." He emphasized the benefits of a modernized and hygienic slaughter process, including improved animal welfare, enhanced product safety, and increased economic benefits for livestock farmers.

He also outlined plans for a modern dairy processing plant, including the collection of milk from farmers, the establishment of a milk processing center in the state capital, and the production of various dairy products.

To further strengthen the livestock sector, the L-PRES Project plans to recruit and train private veterinarians who will be assigned to specific communities to provide extension services. The coordinator noted that this initiative, implemented in only two states - Gombe and Ekiti - will significantly enhance livestock production and improve the livelihoods of rural communities.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association, Gombe State Chapter, Dr. Adamu Hamma Boyi, expressed appreciation for the L-PRES interventions, stating that they would significantly contribute to the development of the livestock sector and support the veterinary profession.

The Chairman specifically commended the renovation of the veterinary clinic at the Tashan Dukku Cattle Market, the renovation of the Gombe abattoir and many other abattoirs in Local Government Areas, the renovation of livestock local markets, and the upgrade of Farmer Field Schools, among other projects.

"Above all," he stated, "the ambitious international livestock market and ultramodern abattoir project is the first of its kind in the whole of northern Nigeria. When established, this complex will significantly support our profession."

He explained that the veterinary profession had been neglected in the past, with government attention shifting towards crop production.

Dr Boyi acknowledged that Gombe State has achieved significant progress in livestock development and commended the establishment of a dedicated Ministry of Livestock, stating that this will help the state continue its excellent work in the sector.

He appealed to the L-PRES Project to support the NVMA in preventing and controlling Anthrax and bird flu, which have been reported in some states of the federation.

It is important to note that, in September of last year, the L-PRES Project supported the Ministry of Agriculture by providing 400,000 doses of Anthrax Spore Vaccine (ASV) from the National L-PRES office. This timely intervention was crucial in supporting animal health services within the state and played a significant role in preventing and containing the spread of this communicable disease.

Gombe L-PRES Sensitises LG Chairmen To Improve Synergy, Project Sustainability



The Gombe State L-PRES Project Coordinator, Professor Usman Bello Abubakar, convened a meeting with Local Government Chairmen under the auspices of ALGON to enhance collaboration and foster awareness among stakeholders regarding ongoing L-PRES activities within their respective Local Government Areas.

Speaking at the engagement meeting held at Emerald Hotel Gombe, Professor Abubakar emphasized that the L-PRES project, a World Bank-assisted initiative, is focused on modernizing the livestock sector while improving the livelihoods of the people.

He highlighted that the six-year project has successfully implemented numerous interventions and established significant infrastructure across the state. Recognizing the immense livestock potential of all 11 LGAs, Professor Abubakar emphasized that harnessing this potential will not only improve the livelihoods of livestock farmers but also significantly boost the LGAs' Internally Generated Revenue (IGR).

"The dairy sector presents a significant opportunity," Professor Abubakar stated. "To address the challenges faced by local milk producers, including transportation risks and low returns, we are establishing five milk producers' cooperative societies in each Local Government Area. This will improve their profitability, generate revenue for the government, and create employment opportunities."

He further explained that the project will establish milk collection centers at each cooperative, facilitating the efficient collection and transportation of milk to a dedicated processing plant in Gombe. "Our goal is to extract at least 13 value-added products from the milk, significantly enhancing the value chain," Professor Abubakar emphasized. "To maximize job creation and wealth generation for our people, we prioritize establishing the processing plant within Gombe State."

The project is investing significantly in modernizing livestock infrastructure. This includes the rehabilitation of livestock markets in Lalaipido, Kashere, Bajoga, and other key locations across the state. The upcoming construction of an international livestock market and an ultramodern abattoir in the state capital will further enhance revenue generation for the Local Governments and improve the livelihoods of the people.

Addressing the issue of farmer-herder conflicts, Professor Abubakar explained that His Excellency, Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, has issued directives for the re-demarcation and mapping of grazing reserves and forest areas across the state, and the L-PRES Project is actively involved in this crucial undertaking.

Other key interventions mentioned by the Coordinator include breed improvement through artificial insemination involving over 400 local cows for improved productivity and the introduction of a livestock identification system to curb cattle rustling.

Responding on behalf of the 11 LG Chairmen, the Chairman of ALGON and Executive Chairman of Gombe LGA, Barrister Sani Ahmad Haruna, thanked the L-PRES Coordinator for convening the meeting. He acknowledged that the presentations provided valuable insights into crucial issues of concern for the local governments.

Barrister Haruna commended L-PRES interventions, especially in local areas, stressing that they have been making a significant impact on the lives of people at the grassroots. He appealed to the L-PRES Coordinator to schedule another time to present the 2025 work plan to the Chairmen, enabling them to work together and identify common areas for greater synergy and collaboration.

The Chairmen of Akko LGA, Hon. Mohammad Danladi Adamu, Kwami LGA, Dr. Ahmed Doho, and Yamaltu Deba LGA, Abubakar Hassan Difa, all extolled L-PRES for its kind interventions and appreciated the intention to execute more projects.

They, however, raised concerns over farmer-herder conflicts and how the local herders are making it difficult to curtail these frequent and recurring conflicts.

"We appreciate the intention to establish control posts," noted the Chairman of Kwami LGA, "but we must acknowledge that herders often seek alternative routes to avoid these checkpoints."

Also present during the engagement were the Personal Private Secretary to Gombe State Governor, Professor Muazu Shehu, other LG Chairmen, and members of the L-PRES team.

Gombe L-PRES Upgrades Farmer Field Schools for Enhanced Livestock Production



In a collaborative effort to boost livestock production and enhance food security in Gombe State, the State Government, in partnership with the World Bank-Assisted L-PRES Project, is set to rehabilitate and upgrade three key Farmer Field Schools (FFSs) located across the three senatorial zones of the state.

These strategically located Farmer Field Schools, situated in Kupto (Funakaye LGA), Wajari (Yamaltu Deba LGA), and Ladongor (Billiri LGA), will serve as vital hubs for training farmers in modern livestock management and best practices. These upgraded FFSs will serve as vital hubs for training farmers in modern livestock management practices.

Recognizing the critical challenges faced by livestock farmers, including climate change impacts, disease outbreaks, limited access to quality inputs, and market constraints, the Gombe State L-PRES Coordinator, Professor Usman Bello Abubakar, emphasized the crucial role of these centers during a recent site visit to Wajari, Yamaltu Deba LGA.

The Farmer Field Schools will equip farmers with the necessary knowledge and skills to overcome these challenges and improve their individual and community livelihoods.

"These centers will include livestock pens for cattle, sheep, and goats, as well as poultry pens, to demonstrate improved animal husbandry practices, such as proper feeding, hygiene, and disease prevention", he added.

Furthermore, the project will establish Forage Plots to demonstrate the cultivation and management of improved fodder crops for livestock and designate specific areas for pasture management demonstrations.

In addition to providing the necessary infrastructure and facilities, L-PRES will ensure the deployment of highly qualified facilitators and professionals to deliver comprehensive training programs.

"We are committed to inclusivity, ensuring that youth and women are actively engaged in all aspects of the program," the State Coordinator stressed. "We will further implement effective strategies to ensure the long-term sustainability of this initiative."

To ensure the long-term success of the upgraded FFSs, the L-PRES Project prioritized community ownership. Prior to rehabilitation, extensive stakeholder engagement sessions were conducted with community leaders, livestock farmers, youth groups, women's organizations,



Gombe L-PRES Project Engages Community Leaders To Strengthen Grievance Redress Committees

In continuation of efforts to strengthen the activities and functions of Grievance Redress Committees (GRCs) at community level Gombe L-PRES Project has attended an engagement meeting at the palace of the District Head of Birin-Fulani, Alhaji Adamu Babagoro Aliyu in Nafada LGA of Gombe State.

The meeting according to the Coordinator Gombe L-PRES Project Prof. Usman Bello Abubakar was to encourage community participation on issues related to projects and interventions cited in benefiting communities.

The Project Coordinator who was represented by the Social Safeguard Officer, Barr. Mwalin Naomi Abdu supported by the Gender and Communication Officers to the Project hinted that, the solar powered borehole was constructed to reduce the burden faced by livestock farmers trekking long distances in search of drinking water for their livestock.

He noted that the essence of constituting the GRCs was to provide a platform that will ensure optimal utilization of interventions implemented in their communities and urged them to work closely to ensure community ownership and sustainability of such projects.

Highlighting the achievements recorded by the L-PRES Project, Barr. Naomi Abdu said the Project under the leadership of Prof. Abubakar has introduced far reaching reforms in the livestock sector in line with Gombe State Livestock Reform Agenda of Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya to make Gombe the center of international livestock business.

She added that, the Project had so far rehabilitated Gombe, Kumo and Bajoga abattoirs, livestock markets, veterinary clinics at kashere, Bajoga, lalaipido as well as market stalls for live birds at kwadon, bajoga, talasse and kurugu among others.



She said the ongoing provision of basic infrastructure at local livestock markets are essential towards modernizing the sector and called on them to support Government efforts noting that preparations for construction of International Livestock Market, Ultra-Modern Abattoir and introduction of Artificial Insemination techniques for improved breed, milk and beef production have already reached advanced stage.

In his remarks, the District Head of Birin- Fulani Alhaji Adamu Babagoro Aliyu while commending the State Governor for introducing such a project assured the team that in his capacity as the chairman of the GRCs in the community they will work together with stakeholders to ensure the sustainability of the Project.

Gombe State Govt Unveils 30 Hectare Site Plan for Ultra-Modern Abattoir, International Livestock Market

...Engages Stakeholders for Collaborative Planning, Seamless Implementation

The Gombe State Government, under the leadership of Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, CON, has unveiled a site plan for an ultra-modern abattoir and an international livestock market, a project designed to revolutionize the state's livestock value chain.

The government, through the Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) Project, has actively engaged key stakeholders in the livestock-related businesses in perfecting the site plans for the ambitious project.

Presenting the comprehensive site plan at the L-PRES Office in Gombe, the State Coordinator of the Project, Professor Usman Bello Abubakar, said that the stakeholder engagement aligns perfectly with Governor Inuwa Yahaya's philosophy of inclusive governance, which prioritizes the active participation of all citizens.

"His Excellency, as a leader who believes in inclusive governance, instructed us to engage all stakeholders to ensure that their needs and valuable input are incorporated into the site plan," Professor Abubakar stated.

The coordinator observed that the livestock sector has been significantly neglected for a very long time, with a disproportionate focus on crop production at the expense of animal husbandry. However, with a renewed commitment and strong political will from both the Gombe State government and the Federal Government, this narrative is poised to change.

"The world has evolved, and modern approaches to livestock production are now essential. We must modernize our practices and embrace innovative techniques to optimize this vital sector," he noted, expressing dismay over the significant losses incurred by Northern states, despite their status as major producers of livestock.

"To address these challenges and maximize the economic benefits for our people, Governor Inuwa Yahaya, as Chairman of the Northern Governors' Forum, is spearheading efforts to harness the immense potential of the livestock sector," he explained.





"By establishing modern abattoirs within our region, we can slaughter animals locally, process the meat and other products, and efficiently package and transport them to both domestic and international markets," he added.

The State Coordinator explained that the proposed site plan for the international livestock market and the ultramodern abattoir incorporates all the necessary facilities and infrastructure characteristic of modern facilities in developed countries.

The site encompasses a total area of 39 hectares and will feature dedicated market spaces for various livestock species: a 5-hectare cattle market, a 3-hectare market for sheep and goats, a 2-hectare poultry market and a dedicated beef, ram, and goat fattening hubs.

The ultramodern abattoir, occupying 4 hectares of land, will be equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure, including proper water supply, cooling systems and storage facilities, a dedicated hide and skin/tannery unit, and a leather industry.

Furthermore, the site will incorporate essential support facilities such as a loading and offloading bay, a veterinary clinic and quarantine area, a stock feed market, and a comprehensive waste treatment and management unit, among others.

To ensure a conducive and secure environment, the site will also include a motel, a fire station, a police station, a bank branch, an administrative complex with ample parking lot, and all necessary utilities.

To enhance market access and facilitate trade, the International Livestock Market will be digitized, enabling online access and facilitating digital marketing initiatives.

Furthermore, a dedicated radio station will be established to effectively promote livestock marketing opportunities both within Nigeria and internationally.

Professor Abubakar explained that the L-PRES with the support of Gombe State Government conducted a study tour of tanneries in Kano, recognizing the potential for replicating successful models in Gombe.

He emphasized that with the establishment of this ultra-modern abattoir and livestock market, coupled with the state's available resources, the leather industry in Gombe is poised for significant growth.

"We envision a future where Gombe not only meets its domestic leather product needs but also becomes a major exporter of high-quality leather goods, including bags, shoes, belts, and other products," he stated.

The project will create employment opportunities for the state indigenes as the employment of local residents will be prioritized within the livestock market and the abattoir.

During the interactive session, participants commended the efforts of Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya and the L-PRES Project for their proactive interventions aimed at developing the livestock sector.

"We are eternally grateful for these interventions to develop and modernize our businesses. However, we respectfully request that the L-PRES consider increasing the hectares allocated for the cattle market", one participant commented.

The engagement was attended by representatives from the Sheep and Goat Marketers Association, the Livestock Feed Dealers Association, the Butchers and Meat Sellers Association, the Poultry Sellers Association, the Cattle Marketers Association, the Hide and Skin Dealers Association, and other industry players from across the state.

Gombe State Partners China's Juncao Technology Center To Promote Animal Feed Production, Combat Desert Encroachment, Alleviate Poverty

Gombe State Government under the L-PRES and AcreSal Projects has convened a joint technical committee meeting with China based Juncao Technology Development Center towards adopting sustainable options to provide livestock feeds, combat desertification and create job opportunities for youth and women in Gombe state.

The development according to Gombe L-PRES Project Coordinator Prof. U.B. Abubakar is in line with the vision of the State Governor Alhaji Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya administration to revamp the livestock sector for economic growth and development.

The meeting which held at the L- PRES Project conference hall was attended by the two Project Coordinators Prof, Usman Bello Abubakar and Dr. Sani Adamu Jauro with Dr Lawandi Datti representing Juncao Technology.

They described the meeting as a significant step towards tackling environmental challenges that have affected both livestock production and agriculture in the state.

The joint meeting is expected to pave way for further collaborations and partnerships between Gombe State Government with Juncao Technology Demonstration Center which has full endorsement of the United Nations towards combating climate change and production of nutritious forage, including Napier and Elephant grasses, which are recognized globally for their rapid growth, suitability for livestock and environmental protection.



Similarly, such collaboration will provide opportunities for Gombe L-PRES Project efforts and plans to establish fodder banks, grazing colonies along cattle routes that are currently undergoing re- survey and re-dermacation as part of the state government intervention under the L-PRES project to reduce farmers/ herders conflicts in the state. Juncao is also noted for its production of different varieties mushrooms for human consumption, protein and medicinal purposes, an innovative venture introduced by Juncao Technology Centre at China's Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University providing an alternative source of income and lively hood for small holder farmers in over 100 developing countries.

GOMBE L-PRES Celebrates World Water Day



"Just like humans, animals require safe and adequate water to thrive, and ensuring this is key to sustaining livelihoods and enhancing food security. Let's work together to protect this vital resource for future generations."

PROF U. B. ABUBAKAR
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THEME: ACCELERATE ACTION



“When women have equal access to resources in livestock and agriculture, we unlock the potential for growth, sustainability, and success for generations to come”

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