

Mentoring at Elim (PRJ-0065-2015) Milk Producers Organisation

Quarter 1 2015 (January 2015 till March 2015)

Project goals

Goal 1 - Monthly visits by Mentor to Elim

Achievements Please report on the monthly findings of the Mentor

Mentor paid two visits in January and the following issues were discussed:

Pasture planning: Rye grass to be planted.

- Possible implementation and quotations for a pivot system.
- Availability of additional water is being investigated.

- Mentor paid three visits during February and the following issues were discussed:
 Possibility of funds from Department of Agriculture and formulation of application.
- Attendance of Board of Director's meeting.
- Final preparation for planting of irrigated pasture.

Mentor paid two visits during March and the following issues were discussed:

- Two students from Elsenburg are currently deployed at Elim for practical work experience.
- Approximately 80% of irrigated pasture has been planted (rye grass).
- Herd manager on sick leave after heart operation.
- Pregnancy of cows was a matter of concern as cows were too long in milk. Artificial insemination during Jan and Feb was not successful. As a consequence a sweeper bull was introduced with the result that most of the cows became pregnant.
- Fodder flow programme.
- Order of 30 ton lucerne.
- Planting of dryland pastures and tenders for the establishment thereof.
- Cleaning of dryland and repair of wired fences.

See Appendix for Herd Composition and Management Information

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 2 - Two visits by Master Mentor to Elim: April - June and October -**December**

Achievements Please report on the findings of the Master Mentor

Master mentor to visit Elim in May 2015.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 3 - Articles in The Dairy Mail (x2)

Achievements

Dairy Mail article will only be published after master mentor's visit.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

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| Unnecessary spending during period | No |

Popular Report

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Additional documentation

ELIM.QUARTER 1.docx ELIM.STATS INFO.docx

Statement

| Levy funds were applied only for the purposes stated in the contract | Yes |
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| Levy funds were applied in an appropriate and accountable manner | Yes |
| Sufficient management and internal control systems were in place to adequately control the project and accurately account for the project expenditure | Yes |
| The information provided in the report is correct | Yes |