



Enterprise Development Facilitation and Coordination
(PRJ-0146-2017)
Milk South Africa

Quarter 1 2017 (January 2017 till March 2017)

Project goals

Achievements

**Non-achievements /
underperformance**

No exposure took place but is being planned to take place during 3rd or 4th quarter of 2017.

**Planned remedies for non-
achievements /
underperformance**

It is being planned to take place during the remainder of the year.

Goal 1 - Experts address knowledge and skills gaps of 20 black dairy enterprises for improved enterprise

Achievements

A questionnaire has been sent out to all provincial HODs requesting information on the smallholder dairy enterprises. Provinces were requested to furnish their responses by the 21st April at the latest.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 2 - R12.1M (including Commercialization project budget) is spent on critical needs of existing black dairy enterprises- knowledge and skills development, supply of affordable assets, etc.

Achievements

One hundred and twenty (125) pregnant heifers have been delivered and shared among fourteen

beneficiaries during the period under review

A total of 96 hectares of permanent pasture has been established on 10 farms and one farmer has already started to make bales from the established pasture. One farmer indicated that he would like to prepare land and plant seeds by himself.

Three meetings were held with the Project facilitator regarding information for quarterly reports and the heir who sold heifers after his father passed away.

Lawyers were engaged to assist regarding the fraudulent sale of heifers by an apparent heir after the death of his father who was one of the project beneficiaries.

Fifteen project beneficiaries were engaged to assess their fodder flow situation, to ensure that they had all compliance certificates-milking parlour, TB and CA certificates from the relevant authorities and to ensure that they were registered with Milk SA as producer distributor of milk if not supplying milk to a registered buyer.

Each farmer was visited 3 times during the period under review to monitor progress and to discuss forward plans.

Information on milk volumes and cows in-milk was collected, recorded and reported to the National Treasury as part of the project reporting

Three meetings were held with the buyer of milk regarding the contract with the heir of one of the late beneficiaries, compliance and farmer commitment to the success of their businesses.

Milk SA was visited by Jobs Fund officers to conduct verification of project evidence. It was agreed that the Project should have internal and external assessment report regarding achievements, failures, reasons for both successes and failures. Q3 2016/17 report covering October-December 2016 was written and submitted to Jobs Fund on time. The third Project Manager also left Jobs Fund at the end of March 2017.

The majority of farmers had planted maize for silage and the crop looked very good. One farmers had started cutting maize for silage while the majority indicated to start in April.

Milking machine expert visited two farms and serviced their milking machines.

The external auditor-Faure Bosman visited all fifteen farms to conduct project annual audit for reporting to the Jobs Fund/ National Treasury. The report will be submitted to MilkSA during May 2017 for consideration before sending it to the Jobs Fund / National Treasury.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 3 - Each dairy entrepreneur's herd is assessed by a private vet at least twice per year regarding pregnancy status and general health to ensure good health, acceptable calving intervals and productivity

Achievements

1. The Private veterinarian visited seven farms at Harrismith, checked and treated animals where warranted and gave farmers advice on what to do.
2. Twelve bulls were tested of which one was found to be positive for Trichomoniasis.
3. Some animals were treated with Estrumate and would be checked again during the next visit.
4. Farmers were given numbers of animals to be culled because they were not conceiving after more than 9 months after calving and serviced by a bull or given AI.
5. The Veterinarian found that record keeping regarding calving dates, date of treatment, AI dates and drying off dates was a concern on some farms despite prior advice given to farmers that record keeping was critical for running a business.

Non-achievements / underperformance

Farms in the Eastern Cape and KZN provinces were not visited by a private veterinarian as MilkSA has not yet secured the services of a private veterinarian. We have discovered that the matter must be attended to as matter of urgency because even the State Veterinary Services was not available due many reasons.

Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance

MilkSA has not yet secured private

veterinarian to provide veterinary services to the farmers.

Planned remedies for non-achievements / underperformance

MilkSA is currently looking for veterinarians who could assist by visiting farms in Eastern Cape and KZN provinces as is done in Free State.

Goal 4 - Participate in four Agricultural Marketing and Agro- Processing Forums meetings. The focus is on supporting small producers to find and market their produce profitably

Achievements

Attendance to the Agricultural Marketing and Agro-Processing Forums meetings has not happened during the previous quarter.

Non-achievements / underperformance

Attendance to the Agricultural Marketing Forum and Agro-Processing Forums did not take place during the period under review.

Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance

Dates for the Agricultural Marketing and Agro-Processing Forums meetings are clashing with scheduled MilkSA dates for internal meetings.

Planned remedies for non-achievements / underperformance

Special meetings will be arranged with the Chairpersons of the Forums or one will have to tender an apology for absence from MilkSA meetings depending on the priority of issues on the agenda.

Goal 5 - Assess black dairy development in each province at least once per year

Achievements

Non-achievements / underperformance

The assessment has not yet been done as the final due date is year end.

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Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance

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Planned remedies for non-achievements / underperformance

A questionnaire is being developed and will be discussed with all provinces before sending it out for filling it in to enable us to objectively collect information and assess dairy development initiative in each province.

Goal 6 - Conduct two seminars for project beneficiaries and other relevant stakeholders to improve their knowledge, skills and competencies

Achievements

Non-achievements / underperformance

No seminars/workshops have taken place during the period under review.

Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance

Reasons for non-achievements / under performance during the period under review are:

1. Most of the time was taken by the Sustainable Commercialization Smallholder Dairy project annual audit - it took one week visiting each farmer with the external auditor.
2. The Project took another week collecting information telephonically from the farmers and writing a report for the Jobs Fund/ National Treasury.
3. Farmers and their assistants were busy with permanent pasture establishmentg, controlling weeds in the lands and some attending own courses

Planned remedies for non-achievements / underperformance

One seminar is scheduled to take place in June as soon as farmers are done with the harvesting work. During that time both farmers and their employees will be relatively free to attend a workshop for a day or two.

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	No file has been uploaded
Unnecessary spending during period	No

Popular Report

No file has been uploaded

Popular report and Additional documentation

No file has been uploaded

Statement

Levy funds were applied only for the purposes stated in the contract	Yes
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