



**Manager - Animal Health and Welfare Program of the DRDC**

(PRJ-0390-2024)

**Dr Mark Chimes**

**Quarter 4 2024** (October 2024 till December 2024)

**Project goals**

**Goal 1 - To attend 4 x DRDC quarterly meetings and give inputs as required**

***Achievements***

The 4th DRDC meeting was attended in person on 19 Nov 2024

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 2 - To attend 4 x NAHF quarterly meetings and give inputs as required**

***Achievements***

The 4th NAHF meeting was attended in person in Pretoria on 18 Nov 2024

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 3 - To attend 4 x LWCC quarterly meetings and give inputs as required**

***Achievements***

The 4th LWCC meeting was attended in person in Pretoria on 15 Nov 2024.

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 4 - To represent South Africa on the IDF-subcommittees for Animal Health & Welfare as well for Antimicrobial Resistance**

***Achievements***

I attended the following meetings in person at the IDF World Summit in Paris:

1. The IDF Dairy Welfare Forum meeting on 13 Oct 2024
2. The Animal Welfare roundtable discussion on 13 Oct 2024
3. The 2nd committee meeting of the Subcommittee on Animal Health and Welfare on 13 Oct 2024
4. The roundtable discussion of the Farm Management Subcommittee on 13 Oct 2024

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 5 - To attend 2 x IDF-subcommittee on Animal Health & Welfare annual meetings and give inputs as required**

***Achievements***

As discussed under under goal 4

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 6 - To attend 2 x IDF Farmer's meetings and give inputs as required**

***Achievements***

As discussed under goal 4 above

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 7 - To be appointed to the SABS Technical Committees that are tasked with revising SANS 1694 & SANS 1488 and to make recommendations regarding the standards for the benefit of the dairy industry**

***Achievements***

This was made to stand over until 2025 since the SABS are running behind with their other revisions.

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 8 - To represent Milk SA by securing appointment to the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Antimicrobial Resistance and present inputs**

***Achievements***

This has been put on hold by the committee that need to appoint persons.

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 9 - To represent Milk SA as a guest lecturer on dairy animal welfare and health at at least 2 universities**

***Achievements***

Only managed to lecture at the University of Stellenbosch this year due to FMD taking up a lot of my time.

***Non-achievements / underperformance***

Only presented 2 guest lectures at one university

***Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance***

FMD took up a lot of my time

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

Managed to do a 3rd webinar for the DSA and also presented talks at the SASDT meeting, SAMELKO AGM and 7 farmers'days for the year.

**Goal 10 - To present 2 webinars for the DSA**

***Achievements***

Presented the 3rd webinar on 20 Nov 2024. The subject was "How to Reduce your Somatic Cell Count".

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 11 - To represent Milk SA at the RUVASA congress**

***Achievements***

Reported in 2nd QTR

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 12 - To represent Milk SA at the Large Herds Congress**

***Achievements***

Reported in 2nd QTR

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 13 - To represent Milk SA and South Africa at the IDF World Congress in Paris**

***Achievements***

Attended the IDF World Dairy in Paris from 13 to 17 Oct 2024. See report attached.

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 14 - To initiate the project to collect data on the status of calf welfare in South Africa**

***Achievements***

Submitted a separate MIS Research report. See popular summary attached.

***Non-achievements / underperformance***

To few questionnaires completed

***Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance***

Please refer to the separate MIS Research report

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

Please refer to the separate MIS Research report

**Goal 15 - To assist the Red Meat Industry on how to set up a Biosecurity and Traceability system through the Veterinary Network based on my experiences in dairy farm audits**

***Achievements***

This is an ongoing process with me merely adding my opinion and advice based on my experience with dairy parlour audits.

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 16 - To assist in establishing a disease monitoring system through the abattoirs**

***Achievements***

This is an ongoing effort. The abattoir Association and Food Safety Agency that manage meat inspections at the majority of abattoirs are reluctant to share information with each other. However, ECOS is slowly making progress in improving traceability and will assist in making disease monitoring possible.

### **No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported**

**Goal 17 - To support Milk SA by: a. Advising on matters pertaining to animal health and welfare b. Attending farmer days and presenting talks as required c. Compiling advisory documents for farmers on matters relating to animal health and welfare**

#### **Achievements**

Attended a farmer's meeting on FMD in Humansdorp on 8 Oct 2024 to participate in a roundtable discussion on the efforts to control FMD.

### **No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported**

## **Income and expenditure statement**

Income and expenditure statement	<a href="#">Expenditure 4th Quarter 2024 - Dr Mark Chimes (2).xlsx</a>
Unnecessary spending during period	No

## **Popular Report**

[M Chimes - Activity report - 4th QTR 2024.docx](#)  
[MIS Popular Report - 4th QTR 2024.docx](#)

## **Additional documentation**

[4th QTR report - Calf Welfare Assessments.pdf](#)  
[Dairymail - I had the privilege of attending the International Dairy Federation.pdf](#)  
[DSA Report - IDF World Conference.pdf](#)  
[DSA Webinar - SCC.pdf](#)  
[Effect of FMD on dairy industry - SASDT - Stellenbosch - Sep 2024.pdf](#)  
[Milk SA AGM - Report 2024.pdf](#)  
[Proposed calf rearing facility within the DMA.pdf](#)  
[Stockfarm Oct 2024.pdf](#)  
[Veeplaas Okt 2024.pdf](#)  
[3. SANCIDF Report - IDF Dairy Summit - Meetings - SCAHW committee.docx](#)  
[4. SANCIDF Report - IDF Dairy Summit - Meetings - Farm management committee.docx](#)  
[5. SANCIDF Report - IDF Dairy Summit - Lectures - Experts views on global dairy trends.docx](#)  
[6. SANCIDF Report - IDF Dairy Summit - Lectures - Welfare on dairy farms.docx](#)  
[7. SANCIDF Report - IDF Dairy Summit - Attendance.docx](#)

## **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

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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