

DRY ZONE PROGRAMME

Definition of Expected Outcomes and Outputs

INCOMES

LIFT Strategic Outcome 1: Increased incomes of rural households

Expected Dry Zone Programme Outcomes: *Increased, diversified and stable incomes* through:

- Increased agricultural crop productivity
- Increased livestock productivity
- Expanded value-added processing at village level
- Diversified job opportunities (on-farm and in NFE)
- More efficient and inclusive value chains to which SHFs are able to respond
- Increased access to water (drinking, livestock, irrigation)

Possible Dry Zone Programme Outputs:

- Agricultural support services (research, extension, input supply) improved
- Value chains (specific) functioning
- Seed supply to SHFs improved
- Improved farm management
- Quality mechanisms (grades & standards) established
- Post-harvest and storage improved
- Irrigation infrastructure and equipment made accessible to SHFs
- New, more productive breeds of livestock used by SHFs
- Improved animal health delivered
- Access to livestock water sources improved
- Animal husbandry practices improved
- Livestock marketing improved
- Water management improved
- Ownership of water sources increasingly individual
- Vocational skills made available
- Income-earning opportunities during lean season increased

RESILIENCE

LIFT Strategic Outcome 2: Increased resilience of poor rural households and communities to shocks, stresses and adverse trends

Expected Dry Zone Programme Outcomes: *More resilient households and communities* through:

- Adapted, flexible and stable production systems established
- Improved soil fertility
- Diversified, stress tolerant agricultural crop practices
- Reduced water and feed stress in livestock
- Improved access to effective social protection measures
- Improved natural resource management

Possible Dry Zone Programme Outputs:

- Crop and livestock insurance systems piloted
- Crop-livestock integration expanded
- New and adapted fodder plants planted
- Grazing management systems operating
- New breeds and flexible herd composition adopted
- Livestock water sources developed
- Flash flood protection structures put in place
- Recycling and waste water management systems expanded
- Knowledge of social protection measures and village capacity increased
- Access to cash and appropriate financial services expanded

NUTRITION

LIFT Strategic Outcome 3: Improved nutrition of women, men and children

Expected Dry Zone Programme Outcomes: *Better nourished women, men and children* through:

- Increased dietary diversity, especially amongst children and pregnant and lactating women (PLW)
- Improved knowledge of nutrition, sanitation and hygiene
- Increased fish production
- Reduced incidence of water-borne diseases
- Improved dietary and child feeding practices

Possible Dry Zone Programme Outputs:

- Production of nutritious crops increased
- Knowledge of nutritional benefits of different products improved
- Knowledge of hygiene and hygienic food practices improved
- Nutrition and child feeding education programme in place
- Aquaculture expanded
- Access to safe drinking water expanded
- Access to proper sanitation expanded

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

LIFT Strategic Outcome 4: Improved policies and effective public expenditure for pro-poor rural development

Expected Dry Zone Programme Outcomes: *Formulation of policies and increased public expenditure to support poor and vulnerable people* through:

- Enhanced domestic trade policies providing opportunities for SHFs
- Policies to facilitate the establishment of an effective seed industry
- Effective environmental protection and natural resource management policies
- Liberalised policies on livestock production, marketing and trade
- Effective livestock disease control policies
- Enhanced framework for farmer organisations
- Policies, laws and procedures that improve social protection, including protection of migrants
- Increased public expenditure for agriculture and rural development

Possible Dry Zone Programme Outputs:

- Agriculture sector trade policy in the DZ formulated
- Policy framework to ensure secure, fair and sustainable access to natural resources formulated
- Environmental impact of livestock assessed
- Policies and regulations to enhance community natural resource and especially water management
- Economic impact of poor disease control, low productivity and poor marketing of livestock assessed
- Ways of increasing the role of women in agriculture business, marketing assessed
- Conditions of farm labour and employment rights studied
- Mechanisms for inclusive and democratic farmer organisations developed
- Civil society capacity for policy advocacy strengthened
- Coherent policy on migration formulated
- Coherent approach to improved engagement by government and the private sector in delivering social protection formulated

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Proposals for financial inclusion would be expected to address LIFT's four strategic outcomes:

LIFT Strategic Outcome 1: Increased incomes of rural households

Expected Dry Zone Programme Outcomes:

- Increased sustainable access to finance that promotes alternative livelihoods
- Increased sustainable access to finance supporting agriculture value chain development
- New or improved demand-driven loan products

LIFT Strategic Outcome 3: Improved nutrition of women, men and children

Expected Dry Zone Programme Outcomes:

- Increased access to finance for women, including pregnant and lactating women and mothers of young children
- Sustainable financial services products developed that link savings and credit with education (SCWE)
- Improved household food security and better nutritional status for children of mothers participating in the SCWE

LIFT Strategic Outcome 4: Improved policies and effective public expenditure for pro-poor rural development

Expected Dry Zone Programme Outcomes:

- Conducive policy environment with appropriate role for government

Proposals may include:

- Support for DZP activities being implemented in the 6 townships
- New and/or improved financial products within the broader DZ