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# **Live2Africa Project Monitoring and Evaluation Report**

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# 1. Introduction

AU-IBAR carried out its Annual monitoring exercise in order to obtain beneficiary and stakeholder feedback on implementation progress and to get suggestions for improvement. Obtaining feedback from key stakeholders is important for project learning and adaptation. The key objectives of the monitoring exercise were;

- i. To assess the progress made in implementation of Live2Africa project
- ii. To get the views of keys stakeholders on implementation
- iii. To establish if there are emerging benefits

# 2. Methodology

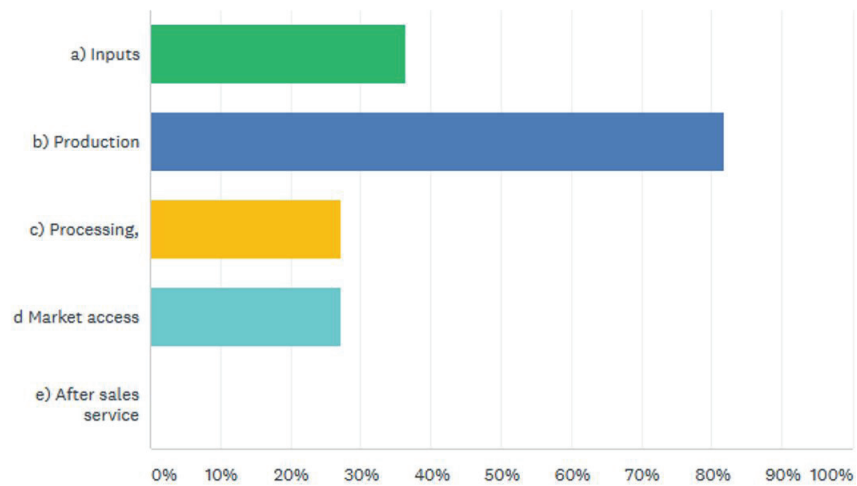
In order to critically assess implementation progress the monitoring team adopted a method that minimised travel and avoided physical meetings in compliance with the COVID 19 induced restrictions. A monitoring questionnaire was developed and circulated online to key stakeholders among others included the Directors of Animal Production; Chief Veterinary Officers; Focal Persons Regional Economic Communities and other participants to various AU-IBAR Activities. The responses received were analysed and conclusions were made.

In order encourage response the questionnaire was designed with a minimum number of questions focused on core issues. This made the survey focus on high level issues on a result area without necessarily scrutinizing each activity. Furthermore, where necessary, follow up virtual meetings we organized to get clarity.

# 3. Key findings

The findings hereunder are presented according to the different subsections that were in the questionnaire. Attempt has been made to present the findings from the stakeholder's perspective.

Stakeholders' Perceptions on Part of the Livestock Value Chain that was significantly impacted by the project Stakeholders were asked to identify the value chain nodes that were significantly impacted by the project so far. Over 80% of the respondents identified the production element as the part that was significantly impacted. This perception could have been because of the core focus of IBAR in the past were focus on activities and initiatives aimed at improved animal production. The Live2Africa project, being the first project to implement by IBAR with a focus on the value chain approach, it is necessary that more be done towards promoting processing and value addition as well as promoting market access. Respondents felt that more could be done on improving market access, processing and value addition. Fig I below shows the perceptions of respondents on the parts of the value chain they think were significantly improved by the Live2Africa project.



**Figure 1:** In your opinion, which components of the livestock were significantly improved by the live2Africa project?

### *Result Area 1: Investment in Livestock Value Chains are Increased*

In order to assess the outcomes of the project under this result area, where accurate measurement is difficult to establish because of unavailability of data. In situations where data is available, it is not disaggregated to value chain specific levels, respondents were asked to express their opinions on whether the project had resulted in changes in the levels of investment. More than 90% of the respondents indicated that they are still waiting for meaningful change to be realized, they were aware of initiatives to increase investments in livestock value chains however so far there was no noticeable change in terms of investments. They indicated that the advent of the COVID 19 Pandemic had worsened the situation. This means that the effects of the project in terms of stimulating investments are still to be felt.

### *Result Area 2: Animal Health Delivery Services Improved*

Under this result area, respondents were asked if they experienced an improvement in animal health services as a result of the project. 60% of the respondents said yes there was change in animal health service delivery through increased private sector participation and engagement as a result of the Continental Animal Health Platform (CAHP- Africa) which brings together various stakeholders across the continent. The formulation of the continental animal health platform was also sighted as a major milestone. Vaccinations and support to review and updating of veterinary legislation where also sighted as major achievements. 40% indicated they are still waiting to observe change as result of the project.

### *Result Area 3: Animal Production, Productivity and Ecosystem Management Systems are enhanced.*

Under this result area, respondents highlighted that they are still awaiting to see change. In some countries they argued that there was not change because they were not aware of activities being implemented under Live2Africa as some of them where consultancies that were carried out and recommendations of the consultancies are still to be implemented.

### *Result Area 4: Resilience of Livestock Production Systems Strengthened*

Under this result area, respondents indicated that they are still awaiting to see noticeable change as the activities implemented are still to yield results. One respondent said “There is no change in the levels of resilience of animal production systems due to the absence of a strategy that revolves around the following

actions: Reduce production costs in order to improve competitiveness. Improve the efficiency of the use of resources (water, food, etc.). Strengthen the attractiveness of the profession of dairy farmer. Improve working conditions in breeding and management”.

### *Result 5: Technology Adoption in the LVCs Increased*

Under this result area, respondents indicated that they were still to realize noticeable change in technology development, adoption and utilization as a result of the project. One respondent said; “The Live2 Africa project, enabled us to discuss the adoption and transfer of technologies, during virtual discussions and questionnaires sent by the AU-IBAR, and to propose an action plan to improve digital technology in the livestock sector”

### *Result Area 6: Access to Inputs, Services, Markets and Value Addition Systems Improved*

Under this result area, respondents indicated that they are still to realise noticeable change.

## **4. Visibility of the Live2Africa Project**

In order to measure the awareness of key stakeholders on the Live2Africa Project at national, regional and continental levels, respondents were asked to list Live2Africa activities and initiatives they were aware of in order to assess their familiarity their level of awareness. It was found out that all the respondents provided at least one Live2Africa project they were aware of. This was largely due to the fact that they had personally participated in these activities. In table I below we list some activities participants to respondents could identify

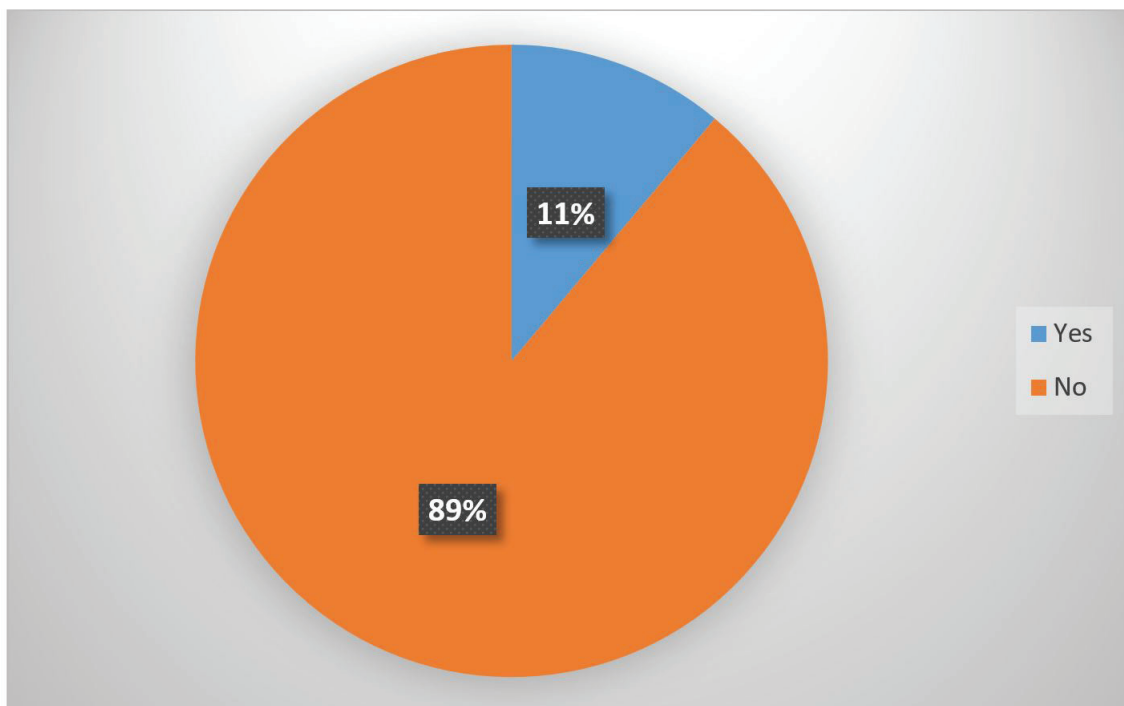
List of Live2Africa initiatives participated in / that you or your country/ region have benefited from.

**Table I:** List of Live2Africa initiatives participated in / that you or your country/ region have benefited from.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training on formulation and review of Veterinary Legislation,</li> <li>• Revision and strengthening of policies and legislation in MSs</li> <li>• Validation of the Animal Health Strategy for Africa</li> <li>• Live2Africa Livestock Value Chain Prioritization and Characterisation</li> <li>• Stock tacking exercise to define</li> <li>• Catalyzing the Commercialization and Transformation of Livestock Value Chains in Africa.</li> <li>• Development of a hybrid business model for Africa</li> <li>• Technology incubation Hubs (A-TiChubs)</li> <li>• Formation of African Technology and Innovations incubators</li> <li>• Advisory Committee (ATIIAc) for Africa)</li> <li>• Support to development of the poultry value chain in Central Africa</li> <li>• Facilitation of Africa Common Positions</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional consultative meetings on priority livestock value chains</li> <li>• Development of the action plan for the poultry value chain in Central Africa</li> <li>• Information sharing workshop on LideSA</li> <li>• Creation of the Directors of Animal production network</li> <li>• Support Member States To Incorporate Livestock In NAIPS</li> <li>• Support to attend the Pan African CVO/OIE delegates meeting</li> <li>• Development of criteria for integrating livestock into NAIPs</li> <li>• Sharing And Information Workshop on LiDeSA Consultative</li> <li>• Technical support to develop PPR strategy</li> <li>• Designation of focal points of Animal Production Directors and continental animal health platform Capacity building on ARIS3</li> </ul> |
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We also asked a question on the visibility of the Live2Africa project in Member States and Regional economic communities. It was noted by 80% of the respondents that at National Level Live2Africa was less visible. With the accelerated implementation of the Live2Africa activities and regional and national levels and with improved engagement of actors in regional livestock value chains visibility of the project

is expected to significantly improve. This points to the need for intensification of activities aimed at promoting the visibility of the project Fig xx below shows respondents' opinion on the visibility of the project.



**Figure 2:** Is the Live2Africa Project implementation Visible in your country / REC?

## 5. Key Challenges Encountered

Respondents indicated that they faced a number of challenges in the implementation of Live2Africa project including

- Inadequate political will on the part of national officials to implement initiatives, particularly in terms of investment, food and nutritional security.
- Insufficient human and financial resources to effectively implement the project.
- The weakness in the communication on the project for a real implementation.
- The slow bureaucratic process through which policies and legislation are adopted by political leaders.

Some countries like Mozambique and Mauritania indicated that the project is yet to be implemented in their countries. This could be because of the focus of the project which is at regional level, therefore some activities may not be felt at individual country level.

## 6. Suggestions for improvement

Respondents made the following recommendations for improvement:

- i. Assess the progress made so far and identify what is working and what is not working and take corrective action so that the project may realise its impact.
- ii. Improve the communication, coordination and collaboration with all key stakeholders including MSs.
- iii. Strengthen tangible outputs for MSs that are not feeling the presence of the project e.g. Mauritania, Liberia and many more



iv. Improve on information dissemination and visibility of the project

## 7. Conclusion and recommendations

1. The effects of the project are still to be felt at continental, regional and national levels. This requires intense implementation of the planned activities so that impact within the remaining time period for the intended project impact to be realized. This may even require an extension of the project period for its impact to be felt.
2. There is a significant number of countries that feel they are not benefiting from the Live2Africa project. This may need to be corrected so that all the key stakeholders are informed and they contribute to the realization of the project's intended results.
3. The visibility of the project needs to be enhanced through enhanced communication and visibility activities as well through the proactive engagement for various stakeholders at national, regional and continental levels



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