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Livestock Productivity & Resilience Support

Vision:

A Livestock Industry where value addition and quality services enable sustainable, diversified and productive livestock economy in Nigeria.

Mission:

To provide enabling environment for quality and efficient service delivery to livestock farmers and stakeholders through effective livestock policy formulation and implementation

About us:

L-PRES is a 6 Year Project with Development Objective (PDO) to improve livestock productivity, resilience and commercialization of selected value chains and to strengthen the country's capacity to respond to an eligible crisis or emergency.

Livestock is vital to Nigeria's economy and poverty alleviation. It employs 30 percent of the rural population but accounts only for less than 10 percent of the Agricultural GDP and 2-3 percent of the National GDP , which highlights the sub-sector under-development. Livestock provides increased significant economic stability to rural households in the form of cash buffers, as capital reserves, and creates a hedge against inflation.

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OVERVIEW OF THE YOBE L-PRES PROJECT

A revolutionary project funded by the World Bank, the Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) Project aims to increase livestock productivity and fortify the resilience of Nigerian pastoral communities. Yobe State is one of the main benefactors of the 20 states that are presently implementing L-PRES.

Yobe State formally joined the L-PRES Project in October 2023, and after funding was released, practical implementation started in December 2023. Thousands of farmers around the state have benefited from significant advancements the state has made in disease prevention, value chain development, and livestock productivity since implementation started.

COMPONENTS: Five essential elements form the framework of the Yobe L-PRES Project:

- System of Institutions and Innovation
- Enhancing the Livestock Value Chain
- Crises prevention and mitigation
- Coordination and Management of Projects
- A contingency Response to Emergencies









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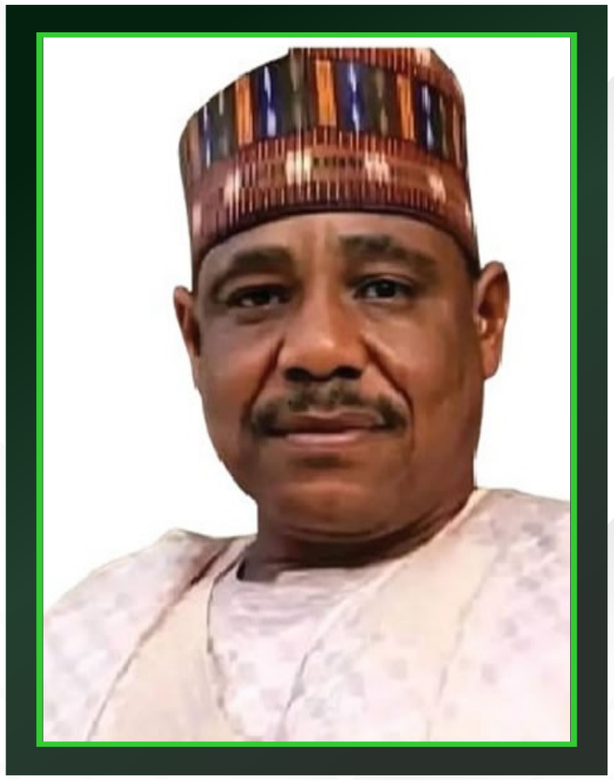
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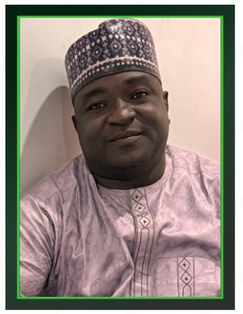
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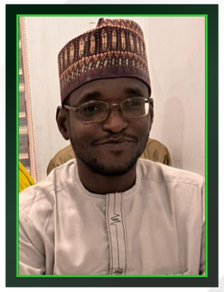


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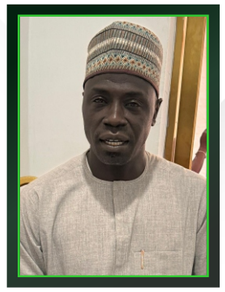
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the inaugural edition of Yobe L-PRES Magazine—a dynamic chronicle of innovation, resilience, and transformation in Yobe State's livestock sector, spearheaded by His Excellency, Governor Mai Mala Buni, CON. Under the dedicated leadership of Haj. Adama Hussaini Madaki, the Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) Project has achieved remarkable milestones, and we are proud to showcase these strides within these pages.

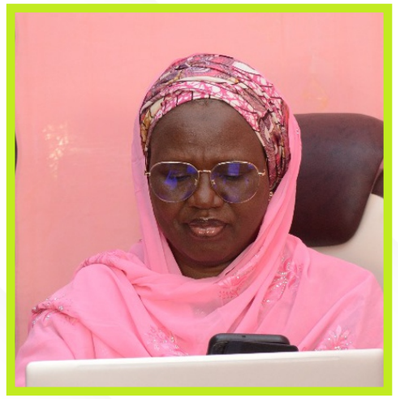
Through modernized grazing reserves, enhanced animal health services, and increased meat and dairy production, L-PRES is revolutionizing livestock farming and unlocking new economic opportunities. This edition highlights key initiatives, stakeholder engagements, capacity-building workshops, policy interventions, and inspiring success stories from Q4 2023 to the present—along with a forward-looking action plan for continued sectoral growth in 2025.

More than a recap of achievements, Yobe L-PRES Magazine serves as a platform for education, engagement, and inspiration. It stands as both a testament to progress and a call to action for sustained collaboration to ensure the project's long-term success.

We invite you to immerse yourself in this edition, filled with compelling narratives and striking visuals. Happy reading!

Muhammad Usman Nasoro
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FROM THE DESK OF THE YOBE L-PRES PROJECT COORDINATOR



My name is Adama Hussaini Madaki, and I'm the Project Coordinator for Yobe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES), a World Bank Project in collaboration with the Yobe State Government, Nigeria.

We have an inadequate supply of pasture and water; the scarcity of these two natural resources causes the farmer-herder conflict. Most of the time, the movement of cattle by pastorales from one point to another along the road is where farmer-herder conflict arises because allowing the livestock to move freely without proper monitoring and control, and the farmer's harvest has not been processed on time while an animal is looking for pasture, they'll enter people's farms, and that's where issues arise. One of the challenges, apart from lack of posture and water persistence, is the use of local breed livestock and inadequate healthcare services delivery. In any areas that have a merchandised system of livestock farming, there's a significant breed improvement, and it's one of the things that we lack in Nigeria; the rate of breed improvement is statistically non-significant because the majority of our farmers depend on local native breed livestock, which is negatively impacting our productivity.

It's obvious that the factors of production are very low, the L-PRES project is committed to improving the current status of livestock production in the state, and developing strategies to address challenges ahead, and that's the wisdom behind dividing the project objectives into components and sub-components such as strengthening the policy and institutional formulation for improving the performance of the livestock sector as well as increasing the productivity arising, ensuring crisis prevention and mitigation, project coordination provision for a mechanism within the project to finance response and mitigate natural disasters that may arises along the process of implementation of the project.

This project is focused on the activities that will lead to the improvement of the productivity of the livestock. We're so lucky that the Yobe state government, under the able leadership of His Excellency Mai Mala Buni, CON, is committed to the project's objectives by providing an enabling environment that supports a smooth implementation of the project. This commitment has made us a leading state in implementing the L-PRES Project.

With a seven-month duration for the project, considering the initiatives that brought a brilliant innovation toward actualizing the goals and missions of the World Bank and Yobe State Government, we're optimistic that the L-PRES Project will yield a broader impact soon.

We also established and constructed an artificial insemination center aiming to improve the breed of the livestock; we also constructed veterinary clinics that are ready for commissioning. Of course, we've changed the condition of livestock productivity across the state, and the result will be fruitful in the coming years. The report we're getting from our feedback mechanism system is evidence that the L-PRES is committed to championing the developmental objectives of the project. Heartfelt appreciation received from both beneficiaries and stakeholders is inspiring my team and me to increase our efforts in implementing the project's developmental objectives. Our mission is beyond increasing the productivity of the livestock; rather, it is training communities on upholding sustainable farming systems that encourage emission reduction and carbon-sinking. This will only be achieved by sensitizing communities to sustainable livestock production practices.

We're currently in the process of procuring machines that will assist the communities with farming activities and simplify the work. We started with the capacity building and advisory services to our beneficiaries, followed by the establishment of developmental infrastructures for livestock production. With these developmental initiatives, I can assure you that the future of livestock is very bright. I'm telling you that by next year, after the harvest, all the sorghum and millet stalks you're seeing in the bush will be harvested, crushed, and processed into the livestock feed, which will increase the animal feed production by at least 80% to 85% by next season. All the arrangements are on the ground; we already established some demonstration for pasture development that will equip people. We procured pasture seeds and distributed them for the establishment of pasture on their farms. We also train them on cultivating pastures for domestic yield. One of the criteria for eligibility to participate in this program is the public-private partnership framework, which the state government is already working on implementing in the public-private partnership relationship.

Similarly, we already signed an MOU with so many developmental organizations that are interested in supporting pasture production growth to establish at least 100 hectares of pasture grasses, training and empowering communities in pasture farming, and linking them with markets for the supply of their products.

A heartfelt gratitude to the executive governor of Yobe State, His Excellency Hon. Mai Mala Buni, CON, for his support and commitment toward achieving sustainable development in Yobe State. His effort of developing a livestock development center (LDC) in three senatorial districts of Yobe State is a testament to his vision in increasing livestock productivity across the state. The LDC and L-PRES share the same developmental objectives. Thank you for providing us with an enabling environment to redefine the stories of livestock productivity in Yobe State.

We wish that our beneficiaries will utilize this opportunity by giving us their support and cooperation toward achieving our developmental objectives. Their cooperation means a lot in actualizing the dream of better livestock productivity in Yobe State.

Adama Hussaini Madaki – Project Coordinator, Yobe L-PRES Project

OFFICIAL HANDING OVER OF SURVEILLANCE MATERIALS TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES



As part of its commitment to enhancing livestock productivity, ensuring animal health, and promoting a more resilient and sustainable agricultural ecosystem, the Yobe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES) has officially handed over surveillance materials to the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources (MANR).

The handover ceremony, led by the State Project Coordinator, Hajiya Adama Hussaini Madaki, also featured a refresher training for veterinary officers on data generation at surveillance points and sample collection protocols. This initiative aims to strengthen disease surveillance and monitoring across the state.

In his remarks, the Honorable Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Alhaji Goniri, commended Yobe L-PRES for its unwavering efforts in supporting the livestock subsector.

He assured that the surveillance kits would be effectively utilized and acknowledged the continued commitment of His Excellency, Governor Hon. Mai Mala Buni, in supporting the project's objectives.The proactive collaboration between L-PRES and MANR marks a significant step toward strengthening disease surveillance, improving livestock management, and ensuring the sustainability of the agricultural sector in Yobe State.The event was held at the MANR Conference Hall in Damaturu.

YOBE L-PRES ORGANIZES TRAINING FOR 30 ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION TECHNICIANS



The Yobe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES), in collaboration with the National Animal Production Research Institute (NAPRI) Zaria, successfully conducted a 14-day intensive training program for 30 Artificial Insemination (AI) technicians. Speaking at the event, the State Project Coordinator, Hajiya Adama Hussaini Madaki, highlighted that L-PRES is a six-year World Bank-supported initiative aimed at enhancing livestock production and productivity.

The project's developmental objectives focus on improving productivity, commercialization, and resilience within the targeted livestock production systems. She further emphasized the pressing challenges facing the livestock subsector, including low productivity, poor breed quality, degraded rangelands, and year-round feed shortages. She reassured that L-PRES is committed to tackling these issues by enhancing genetic quality and ensuring the sustainability of livestock production and value addition. Hajiya Adama urged the participants to fully engage with the training and adhere to the institute's guidelines to maximize their learning experience.

In his welcome address, the Executive Director of NAPRI, Prof. M. R. Hassan, warmly received the participants and assured them of the institute's full support in ensuring a successful training session. He wished them success and formally declared the session open.

The training concluded successfully, with participants receiving certificates of completion. The newly trained technicians are now fully equipped to commence practical artificial insemination services, marking a significant milestone in enhancing livestock productivity in Yobe State.

YOBE L-PRES SPC INAUGURATES GRIEVANCE REDRESS COMMITTEE (GRC)



As part of its commitment to ensuring transparency, accountability, and stakeholder engagement, the Yobe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES) has inaugurated a Grievance Redress Committee (GRC) to address concerns and complaints from stakeholders effectively.

The inauguration ceremony took place at the L-PRES office in Damaturu, where the State Project Coordinator (SPC), Hajiya Adama Hussaini Madaki, outlined the committee's terms of reference and responsibilities, which include:Receiving and registering grievances from stakeholders.

Investigating complaints and gathering relevant information.Analyzing and resolving grievances fairly and transparently.Documenting and maintaining records of grievances and resolutions.Reporting GRC activities and recommendations to management and stakeholders.

The Grievance Redress Committee comprises key officers, including Social Safeguards, Environment, Gender, Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E), Project Engineering, and Communication & Information Technology (CICT) officers.In her remarks, the chairperson of the committee, Social Safeguards Officer Hajiya Hauwa Garba, assured the SPC of the committee's full commitment and dedication to ensuring that grievances are handled efficiently and equitably.

This initiative underscores L-PRES's dedication to fostering inclusivity, resolving disputes amicably, and ensuring the smooth implementation of its programs across Yobe State.

L-PRES NORTH-EASTERN REGION POST-SLA ENGAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT MEETING HELD IN YOLA



The Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES) convened a Post-SLA Engagement and Implementation Support Meeting for the North-Eastern region at the Golden Alpine Hotel, Yola, Adamawa State.A key focus of the meeting was the Support to Increased Access to Finance initiative.

As part of this effort, the Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN) is set to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Federal Ministry of livestock Development (FMARD), outlining critical implementation modalities for this subcomponent.

This agreement will be further strengthened by a Subsidiary Loan Agreement (SLA)—acceptable to the International Development Association (IDA)—which will clearly define the division of responsibilities between FMARD, State Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Development (SMARD), and DBN in implementing L-PRES project activities.

The meeting saw the participation of all Project Implementation Units (PIUs) from the North-Eastern states, reinforcing collaborative efforts toward achieving the project's objectives.

TWO-DAY CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR 100 STATE-LEVEL LIVESTOCK EXTENSION AGENTS







The Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES), a jointly funded initiative by the Federal Government of Nigeria and the World Bank, organized a two-day capacity-building training for 100 state-level livestock extension agents from the 17 Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Yobe State.

Opening of the Training

Declaring the training open, the State Project Coordinator, represented by the Head of Animal Husbandry, Mr. Mohamed Bulama, provided an overview of the project and its developmental objectives.

He emphasized that the primary goals of the training are to:

- Enhance livestock productivity and resilience
- Support commercialization of selected livestock value chains
- Strengthen the country's capacity to respond to livestock-related crises and emergencies

He further stated that participants were carefully selected from the 17 LGAs to ensure widespread dissemination of best livestock husbandry practices at the grassroots level.Key Training ComponentsThe training focused on:

- Livestock housing
- Breeding techniques
- Feed and nutrition
- Proper animal management

Participants were encouraged to actively engage with facilitators to maximize the impact of the training.

The sessions were held in Gashua and Potiskum from June 12 to 13, 2024.Technical Presentations

1. Dr. Kawai Yahaya Usman presented a paper titled:"Selection and Breeding: The Centrepiece of Best Livestock Husbandry Practices"
2. Dr. Ibrahim Abdulsalam delivered a presentation on:"Feeding and Nutrition Practices in Ruminants"

At the end of the training, certificates were issued to participants, marking the successful completion of the program.This initiative is expected to significantly enhance livestock extension services in Yobe State, contributing to improved productivity, resilience, and economic opportunities within the livestock sector.

YOBE STATE GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO REVITALIZING AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION



The Yobe State Government has reiterated its unwavering commitment to revitalizing and enhancing agricultural and livestock production across the state.

Governor Mai Mala Buni made this known during the inauguration of the State Steering Committee for the Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES). The governor, represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Alhaji Baba Mallam Wali, officially inaugurated the eleven-member technical committee, emphasizing its critical role in providing strategic direction throughout the project's implementation.

The State Steering Committee will be chaired by the Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Alhaji Ali Mustapha, with commissioners from Commerce, Environment, Finance, and Women Affairs serving as members, among others.The L-PRES project, a collaborative initiative between the Federal Government of Nigeria, the World Bank, and the Yobe State Government, aims to boost livestock productivity, enhance resilience, and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

Yobe State is one of the twenty states in Nigeria qualified to benefit from this transformative project, reaffirming its position as a key player in advancing livestock development and food security in the country.

OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF 1,120,000 DOSES OF ANTHRAX SPORE VACCINE (ASV) TO THE YOBE STATE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES



The Yobe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES) has officially handed over 1,120,000 doses of Anthrax Spore Vaccine (ASV) to the Yobe State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources as part of its commitment to strengthening livestock health and resilience in the state.

During the handover ceremony, the National Project Coordinator of L-PRES, represented by the National Animal Health Specialist Dr Mustapha Mohammed, provided a brief overview of the project's objectives.

He emphasized that L-PRES is a key initiative aimed at improving the productivity and commercialization of livestock value chains while addressing challenges such as disease outbreaks and poor husbandry practices.

He further highlighted that the project is currently being implemented in 20 states across Nigeria, including Yobe State, and urged farmers to take full advantage of this vaccination initiative to safeguard heath of both human and livestock's to enhance productivity.

This milestone underscores L-PRES's commitment to supporting sustainable livestock farming and safeguarding the livelihoods of livestock farmers in Yobe State.

LAYING FOUNDATION OF MODEM GEIDAM LIVESTOCK MARKET (Before and After Pictures)



As part of its continuous efforts to ensure the smooth implementation of the Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES), the Yobe State Coordinating Office has conducted a sensitization campaign with key stakeholders to enhance awareness of the project's Development Objectives (PDO) across the state.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Ibrahim Yaroro, the Animal Health Officer, emphasized that L-PRES is a six-year World Bank-funded project aimed at improving livestock productivity, commercialization, and resilience across Yobe State. He highlighted that a major milestone of the project is the foundation-laying ceremony for the Geidam Modern Market, sponsored by L-PRES.Addressing stakeholders in Geidam Local Government Area (LGA), the State Project Coordinator (SPC), Hajiya Adama H. Madaki, stated that the project has the potential to create job opportunities along the livestock value chain. She further noted that it would provide an enabling environment for market businesses, benefiting both direct and indirect investors in the state.

In his remarks, Alhaji Musa Mohammed Rahama the Chairman of Geidam LGA commended Governor Mai Mala Buni's administration for its laudable policies and programs, which have had a direct positive impact on the people of the state. He assured that the local government would provide the necessary support and cooperation to ensure the project's success.

Additionally, Alhaji Musa Mohammed Rahama highlighted the numerous benefits of the project across the livestock sector in Yobe State. He urged traditional rulers and the Cattle Market Association to give the project the attention and commitment required to achieve optimal results.

This initiative underscores L-PRES's commitment to enhancing livestock productivity, improving market access, and fostering economic growth in Yobe State.

YOBE STATE L-PRES PIU ATTENDS EXECUTIVE TRAINING ON INNOVATIVE PROJECT MANAGEMENT, PLANNING, AND CONTROL



The Yobe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES) Project Implementation Unit (PIU) participated in an Executive Training on Innovative Project Management, Planning, and Control held from July 1–5, 2024, at Global Village Hotel.

The workshop aimed to enhance participants' understanding of project management principles, planning strategies, and control mechanisms. Key areas covered included: Project concepts and frameworks, with a focus on effective communication and stakeholder engagement.

Monitoring and evaluation, ensuring seamless project implementation.Strategic project development planning, including risk analysis and management.Budgeting and financial controls, emphasizing cost-effective measures and internal auditing.

The training concluded with a comprehensive review session, participant presentations, and the issuance of certificates of completion.

This initiative reinforces L-PRES's commitment to equipping its personnel with the skills necessary for efficient project execution and sustainable development in Yobe State.

GLOBAL PEACE DEVELOPMENT PAYS FAMILIARIZATION VISIT TO YOBE L-PRES COORDINATION OFFICE, DAMATURU



The Global Peace Development (GPD) team paid a familiarization visit to the Yobe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES) Coordination Office in Damaturu to explore potential areas of collaboration.Introduction to Global Peace Development (GPD)Global Peace Development is a non-governmental organization (NGO) operating across 12 states in Nigeria with over 20 years of experience in promoting peace, fostering dialogue, and preventing conflicts between farmers and herders.

The organization also focuses on peacebuilding initiatives and interventions aimed at mitigating crises and addressing gender-based violence (GBV).During the visit, the Executive Director of GPD, Mr. Ebruke Esike Onajite, highlighted the organization's key activities, emphasizing its capacity-building and sensitization programs targeted at conflict mitigation and crisis prevention. He expressed GPD's willingness to collaborate with L-PRES, particularly in areas related to conflict resolution and community peacebuilding.
The visit marked the beginning of a promising partnership aimed at enhancing conflict resolution mechanisms and fostering sustainable peace within Yobe State's livestock sector.

NPC TECHNICAL MISSION TO YOBE STATEGOVERNOR BUNI URGES L-PRES NATIONAL COORDINATOR TO IMPROVE LIVESTOCK FARMING



His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Yobe State, Hon. Mai Mala Buni, CON (Chiroman Gujba), has called on the National Coordinator of the Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES) to enhance livestock farming in the state, considering Yobe's position as one of the largest livestock-producing states in Nigeria. The Governor made this call on Tuesday while receiving the National Coordinator of L-PRES, Alh. Sanusi Abubakar, and his delegation on a courtesy visit to the Government House, Damaturu.
Represented by his Deputy, Hon. Idi Barde Gubana (Wazirin Fune), Governor Buni, ccommended L-PRES for its commitment to supporting beneficiaries in enhancing livestock farming, eemphasized the need for modernized livestock farming as a strategy to combat food scarcity, and urged L-PRES to intensify efforts in developing livestock production, which would help mitigate farmers-herders conflicts and improve food security across the country.
In his response, Alh. Sanusi Abubakar, the National Coordinator of L-PRES, expressed appreciation for the Yobe State Government's support in ensuring the smooth implementation of the project. He highlighted that:
The project aims to improve livestock productivity, resilience, and commercialization of selected value chains.
One of its core objectives is to strengthen the country's capacity to respond to crises or emergencies affecting the livestock sector.
Yobe State has the highest number of qualified veterinary doctors in Nigeria, and he encouraged the state to maximize this expertise for the benefit of its livestock industry. Following the meeting at the Government House, the L-PRES National Project Coordinator and the Yobe State Project Implementation Unit proceeded to the Emir's Palace in Damaturu for a sensitization visit to the royal father. The Emir of Damaturu reaffirmed his readiness to support the L-PRES project and commended the ongoing initiatives aimed at developing the livestock sector in the state.
Additionally, the delegation paid a courtesy visit to the Emir of Jajere and a prominent Fulani leader in Yobe State as part of their engagement with key stakeholders in the livestock sector.
In recognition of his contributions to livestock development, the Emirate Council of Yobe State conferred on Alh. Sanusi Abubakar the honorary title of "Garkuwan Makiyayan Yobe State" (Protector of Yobe's Livestock Farmers). This mission further solidifies the state's partnership with L-PRES, ensuring sustainable livestock development and reinforcing food security efforts.

YOBE STATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON L-PRES IMPLEMENTATION







The State Technical Committee (STC) of the Yobe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES) convened a review meeting to assess the achievements recorded during the initial phase of project implementation in the state.

Opening Remarks
Delivering the opening remarks, the Permanent Secretary of the State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, who also serves as the Chairman of the State Technical Committee, Dr. Musa Abba Kolere, highlighted the notable strides made by L-PRES in enhancing livestock production across the state. He emphasized that the project has facilitated extensive training and sensitization programs, contributing significantly to livestock productivity.

Dr. Kollere further stated that L-PRES has successfully attracted local and international investors to Yobe State, reaffirming that the project is jointly he primary objective of the committee's meeting was to evaluate progress and enhance the efficiency of project execution.

Hajiya Madaki also underscosupported by the World Bank, the Federal Government of Nigeria, and the Yobe State Government.He also commended the infrastructural developments facilitated by L-PRES, asserting that the project is poised to significantly improve livestock productivity beyond initial expectations.

Project Implementation Review
In her remarks, the Secretary of the State Technical Committee and State Project Coordinator (SPC), Hajiya Adama Hussain Madaki, reiterated her commitment to ensuring the effective implementation of L-PRES in Yobe State. She emphasized that tred that L-PRES is a six-year initiative focusing on livestock productivity, commercialization, and resilience within selected value chains while strengthening the state's institutional capacity in the sector. Project Achievements & Government SupportA key highlight of the meeting was the presentation of recorded achievements by the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officer, Mr. Abdurrahman Malik, who outlined the project's successes so far. In response, committee members acknowledged the unwavering support provided by the Governor Mai Mala Buni-led administration, noting that this has been instrumental in enhancing livestock farming across the state.

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment from all stakeholders to sustain project momentum and maximize its impact on the state's agricultural sector.

TWO-DAY CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR 136 LIVESTOCK FARMERS ON CROP RESIDUES FOR ANIMAL FEED







The Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES), jointly funded by the Federal Government of Nigeria and the World Bank, has organized a two-day capacity-building training for 136 livestock farmers across the 17 Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Yobe State.

Opening of the Training

Declaring the training open, the State Project Coordinator, Hajiya Adama H. Madaki, provided an overview of the project and emphasized that the training aims to:

- Enhance livestock productivity in Yobe State
- Promote the modern utilization of crop residues as animal feed
- Support sustainable livestock farming practices

She highlighted that the training, which took place in Gashua and Potiskum, targeted a diverse group of beneficiaries, with a significant number being women.

Training Theme and Focus

The theme of the training was:"Utilization of Crop Residues as Animal Feed."Hajiya Adama explained that crop residues refer to materials left after crop processing, which can be repurposed into valuable nutritious resources for animal consumption.

This approach helps reduce feed costs, enhances livestock nutrition, and promotes sustainable agricultural practices.Participants' FeedbackOne of the participants, Asmau Aliyu, expressed appreciation for the Yobe State Government, under the leadership of Governor Mai Mala Buni, for engaging both national and international partners to support the agricultural sector in the state.

This initiative is expected to empower livestock farmers with knowledge and skills to improve animal feeding practices, leading to better productivity and economic benefits within the livestock sector.

MIYETTI ALLAH KAUTAL HORE YOBE STATE CHAPTER VISITS YOBE L-PRES OFFICE



The Miyetti Allah Kautal Hore Yobe State Chapter paid a courtesy visit to the Yobe L-PRES Coordinating Office, aiming to strengthen collaboration and foster partnerships toward achieving the Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES) objectives in the state. The Fulani sociocultural association, primarily composed of pastoralists and livestock rearers, seeks to enhance livestock management, improve productivity, and promote peaceful coexistence between farmers and herders. Speaking during the visit, the Chairman of Miyetti Allah Kautal Hore Yobe State, Alhaji Ori Bello, emphasized the association's commitment to educating and raising awareness among Fulani pastoralists on modern livestock management techniques. He highlighted key focus areas, including capacity building and sensitization, improving livestock rearing techniques, conflict mitigation and crisis prevention, addressing gender-based violence and promoting peace and dialogue to prevent farmer-herder clashes.

He further stated that Miyetti Allah Kautal Hore operates in all 36 states of Nigeria, with a long-standing history of peacebuilding and advocacy for livestock farmers.

In her response, the State Project Coordinator of Yobe L-PRES, Hajiya Adama H. Madaki, welcomed the delegation and provided an overview of the project's objectives and achievements. She highlighted key interventions under L-PRES, particularly in: conflict resolution between farmers and herders, infrastructure development to support livestock farmers capacity-building initiatives for beneficiaries.

She reassured Miyetti Allah Kautal Hore of L-PRES's commitment to supporting pastoralists, enhancing livestock productivity, and promoting peaceful co-existence among stakeholders in the livestock sector.

The meeting reaffirmed the shared vision between both organizations to advance livestock development and resilience in Yobe State, ensuring a more sustainable and productive livestock sector.

L-PRES SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON GBV AND PSEAH STRENGTHENS COMMITMENT TO PROTECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY



The Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) Project successfully organized a Sensitization Workshop on Protection Against Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Referral Pathways, along with the Signing of the Code of Conduct on Do No Harm at the Yobe L-PRES Conference Hall in Damaturu. Building Capacity to Address GBV and PSEAHThe workshop aimed to enhance the capacity of the Yobe L-PRES Project Implementation Unit (PIU) in tackling GBV and PSEAH-related issues within the project framework. The event commenced with a welcome address by Hajiya Adama Hussaini Madaki, the State Project Coordinator, who expressed appreciation for the participants' commitment. She emphasized the critical role of addressing GBV and PSEAH in ensuring a safe, inclusive, and productive work environment. She encouraged active participation to foster meaningful discussions and practical solutions. In her opening remarks, Barrister Hannatu Jauro highlighted the dedication of development partners toward combating GBV and PSEAH.

A key highlight of the workshop was the signing of the L-PRES Project's Code of Conduct on Do No Harm. This act symbolized a collective commitment to upholding principles of respect, dignity, and safety in the workplace. The Code of Conduct serves as a crucial accountability mechanism, ensuring that all individuals are treated with fairness and that harassment, exploitation, and abuse have no place within the L-PRES Project. A Step Toward a Safer and More Inclusive EnvironmentThe workshop marked a significant milestone in the Yobe L-PRES PIU's commitment to addressing GBV and PSEAH. Beyond training, it laid the groundwork for continued dialogue, collaboration, and strategic action in fostering a culture of safety, respect, and accountability within the project.

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THREE-DAY CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR 200 PASTORALIST WOMEN



The Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) Project, a joint initiative of the Federal Government of Nigeria and the World Bank, organized a three-day capacity-building training for 200 pastoralist women on milk hygiene, processing, storage, packaging, and marketing techniques across the 17 Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Yobe State.

Training Objectives

The training aimed to:

- Enhance livestock productivity, resilience, and commercialization within the selected value chain.
- Strengthen Nigeria's capacity to respond to eligible crises or emergencies.
- Improve milk hygiene, processing, storage, and marketing skills among pastoralist women.



Training Sessions & Key Presentations

- The training was officially declared open by the State Project Coordinator, who was represented by the Head of Value Chain Officer, Alhaji Usman Mohammed Magaji. He provided an overview of the project's goals and its impact on the livestock sector.
- Hajiya Adama Madaki emphasized the importance of milking hygiene, including pre- and post-milking routines, equipment cleanliness, and modern marketing techniques to maximize revenue and profitability.
- The training took place in Damaturu, Gashua, and Potiskum from June 12 to 14, 2024.

Expert Presentations

- Dr. Kawa Yahaya Usman – Milking and Hygiene
- Abdulrasheed Bello – Milk Processing and Packaging Techniques
- Sanusi Gindau – Marketing Strategy and Entrepreneurship ManagementStakeholder Response
- Asmau Isa, one of the participants, commended the Yobe State Government under the leadership of Hon. Mai Mala Buni for his commitment to agricultural development and engagement with national and international partners to support the livestock sector.



The training is expected to empower pastoralist women with the knowledge and skills necessary to improve milk production and commercialization, contributing to food security and economic growth in the state.

INTERACTIVE MEETING ON ONE HEALTH PLATFORM



The interactive session brought together key stakeholders, including Yobe L-PRES, the Primary Healthcare Department, Environmental Health Workers, Area Veterinary Officers, Surveillance Officers, Live Bird Market (LBM), and the General Manager of the Modern Abattoir to strengthen the One Health Platform initiative.

Meeting Highlights

- Yobe L-PRES Animal Health Officer provided a recap of the project's development objectives, progress, and key achievements while seeking further support for the One Health initiative at the local government level as a first line of disease reporting and control.
- Director, Primary Healthcare, Damaturu LGA welcomed L-PRES members, expressing support and cooperation from her staff towards achieving the desired outcomes for a healthier society.
- YOSEPA Secretary reiterated his team's commitment, emphasizing that maintaining a safe ecosystem would significantly reduce community health challenges. He also assured that the required synergy between L-PRES and stakeholders for improved animal and human healthcare is being given due attention.





Next Steps

The next meeting is scheduled for the end of the month to provide updates and reviews across the three senatorial zones of the state.

This meeting reflects a strong commitment to a unified approach in tackling health challenges affecting both humans and animals, reinforcing collaboration and proactive disease surveillance.

YOBE STATE L-PRES STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT AND SENSITIZATION MEETING ACROSS 17 LGAs



The Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) Project recently conducted a series of stakeholder engagement and sensitization meetings across all 17 Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Yobe State.

Objectives of the Engagement
The meetings aimed to:
- Inform and involve local communities in the upcoming implementation of various subprojects.
- Ensure ownership and sustainability of interventions by engaging key stakeholders.
- Enhance collaboration in improving livestock productivity and commercialization processes.

Key Stakeholders Involved
The sessions included discussions with:
- Traditional rulers
- Women leaders
- Livestock producers
- Processors, marketers, and butchers from beneficiary communities

Project Overview and Stakeholder Contributions
- The Value Chain Office, serving as the team leader, provided a detailed explanation of the project's objectives, goals, and expected outcomes, ensuring alignment with community needs.
- Stakeholders were also briefed on their roles and responsibilities, including management, maintenance, and coordination, to guarantee effective execution during and after project implementation.
- Feedback from stakeholders highlighted concerns about subproject feasibility and environmental impact, as well as expressions of appreciation for Governor Mai Mala Buni's leadership in advancing agricultural and livestock productivity in Yobe State.

This engagement reinforces the L-PRES commitment to inclusive and sustainable development, ensuring active community participation in livestock sector advancements.

ON-GOING ASV VACCINATION CAMPAIGN ACROSS YOBE STATE



The State Department of Veterinary Services has commenced a large-scale vaccination campaign following the receipt of 1,120,000 doses of Anti-Sheep and Goat Pox Virus (ASV) vaccine from the Livestock Productivity and Resilience Enhancement Support (L-PRES) Project.

Vaccine Deployment Strategy
The vaccines were immediately deployed through:
- Five (5) Zonal Veterinary Offices
- Seventeen (17) Area Veterinary Offices, ensuring statewide coverage across all 17 Local Government Areas (LGAs).

A significant portion of the vaccine stockpile has been stored at Primary Healthcare facilities, while larger quantities have been delivered directly to communities with high livestock populations.

Progress Report
Tarmuwa LGA has recorded substantial vaccinations of total 671,646 animals:
- 156,551 Cattle
- 199,520 Sheep
- 297,964 Goats
- 17,289 Camels
- 322 Equine

This initiative is part of ongoing efforts to enhance livestock health, boost productivity, and mitigate disease outbreaks in Yobe State. The vaccination campaign continues across other LGAs, ensuring comprehensive coverage and protection for livestock farmers.

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR YOBE L-PRES PROJECT TEAM







The Yobe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES) Implementation Unit staff participated in a three-day capacity-building training on Livestock Project Management to enhance their operational efficiency and ensure the successful implementation of the project in the state.

The training, organized by Supreme Management and Consultancy Services Limited, was held in Abuja from September 5th to 7th, 2024, and focused on equipping participants with the necessary technical, financial, and managerial skills required for optimizing livestock sector development in Yobe State.

Training Objectives and Opening Remarks
- National L-PRES Project Coordinator, represented by the Head of Operations, Mr. Wasiu A., urged participants to engage actively, ask questions, and contribute meaningfully to acquire skills that would enhance project implementation.
- Yobe State L-PRES Project Coordinator, Hajiya Adama H. Madaki, expressed appreciation to the organizers for their well-structured and impactful training program. She encouraged participants to apply their newly acquired knowledge to drive improvements in the livestock sector across the state.

Key Training Sessions

- Day 1: Dr. Aminu Sani Sambo presented on Project Finance Management, Planning, Disbursement, Documentation, Retirement & Reporting.
- Day 2: Mr. Samuel Alabi delivered a session on Project Management of World Bank-Assisted Projects, L-PRES Monitoring & Evaluation Framework.
- Day 3: Engr. Olusegun Owolabi discussed Modern Livestock Management Practices, Disease Control, Breeding Techniques, and Market Access, along with an overview of Project Finance Management.

At the end of the training, participants received certificates of completion at Fabino by Top Rank Hotel, Abuja, marking a significant milestone in their capacity development for efficient project execution.

This training further strengthens Yobe L-PRES's commitment to enhancing livestock productivity, resilience, and commercialization for sustainable agricultural development in the state.

YOBE STATE HOLDS TWO-DAY TRAINING ON LIVESTOCK PRODUCTIVITY AND RESILIENCE SUPPORT PROJECT (L-PRES)







The Yobe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES) organized a two-day training for veterinary officers, community health workers, and environmental health officers to enhance healthcare resilience and livestock productivity in the state.

The training, held at the National Open University Conference Hall in Damaturu, focused on the One Health Platform Initiative, which promotes a collaborative approach to human, animal, and environmental health.

Training Highlights

- Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Alhaji Ali Mustapha, declared the training open, emphasizing its unique significance in strengthening qualitative healthcare across the state. He also highlighted the need to boost livestock productivity and urged participants to apply their knowledge for the overall progress and development of Yobe State.
- State Project Coordinator, Hajiya Adama Hussaini Madaki, described the One Health Platform Initiative as a crucial training session aimed at bridging the gap between human, animal, and environmental health. She reiterated that L-PRES is a six-year project, strategically designed to enhance livestock productivity, resilience, and commercialization of selected value chains.
- In their separate remarks, the General Manager of the State Environmental Sanitation Agency and the Director of Public Health, Ministry of Health, commended the initiative, acknowledging its importance in improving healthcare and disease prevention.

Key Presentations

- Dr. Ali Musawa Ibrahim presented on One Health Platform Initiative.
- Dr. A.M. Saolawa delivered a paper on Response to Zoonotic Disease Outbreaks.

The training served as a significant step towards strengthening Yobe State's healthcare resilience, improving livestock productivity, and fostering collaboration between human and animal health sectors.

YOBE L-PRES TRAINS 600 LIVESTOCK FARMERS ON CROP RESIDUE UTILIZATION FOR ENHANCED PRODUCTIVITY







The Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES), jointly funded by the Federal Government of Nigeria, Yobe State Government, and the World Bank, in collaboration with Yabi Rural Development Initiative, successfully conducted a three-day capacity-building training for 600 livestock farmers across the 17 local government areas of Yobe State. Enhancing Livestock Production Through Crop Residue Utilization. The training, which focused on the use of crop residue crushers and choppers for improved livestock feeding, was officially declared open by the State Project Coordinator, Hajiya Adama Hussaini Madaki, represented by the Animal Husbandry Officer, Mohammed Bulama.

In his address, Bulama provided an overview of the L-PRES project, emphasizing that the training was aimed at enhancing livestock productivity through the effective use of crop residues and value addition techniques to improve feed palatability, intake, and overall animal health. He further explained that the 600 beneficiaries were selected based on group and cluster formations, with their details documented in the national L-PRES database. He noted that women were also included among the beneficiaries, reflecting the project's commitment to gender inclusivity in agricultural development.

Training Sessions and Expert Presentations

The training was conducted in three locations: Gashua, Potiskum, and Damaturu, ensuring wide coverage across the state.Dr. Abba Ibrahim Yakubu from Yabi Rural Development Initiative presented a paper on "Crop Residue Utilization Using Crushers and Choppers", educating participants on the nutritional benefits and processing techniques of crop residues for animal feed. The second paper, titled "Value Addition of Crop Residues", provided insights into how farmers can improve feed quality to maximize livestock productivity. Alhaji Mohammed Musari Mohammed delivered the third presentation on "Promoting Sustainable Agricultural Practices and Reducing Feed Costs for Livestock Production in Yobe State", highlighting cost-effective feeding strategies and the long-term benefits of sustainable livestock management.

Practical Demonstration and Hands-On Learning

A key highlight of the training was the practical session, led by Mallam Abdulwahab Bosso, where participants received hands-on demonstrations on the operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of crop residue crushers and choppers. Farmers actively engaged in group discussions, sharing experiences and strategies for maximizing the use of the machines in their local communities.

Impact and Future Prospects

The training equipped livestock farmers with the necessary skills and knowledge to utilize crop residues effectively, thereby reducing feed costs, minimizing waste, and increasing livestock productivity in a modern and sustainable manner.

Through initiatives like this, L-PRES continues to empower farmers with innovative agricultural techniques, ensuring food security, economic growth, and resilience in the livestock sector across Yobe State.

PRESIDENT TINUBU: NEGLECTING LIVESTOCK FARMING WAS A MISTAKE THAT MUST NOT BE REPEATED



President Bola Tinubu has reaffirmed his administration's commitment to revitalizing Nigeria's livestock sector, emphasizing that past neglect of the industry must not be repeated. Speaking at the two-day Consultative Workshop on Livestock Reforms held at the State House Conference Centre, Abuja, the President pledged to establish a strong framework to boost productivity, attract foreign direct investment (FDI), and create employment opportunities within the sector.

Revamping Nigeria's Livestock Sector

President Tinubu acknowledged that reliance on dairy imports and the lack of investment in livestock farming had hindered Nigeria's economic growth. He stressed the need for urgent reforms to harness the sector's vast potential and increase its contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

"The livestock sector is critical, and we will give it all it needs to bring value to our country. Stakeholders, I assure you that you will not regret your collaboration and investment in this sector. A country of over 200 million people that cannot provide one pint of milk per child in classrooms daily? That is not right."

Highlighting Nigeria's livestock statistics, the President noted that the country has:

- 563 million chickens
- 58 million cattle
- 124 million goats
- 60 million sheep
- 16 million pigs

Despite being West Africa's leading livestock producer, Nigeria still struggles to meet its domestic demand for animal-based food products.

"Our annual production—0.7 billion litres of milk, 1.48 million tonnes of meat, and 0.69 million metric tonnes of eggs—falls short of our needs. Compared to global averages, our per capita consumption of milk (8.7 litres), meat (9 kg), and eggs (45 per year) is alarmingly low. Meanwhile, the global averages stand at 44 litres of milk, 19 kg of meat, and 160-180 eggs per year."

Addressing Productivity Gaps

President Tinubu expressed concern over low milk yield among local cow breeds, with an average production of 0.5 to 1.5 litres per day—far below the global standard of 6.6 litres per day. He also lamented the country's $1.2-1.5 billion dairy import bill, calling for a shift towards self-sufficiency.

"Yes, we can do it. We can bring prosperity to our people. We can feed our children. From grass, we can achieve grace."

Collaboration for Sustainable Growth

The President commended the Presidential Livestock Reform Implementation Committee, led by Prof. Attahiru Jega and Prof. Muhammad Yahaya Kuta, for their dedication to restructuring the sector. He also acknowledged the support of the Nigerian Governors Forum (NGF), chaired by Governor Abdurrahman Abdulrazaq of Kwara State, for facilitating land access for livestock investors.

"We didn't see the cold storage investment opportunities before now, but they are emerging. We are going to give it all it takes."

With this renewed focus, President Tinubu assured stakeholders that livestock farming will be transformed into a thriving, commercialized industry, generating jobs and ensuring food security for future generations.

YOBE L-PRES UNVEILS FREE DOOR-TO-DOOR ANTHRAX VACCINATION EXERCISE







The Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES) has launched a free door-to-door anthrax vaccination exercise across the 17 local government areas of Yobe State. The initiative, aimed at safeguarding livestock health, was unveiled during a Stakeholders Engagement Meeting on Free Anthrax Vaccination Exercise, held at the Fadama Conference Hall in Damaturu.

Strengthening Disease Control Measures

Speaking at the event, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Dr. Musa Abba Kollere, emphasized that the exercise is part of the state's proactive measures to prevent anthrax outbreaks. The initiative aligns with the efforts of the Executive Governor of Yobe State, Hon. Mai Mala Buni (CON), to improve livestock health and productivity.

Dr. Kollere, represented by the Director of Veterinary Services, Dr. Ibrahim Goni, revealed that over one million anthrax vaccines have been donated through L-PRES National Coordination to support the exercise. He noted that the state government has been actively monitoring disease outbreaks in other African countries, including Burkina Faso and Ghana, necessitating the timely intervention.

"With the logistics support provided by L-PRES Yobe State, all personnel are fully prepared to ensure the successful execution of this free anthrax vaccination exercise across all 17 LGAs," Dr. Goni assured.

One Health Approach to Livestock Disease Prevention

The Director of Public Health at the Ministry of Health, Dr. Hauwa Larai Goni, also addressed the gathering, emphasizing the One Health approach, which integrates human, animal, and environmental health to combat zoonotic diseases. She highlighted that animal diseases can spread through air, water, meat consumption, or direct contact with infected animals.

Also present at the meeting were:

- Alhaji Babagana Modu, General Manager of the Yobe State Environmental Protection Agency (YOSEPA)
- Representatives from herder associations across the 17 LGAs
- Commitment to Livestock Farmers and Sustainable Development

The State Project Coordinator (SPC) of Yobe L-PRES, Hajiya Adama Hussaini Madaki, expressed appreciation to Governor Mai Mala Buni for his unwavering support, including logistics provision and counterpart funding. She assured livestock farmers of continuous support, intervention schemes, and productivity enhancement initiatives to boost the livestock value chain in the state.

To streamline the vaccination process, cluster formation schemes were established during the meeting. These schemes will enhance donor accessibility, facilitate interventions, and improve livestock farmers' identification and organization, ensuring sustained productivity and economic growth in the sector.

With over 165 veterinary doctors in Yobe State—and more than 100 currently undergoing further studies, sponsored by the state government—the door-to-door anthrax vaccination initiative is poised to strengthen livestock health and fortify Yobe's resilience against animal disease outbreaks.



L-PRES has a developmental objective to increase productivity, resilience of the livestock and commercialization of the bye-product. I'm under component 1 of the project, which is innovation and institution strengthening that comprises 3 sub-components: 1. policy and formulation, 2. animal husbandry and laboratory services, and 3. sub-component 3 has to do with animal health improvement. My goal is to strengthen animal health generally and the intersection of human, animal, and environmental Health embodying a one-health concept. For you to improve the productivity of the animal, you should ensure that the animal is healthy, and at the same time, the resilience of the animal is controlling the morbidity and mortality of the animal generally. In addition, its only when you have the healthy stock you will be able to commercializes and sell the bye-product. Animal health is key toward achieving the PD of the project.

So far, from the inception of the project to today, almost seven months have passed. Under my component, we did a lot of things, which included renovation and upgrading of laboratories in Potiskum ready for commissioning; we renovated and upgraded the veterinary hospital in Damaturu; we established a one-call chain facility here in Damaturu; and at the same time we renovated and upgraded Nguru hospital, and they're all ready for commissioning. Is part of our 2025 work plan to provide the facilities with all the equipment needed to make the facilities function efficiently. If you can remember the L-PRES headquarter had provided the Yobe state government with 1,120 doses of ANTHRAX vaccines aims to mitigate the outbreak of anthrax that occurred in Niger state end some part of the country. We're so proactive to ensure that the L-PRES provided those vaccines; our field officers are everywhere in the state immunizing animals. As of now, 95% of vaccines have been distributed. It's a good achievement for us, actually; there are a lot of community health workers, veterinarians, para-veterinarians, and animal health scientists that we trained on surveillance. This project strengthens a tie with the Nigerian Veterinary Research Institute. We collected a lot of samples of serum, blood, skins, and many more, which were taken to the regional laboratory in Bauchi for investigation.

With this I believe that the L-PRES project makes a good take-off in Yobe State. At the L-PRES we procured a sample collection kit and distributed it to our surveillance officers, who did an excellent job collecting and preserving more than 100 samples from across the state. We're waiting for the result so that we can make a good plan toward achieving a safe and healthy stock, considering the climatic conditions of the state we shared a border of 365 km with the Niger Republic. We need to have a cooling system for our vaccines and biologicals to keep them under a certain control temperature. Actually, with this insurgency, there's a hard-to-reach area; some of the northern part of Yobe state is desert in nature. We need to have a four-wheel drive to reach those communities and deliver the vaccines. I'm glad to share with you that more than 95% of the vaccines have been exhausted.

My advice is to enhance more collaboration with the partners and stakeholders, like traditional institutions, Miyetti Allah, Kautal Hore, and Kulan Allah, to have as we had exercised at the onset of the project. This will provide an opportunity to engage and collaborate under the One Health System. Addressing the Animal, Public, and Environmental Health. It's only through this kind of collaboration that we will be able to achieve these shared goals. Before we had a deficiency of infrastructural development, most of the infrastructure we inherited was from the northeast region, while they had an apparent need for restructuring and renovation, so when we came on board, we renovated laboratories in Potiskum, Damaturu, and Nguru, and we are planning to renovate more facilities, because I don't think we have proper facilities. We currently have a partnership with NVRI and regional veterinary laboratories. We also have a strong surveillance agent that detect anything suspicious regarding outbreak, they marked all the surveillance point in livestock's markets, clinics, farms and hospitals. They instantly take samples of any suspecting outbreak and report to the laboratories for clinical investigation. This is to enhance and boost productivity of the animal and controlling the pandemics. Once we control the outbreak or any suspicion that might have the potential of affecting the general health of the livestock, the productivity, commercialization, and resilience of the livestock are assured. Actually, the L-PRES Yobe is going to yield a great impact because the developmental objectives of the project are centered on job and wealth creation. When we have the healthy stocks, the rate of reproduction will rise, animals will conceive, and more offspring will be reproduced. In the same vein, there'll be an increase in milk yield, which will result in providing more income generation opportunities to both the government and the general populace. This will not be isolated to only rural areas but even the communities we encourage them to make good use of these opportunities and embrace commercial farming.

We are so lucky that the Yobe State Governor, Hon. Mai Mala Buni, CON, has created the Ministry of Livestock' Development and the Livestock Development Centres in three political zones of Yobe State. Combining these brilliant innovations with the L-PRES Project is going to be a huge success in the state. We're lucky enough to have an international cargo airport in the state, which will significantly increase both the exportation of livestock from the state. There's a lot of plans on ground which will enhance our state's own productivity and compete globally in terms of livestock productivity and exportation of livestock value chain such as milk, skin, beef and bones. In the near future, livestock production will play a role in diminishing the rate of unemployment in Yobe State.

Dr. Ibrahim Yaroro Ibrahim – Animal Health Officer , Yobe L-PRES Project.



L-PRES is a World Bank project in collaboration with the federal government of Nigeria. Our Project Development Objectives (PDO) are to improve livestock productivity and resilience of some selected value chains. When we want to improve the productivity of the livestock, we should consider breed improvement, seed improvement for pasture, water development for livestock, and so many other factors that must be put together to increase the productivity of the livestock and enhance their resilience. It's based on these objectives that the L-PRES Project, under the animal husbandry component, trained 30 artificial insemination technicians at the National Animal Production Research Institute (NAPRI) in Zaria. These technicians were trained on breed improvement, which aims to improve livestock productivity. Sequel to this, we initiated two artificial insemination centers in the Jakusko Nazari Grazing Reserve and another in the Livestock Investigation and Breeding Center (LIBC) Nguru. Similarly, we trained farmers on crop residue removal using crop choppers to improve the production of livestock feed in Yobe State. Additionally, we trained our extension agents on sustainable animal husbandry practices. putting it all together to improve livestock reproductivity as well as enhance their resilience to achieve our developmental objectives.

Before the onset of the L-PRES Project, the condition of livestock production was uncertain. But today, with the inception of the L-PRES Project, we are witnessing a significant improvement signaling huge success in livestock productivity across the state. We constructed a solar-powered borehole with animal drinking ponds, and also, we also supported our farmers from the sedentary rural communities. We fenced a pasture development area across the three senatorial districts of the state. We distributed pasture seed and fertilizer to boost domestic livestock feed production. In line with this commitment, we distributed over 40 crop residue choppers for our farmers to properly utilize their crop residue on their farms. By God's grace, soon, based on the training we equipped communities with, we're optimistic that the future of livestock production is safe and certain. We're expecting a bumper harvest and the highest milk production that will surplus the current demand and supply to the consumers.

Our heartfelt gratitude to the Yobe State Government, under the visionary leadership of His Excellency, Hon. Mai Mala Buni, CON, for initiating this project embodying his commitment and passion toward enhancing livestock production across the state.

Muhammad Bulama – Animal Husbandry Officer, Yobe L-PRES Project



The progress we have on this extension unit of the L-PRES is awareness and sensitization through community engagement. We also initiated a stakeholder engagement that includes visitations to traditional rulers as well as farmers and headers unions across all the 17 LGAs of Yobe state. Through this sensitization, we made a broad awareness to communities and leaders as well. The main objective of the programe is enlightening communities on the importance of enhancing Livestock Productivity toward boosting the agricultural and economic development of the state by boosting the bye-product of the livestock such as meat, milk, and skins. At the L-PRES we aim to improve them by making them more marketable and profitable through modernization and debunking the obsolete practices.

Initially, before the onset of the L-PRES Project, we were not getting enough, and there was a deficit in our production per capita, but with the inception of the L-PRES, we can attest that there's a significant increase in the productivity and resilience of our livestock that benefits both the producers, marketers, and consumers. In extension units, we believe in disseminating an innovation in the field of livestock production. It will not happen overnight, but with time we're optimistic that our mission of introducing innovations in livestock production is achievable. Some innovations, like artificial insemination, will take over the processes of livestock reproductivity, through which we aim to bring the breed that will withstand atrocities and climatic conditions of the state.

Thanks to His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Yobe State, Hon. Mai Mala Buni, CON, for showing his commitment toward enhancing livestock productivity and bringing the innovation of adopting the L-PRES Project in the state. Yobe, as one of the largest livestock-producing states, has set the pace for its counterparts to imitate and build on.

Adamu Sale Makinta – Extension Unit, Yobe L-PRES Project



The role of my unit is to ensure gender inclusion in livestock productivity, although the term gender is referring to both sexes, but considering the socio-economic context, women are tended to be assumed as marginalized and vulnerable in terms of development activities. In L-PRES we believe that women have a role to play in boosting the overall economy of the community. Our vision is empowering women to participate in sustainable livestock production and give their contribution toward achieving the decent economic growth of Yobe state. Before the inception of this project, women in Yobe were participating in livestock productivity. Despite their determination to the cause, they were getting a little or no profit; this was due to a lack of training and information to thrive and compete in their endeavor.

From the onset of this project, the Yobe L-PRES project, in partnership with the Sabore Farm, has successfully trained 200 women from the sedentary communities on processing and storage of the milk, aiming to enhance the productivity of livestock by-products. In addition to adequate training given to them, the Yobe L-PRES equipped them with the modern milking equipment and milk can; this is to ensure hygienic processing and storage of the milk at the same time reducing the emission by adopting sustainable practices. It's part of our Project Development Objectives (PDO) to project our impact with at least 30% in women empowerment, and we're committed to it. Women should have technical know-how in livestock handling and production in an appropriate method.

I'm optimistic that with the inclusion of women empowerment in livestock productivity, it will bring on board more market opportunities such as milk, yogurt, and cheese production, which will significantly improve the state internal generating revenue (IGR). To today, this project has improved the lives of women, specifically those living in a rural community of the state. The majority of Fulani women who are rearing cattle, they don't know how to give a vaccine to their livestock. Thanks to the L-PRES project, we reach out to them in their communities. Despite the toil of reaching them, we introduce to them a vaccine and enlighten them on the importance of taking their livestock to veterinary hospitals and clinics for diagnosis and clinical investigation on any suspicion. With the inception of this project, we're now confident the livestock and its by-products being brought to the market are healthy and hygienic.

The future of this project is assured with expectations of broader impact that will redefine the status quo of livestock production in Yobe State, coupled with sustainability through effective monitoring and evaluation of the project. Yobe, as a state that experiences the insurgency, has taken a better dimension by empowering women in livestock productivity, heartfelt appreciation to His Excellency the Executive Governor Mai Mala Buni, CON, for providing an enabling environment toward the execution of this project.

Fatima Ahmad Amshi – Gender Officer, Yobe L-PRES Project

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Well, so far we have a lot of progress with the inception of the L-PRES Project in Yobe State. Looking at the success of the water supply to the livestock, we have drilled over 25 boreholes at various livestock markets and grazing reserve areas across the state. In this regard we can say that our project implementation work plan is in line with our project objectives. We're also able to rehabilitate the slaughter lab and upgrade them to slaughterhouses in Fika, Yusufari, and Bursari in the Dachi local government. Before the inception of the L-PRES Project in Yobe State, we didn't have a profile of the pastoralists and livestock farmers in Yobe State. As of now we have over 40,000 profiles of livestock farmers, and the exercise is still ongoing, identifying pastoralists and other livestock farmers for support and interventions of the L-PRES project and the Yobe state government under the leadership of His Excellency. Mai Mala Buni, CON.

We have a lot of expectations, as the saying goes, “To whom much is given, much is expected.”. There is a lot of commitment from both the state government and the World Bank. Sequel to this, we can't mention all of our prayers, but we believe that this project will definitely bring a broader impact, at least with a 60% to 80% increase in livestock production in the state. Apart from that, we're trying to link our local livestock producers with the regional, national, and even international markets, which we already started. In line with this, we've linked our milk producers with Sabore Farm, a prolific livestock and milk processing company in Nigeria. The Sabore Farm trained them on milk hygiene, processing, and packaging, aiming to empower communities and increase the resilience of our local livestock producers.

We also constructed a new livestock market in Geidam town to ease our local farmers with transporting their products to a distant market. In terms of livestock producers' empowerment, we're anticipating the flag-off of the Agricultural Financing of Common Asset under which we procured 325 crop residue crushers and choppers to be distributed freely to our livestock farmers across the state by His Excellency Governor Mai Mala Buni, CON.

We also procured 25 solar refrigerators intending to distribute them to butchers and meat processors across the state. L-PRES Project also purchased 25 milk cans to be distributed to our milk producers. To improve the productivity of livestock, we are able to purchase some management equipment such as bulldozers, drenching guns, and hove trimmers to improve the productivity of our livestock across the state. To mention but a few, the L-PRES project has implemented so many initiatives aimed at increasing livestock productivity, empowering communities, and increasing the resilience of the livestock. The challenges that we're facing in the execution of this project are in identifying the beneficiaries; the enumerators captured the data of a non-qualified individual, and while analyzing our data, we have to go back to the field and assess the fresh list that meets all the criteria.

The second challenge that we encountered was resistance from the communities. Most of the pastoralists are Fulanis who are educationally disadvantaged; they tend to have myths against vaccines. It took us a lot of effort and strategies to convince them of the economic advantages of vaccinations.

Usman Muhammad Magaji –Value-Chain Enhancement and Market Linkage Officer, Yobe L-PRES Project

L-PRES Engages Traditional Rulers, Livestock Stakeholders in Four Emirates to Strengthen Project Implementation

The sun hung low over the ancient walls of the Bade palace as a delegation from Yobe State's Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) project arrived for what would become a landmark series of engagements. Over the following days, this team would traverse four emirates - Bade, Damaturu, Jajere, and Machina - carrying with them not just blueprints and proposals, but a vision for transforming Yobe's livestock sector through genuine partnership. The journey began with a simple yet powerful recognition: that sustainable development cannot be imposed from above, but must grow from the wisdom of communities who have tended these lands for generations.

In Bade, the discussion flowed like the ancient Ngadda River, with elders emphasizing the need for water infrastructure to support both livestock and crops during the long dry seasons. The Damaturu meeting became a lively exchange about modernizing the chaotic livestock markets that serve as economic hubs for the entire region. What made these engagements remarkable wasn't just what was said, but how it was received. The L-PRES team didn't come with predetermined answers, but with notebooks and open minds. When a wizened herder in Jajere described how water points could be strategically placed along migration routes, the engineers immediately began sketching modifications to their plans.

As the tour concluded in Machina's historic palace, there was a palpable sense that something transformative had occurred. This wasn't the usual government consultation where communities are merely informed of decisions already made. Here, the deep knowledge of those who live and work with livestock daily was being woven into the very fabric of the project's design. The traditional rulers, recognizing this rare approach, offered not just their blessings but their active participation in seeing the projects through.

The L-PRES team departed with more than they brought - not just lists of requests, but profound insights that would make their interventions truly fit for purpose. As their vehicles kicked up dust on the road back to Damaturu, they carried the collective wisdom of generations of livestock keepers, ensuring that the modern infrastructure to come would be rooted in the timeless realities of Yobe's pastoral life. This journey marked more than just another government initiative - it represented a new chapter in how development happens in Yobe State. By beginning with listening, by valuing traditional knowledge alongside technical expertise, L-PRES wasn't just building infrastructure but fostering ownership. The real test would come in the months ahead as shovels hit the ground, but one thing was already clear: when projects are built with the people rather than just for them, they stand a far greater chance of enduring.

As the sun set on the final engagement, it illuminated not just the ancient walls of Machina's palace, but a promising path forward for Yobe's livestock sector - one built on partnership, respect, and shared vision for a more prosperous future.









WHEN THE RAINS CAME: HOW L-PRES DRAINED AWAY DECADES OF FRUSTRATION IN YOBE'S LIVESTOCK MARKETS





The first heavy rains of 2023 revealed a quiet miracle in Nguru Livestock Market. Where murky brown ponds once swallowed hooves and turned the trading grounds into a disease-ridden swamp, the water now flowed swiftly through smooth concrete channels, leaving the compacted earth firm and dry underfoot. For veteran cattle trader Malam Haruna, watching this transformation felt like witnessing magic. "For twenty years," he says, rubbing his leathery hands together, "we danced with the floods every rainy season. Now? The water knows its place."

This hydrological revolution didn't come from witchcraft, but from the carefully engineered drainage systems installed by the Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) project across Yobe State's major livestock markets. The story of these drains - so mundane in concept, so transformative in execution - reveals how targeted infrastructure can rewrite the daily realities of an entire economic sector.

In Potiskum Market, the rainy season used to bring a particular kind of misery. Butcher Saleh Mohammed remembers wading through shin-deep water to reach his stall, his shoes soaked with runoff mixed with animal waste. "The stench clung for days," he recalls, nose wrinkling at the memory. "Customers complained our meat smelled like the puddles." Veterinary officers documented alarming spikes in foot rot and parasitic infections whenever the waters lingered.

The issues ran deeper than discomfort. Market days would be canceled after downpours, costing traders crucial income. Animals weakened by standing in dirty water fetched lower prices. The economic ripple effects touched everyone from herders to hide merchants. When L-PRES engineers first surveyed the sites, they found more than just absent drains - they discovered hydraulic chaos. Years of improvised ditches and haphazard grading had created a labyrinth of conflicting water flows. The solution required both modern engineering and traditional wisdom.

In Damaturu, elders guided engineers to natural runoff paths that generations of herders had instinctively used. At Nguru, the team designed serpentine channels that slowed torrents during peak rains. Potiskum's solution came with an innovation - silt traps made from local materials that maintenance crews could easily empty. The construction phase became a community spectacle. "We watched those concrete channels like children watching TV," laughs Haruna. When the first test rains came, traders gathered to witness the moment of truth. As water raced through the new arteries instead of pooling across the market square, spontaneous applause broke out.

Six months post-installation, the impacts have exceeded expectations:

- Veterinary reports show a 60% drop in rain-season livestock illnesses
- Market days lost to flooding dropped from 12 annually to zero
- Women traders report feeling safer navigating firm, dry ground
- The time animals spend at market before sale has reduced by a third

Perhaps most telling is the quiet disappearance of an old saying. Where traders once lamented "the rain eats our profits," they now speak of "the drains that guard our livelihood."

As L-PRES expands the drainage program to five more markets, the lessons from these pilot sites inform every blueprint. The project has become about more than moving water - it's about restoring dignity to a profession long battered by the elements. Standing in the now-dry expanse of Potiskum Market, Aisha Mohammed adjusts her immaculate apron and smiles. "We used to be at the mercy of every cloud," she says. "Now we just do our work while the drains do theirs." In Yobe's livestock markets, that simple change has made all the difference.

A NEW ERA FOR MEAT PROCESSING: THE RENOVATION OF YOBE'S SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN BURSARI, YUSUFARI, AND FIKA



For years, the slaughterhouses in Yobe State were in a sorry state—crumbling structures, poor hygiene, and outdated equipment made meat processing a challenge for butchers and a health risk for consumers. But today, thanks to the Yobe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES), a transformation is underway. The recent renovations of slaughterhouses in Yusufari, Bursari, and Fika mark a significant leap forward in modernizing livestock processing, ensuring food safety, and boosting the local economy.

Before L-PRES stepped in, this slaughterhouse was a shadow of what a proper meat processing facility should be. The building was dilapidated, lacking clean water, proper waste disposal, and basic sanitation. Butchers worked in unsanitary conditions, with no proper drainage or waste management, leading to contamination risks. The absence of fencing made the facility unsafe, exposing workers and meat to stray animals and environmental pollutants.

Similar conditions plagued slaughterhouses in Bursari and Fika. Without proper refrigeration, incinerators, or clean water supply, meat handlers struggled to maintain hygiene standards. This not only affected the quality of meat but also posed serious public health concerns. Consumers often had no choice but to purchase meat processed under questionable conditions, increasing the risk of foodborne illnesses.

Recognizing the urgent need for improvement, the Yobe State government, under the leadership of His Excellency Governor Mai Mala Buni, partnered with L-PRES to overhaul these critical facilities. The project aimed to bring slaughterhouses up to modern standards, ensuring safer meat production and better working conditions for butchers.

Key Upgrades in Yusufari, Bursari, and Fika

The renovated slaughterhouses now boast several key improvements:

1. Expanded and Secured Facilities – The structures have been expanded and fenced to prevent contamination from external factors, ensuring a cleaner and safer environment.
2. Reliable Water Supply – Boreholes and modern water systems have been installed, providing constant clean water for washing and sanitation.
3. Waste Management – Incinerators have been introduced to properly dispose of animal waste, reducing environmental pollution and health hazards.
4. Modern Processing Equipment – Butchers now have access to upgraded tools and machinery, improving efficiency and meat quality.
5. Enhanced Hygiene Measures – Proper drainage systems, waste disposal units, and sanitation protocols have been implemented to meet health and safety standards.

The improvements have been met with enthusiasm from local butchers and traders. Abdullahi Inuwa, a butcher in Yusufari, expressed his relief: “Before, we worked in terrible conditions. Now, we have a clean, well-equipped facility. This makes our job easier and gives customers confidence in our meat.”

Dr. Ibrahim Abu Abu Ji, a veterinary officer involved in the project, emphasized the broader impact: “These upgrades are not just about better infrastructure—they ensure safer meat for consumers and improve the livelihoods of those in the livestock trade.”

The successful renovation of the Yusufari, Bursari, and Fika slaughterhouses is just the beginning. The state government and L-PRES are committed to expanding such initiatives to other regions, ensuring that all meat processing facilities in Yobe meet acceptable standards.

Governor Mai Mala Buni's administration has demonstrated a clear commitment to modernizing livestock infrastructure, which is crucial for both economic growth and public health. With these upgrades, Yobe State is setting a new standard for meat processing—one that prioritizes hygiene, efficiency, and sustainability.

The transformation of these slaughterhouses is more than just a facelift—it's a lifeline for Yobe's livestock sector. Farmers can now sell their animals to better-equipped facilities, butchers can work in safer conditions, and consumers can enjoy higher-quality meat with reduced health risks.

As Yobe State continues to invest in agricultural and livestock development, projects like these serve as a reminder of what can be achieved with focused intervention. The renovated slaughterhouses in Yusufari, Bursari, and Fika are not just buildings—they are symbols of progress, resilience, and a brighter future for Yobe's livestock industry.

WATERING THE FUTURE: HOW L-PRES SOLAR BOREHOLES ARE TRANSFORMING LIVELIHOODS ACROSS YOBE STATE





In the sun-scorched plains of Yobe State, where water has long been a precious commodity, a quiet revolution is unfolding. The Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) project has completed the drilling of 36 solar-powered boreholes across the state, bringing life-changing water access to communities that have struggled for generations. This ambitious intervention is rewriting the narrative of water scarcity in one of Nigeria's most arid regions.

For years, Yobe's pastoralists, farmers, and market traders have faced an unrelenting water crisis. Women and children would trek for hours to distant wells, their donkeys laden with empty jerrycans. During the dry season, livestock perished from dehydration while communities rationed their dwindling water supplies. The absence of reliable water sources didn't just cause hardship—it stifled economic growth and perpetuated cycles of poverty.

Recognizing water as the foundation of livestock productivity and community resilience, L-PRES embarked on a strategic installation of 36 solar-powered boreholes. The distribution was meticulously planned:

- 12 boreholes for sedentary farming communities
- 15 boreholes along pastoralist migration routes
- 9 boreholes servicing major livestock markets

Each site was selected through extensive consultations with local leaders, ensuring the boreholes would serve maximum impact. The solar technology guarantees sustainable operation, eliminating fuel costs and providing uninterrupted water access even in remote areas.

In the sedentary community of Bulturi, women gather at their new borehole, their colorful hijabs bright against the desert landscape. "Before this, we spent half our day walking to fetch water," explains Fatima Abubakar, a mother of five. "Now my daughters have time to go to school, and I can tend to my vegetable garden."

For pastoralist Musa Garba, whose cattle herd drinks from a new borehole near the Kumaganam grazing reserve, the difference is measured in livestock saved. "Last dry season, I lost 15 cows to thirst," he recalls. "This year, not one. The water flows even when the rains don't come."

At the Potiskum livestock market, the solar borehole has become a hub of activity. Butchers no longer pay exorbitant prices for water tankers, and animals arrive at auction hydrated and healthy. "The value of our cattle has increased by 20% because buyers can see they're well-watered," notes market chairman Alhaji Umar.

The impacts of these 36 boreholes extend far beyond basic water access:

1. Health Transformation - Reduced waterborne diseases from contaminated sources
2. Economic Empowerment - Women gain hours daily for income-generating activities
3. Education Boost - Children, especially girls, spend more time in classrooms
4. Conflict Mitigation - Fewer clashes between farmers and herders over water access
5. Climate Resilience - Communities better equipped to withstand droughts

The success of L-PRES's borehole initiative offers a blueprint for rural development across Nigeria's arid regions. By combining solar technology with strategic placement, the project ensures long-term sustainability while addressing immediate needs. Maintenance committees trained in each community guarantee the boreholes remain functional for years to come.

As the sun sets over Yobe's newly watered landscapes, the evidence of transformation is everywhere—in the thriving vegetable gardens of sedentary communities, the healthy herds of pastoralists, and the bustling livestock markets where trade now flourishes. These 36 boreholes represent more than infrastructure; they are beacons of hope, proving that even in the harshest environments, sustainable solutions can take root and flourish.

The message echoing across Yobe State is clear: where water flows, life thrives. And thanks to L-PRES's visionary intervention, the future looks brighter—and wetter—than ever before.

A NEW DAWN FOR VETERINARY CARE IN YOBE STATE: THE RENOVATION OF POTISKUM AND NGURU CLINICS



For years, livestock farmers in Yobe State faced immense challenges in accessing quality veterinary care for their animals. Dilapidated clinics, inadequate equipment, and long distances to functional facilities made it difficult to ensure the health and productivity of their herds. However, a transformative initiative by the Yobe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support Project (L-PRES) is changing this narrative, one renovated clinic at a time.

Before the intervention of L-PRES, veterinary clinics in Potiskum and Nguru were in dire condition. The Potiskum Veterinary Clinic, once a critical animal healthcare center, had deteriorated over time. Its crumbling infrastructure, lack of modern equipment, and insufficient resources made it nearly impossible for veterinary officers to provide effective care. Farmers often had no choice but to travel long distances—sometimes as far as Gombe or Bauchi—just to get medical attention for their livestock. Delays in treatment led to worsening health conditions and increased the risk of disease outbreaks.

Similarly, the Nguru Veterinary Clinic faced severe operational challenges. The facility lacked essential diagnostic tools, had poor water supply, and provided an unconducive working environment for veterinary professionals. These limitations resulted in high livestock mortality rates, economic losses for farmers, and frustration among veterinary staff who struggled to deliver quality services.

Recognizing the urgent need for improvement, L-PRES embarked on comprehensive renovations of both clinics. In Potiskum, the project refurbished the main building, upgraded surgical and diagnostic rooms, and provided state-of-the-art veterinary equipment. Offices for veterinary officers were renovated, creating a more professional and efficient workspace. The clinic's premises were also improved to enhance hygiene and operational efficiency.

The impact was immediate. Dr. Ibrahim Abu Abu Ji, the Area Veterinary Officer in Potiskum, expressed his gratitude, emphasizing how the new laboratory now allows for timely disease diagnosis without the need for referrals to distant facilities. Dr. Francis Adewu, a Principal Veterinary Officer with over 15 years of service in the area, also praised the intervention, noting that the improved environment has enabled his team to deliver better healthcare services to livestock.

In Nguru, the transformation was just as remarkable. The clinic underwent structural rehabilitation, received modern veterinary equipment, and had its water supply system upgraded. Essential medical supplies were provided, and the facility was expanded to accommodate more patients and staff. Dr. Ibrahim Abu Abu Ji (who also oversees Nguru) highlighted how the renovation has revolutionized their operations, allowing for faster and more efficient treatment of animals. Dr. Adewu echoed these sentiments, stressing that easy access to veterinary services will significantly reduce disease outbreaks and boost livestock productivity.

The renovations of both clinics mark a significant milestone in Yobe State's efforts to strengthen its livestock sector. Farmers in Potiskum, Nguru, and surrounding communities can now access quality veterinary care without the burden of long journeys. This development is expected to reduce livestock mortality rates, increase productivity, and enhance the economic stability of pastoralists and farmers.

The L-PRES project—a collaborative effort between the Federal Government of Nigeria, the Yobe State Government, and the World Bank—has demonstrated the power of targeted investment in veterinary infrastructure. By prioritizing animal healthcare, the initiative not only improves livestock welfare but also supports the livelihoods of thousands who depend on the sector.

The success of the Potiskum and Nguru renovations is just the beginning. With similar interventions planned for other veterinary clinics across the state, including Damaturu, Yobe State is positioning itself as a leader in livestock health and resilience. The government's dedication to this cause reflects a broader vision of agricultural development and economic growth.

As Dr. Adewu aptly put it, “With these improvements, we are not just saving animals—we are securing the future of our farmers.” Indeed, the renovated clinics stand as beacons of hope, proving that with the right investments, sustainable progress in livestock farming is not just possible but already underway.

The story of Potiskum and Nguru is a testament to what can be achieved when infrastructure, expertise, and political will come together. For the farmers of Yobe State, it is a new dawn—one where their livestock thrive, their incomes grow, and their communities prosper.

RENOVATION OF NAZARI ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION CENTER: A BOOST TO LIVESTOCK PRODUCTIVITY







The Yobe State Livestock Productivity and Resilience Support (L-PRES) Project has successfully renovated the Nazari Artificial Insemination Center, enhancing its capacity to support livestock breeders with modern reproductive technologies. This intervention is part of L-PRES' broader initiative to improve animal husbandry practices, increase livestock productivity, and strengthen the economic well-being of farmers in Yobe State.

The Nazari Artificial Insemination Center, located in Jakusko Local Government Area, serves as a key facility for cattle breeders seeking improved genetic traits in their herds. Prior to the intervention, the center faced significant challenges, including outdated equipment, inadequate infrastructure, and a lack of essential supplies. These limitations hampered effective artificial insemination services, reducing livestock reproductive success rates and overall productivity. Recognizing these challenges, L-PRES undertook the renovation of the center to restore and upgrade its functionality. The renovation included structural improvements, provision of modern insemination equipment, and capacity-building training for veterinary and technical staff.

Infrastructure Upgrade: The facility was structurally rehabilitated, including roof repairs, wall reinforcement, and installation of improved ventilation systems to create a conducive working environment for veterinary officers and livestock handlers.

Modern Equipment Installation: State-of-the-art artificial insemination tools, including semen storage and preservation units, liquid nitrogen tanks, and insemination kits, were provided to enhance service delivery.

Training and Capacity Building: Veterinary officers and insemination technicians underwent specialized training on advanced artificial insemination techniques, semen handling, and best practices in reproductive management.

Improved Water Supply and Power: The installation of a borehole and a standby power generator ensured continuous water and electricity supply, essential for maintaining semen preservation and effective insemination procedures.

The renovated center is now better equipped to support livestock breeders in the region by providing high-quality artificial insemination services. This will significantly improve genetic diversity, increase milk and meat production, and enhance the overall economic viability of livestock farming in Yobe State. Speaking on the development, the Yobe State Project Coordinator for L-PRES, Hajiya Adama Hussaini Madaki, emphasized the project's commitment to modernizing livestock production. She stated, "The renovation of the Nazari Artificial Insemination Center is a strategic investment in the livestock sector. By improving reproductive efficiency, we are ensuring sustainable livestock productivity and economic prosperity for our farmers."Local livestock breeders have expressed appreciation for the intervention, highlighting the positive impact the upgraded center will have on their farming activities.

One of the beneficiaries, Malam Umar Ibrahim, a cattle breeder, noted, "With the improvements at the Nazari Center, we now have access to modern artificial insemination services close to home. This will help us improve our livestock breeds and increase our productivity."The successful renovation of the Nazari Artificial Insemination Center marks a significant milestone in the efforts to enhance livestock productivity in Yobe State.

Through continued investment in livestock reproductive technologies and capacity building, L-PRES is contributing to a more resilient and economically viable livestock sector. The state government remains committed to furthering such initiatives to ensure sustainable agricultural development and improved livelihoods for livestock farmers.