



imGOATS *Mozambique*



IMGoats Learning & Reflection Workshop,
2-6 July 2012, Udaipur, India

Innovation Platform

- 5 meetings to date
- Core group of +/- 15 people – producers, buyers, retailer, SDAE, SPP
- Secretariat with President, Vice President, Secretary & Counsellor
- Three key challenges identified
 - *Lack of animals*; including quality and quantity due to inadequate feeding, watering (especially in the dry season) and parasitic treatment, as well as lack of improved breeds.
 - *Organization* at community level to aggregate animals and to facilitate communication with buyers.
 - *Development of infrastructure*, such as treatment areas, kraals and improved kraals, slaughter area.



Main Activities – Improved Production

- **Livestock Group formation and trainings:**
 - Meet weekly and are visited every second week by extension officers.
 - Receive training on animal treatments and care, herd management, commercialisation
- **Training of 16 paravets:**
 - 3 week intense + 1 week refreshment course
 - infield support from extension officers
 - received 1 veterinary equipment & medication kit
- **Support to 1 veterinary drug supplier** in Mangugumete with links to suppliers in Maxixe





Animal health and productivity tool



Main Activities – Improved Production - IP

- **12 Communal pasture**
 - Identification of area at community level
 - Legal demarcation of area in process

- **Research on carrying capacity and management of grazing areas**
 - by student Yvane Marble



Main Activities – Improved Production - IP

Development of 5 model farmers

- improved kraals
- improved feed (including improved pasture management, dry season feeding techniques (e.g. use of local fodder and supplementary feeding such as multi-vitamins blocks),
- drinking water for the goat,
- improved animal production techniques (including goat health and reproduction),
- improved links to the paravets





Example Improved kraal – Tete



Main Activities – Commercialisation

- Promotion of use of weighing scales
- Live-weight pricing (45 *metica*s/kg ~ 1.70 USD/kg)
- Aggregation of animals & assistance in development of regular fairs to attract buyers (4 fairs to date)
- Linkages to buyers (local (3) and national (1))













Thank you

Any
questions?



Other Key Areas

- **Coordination in implementation with SDAE / SPP to ensure sustainability**
- **Group formation and strengthening (elections, accountability, advantages of working in groups) - *training modules from SEED project***
- **Focus on gender and vulnerable households (FHH, PLWHA) - *training modules from SEED project***

Monitoring and Evaluation

- **Baseline & VCA data**
- **SEED database –**
 - participant registration (hh members, vulnerability, assets, animals, income & expenditure),
 - Group trainings,
 - Group sales (no. of animals, weight, price) & purchases (veterinary drugs),
 - Sales and purchases of retailer
 - Promoter treatments,
- **Outcome Mapping –** monthly measuring behaviour change of all actors; means of ensuring future actions by team are implemented more effectively; joint decision-making
- **IP meeting process reports and Minutes**
- **6 monthly progress reports prepared by CARE**

Research

- Carry capacity of communal pasture areas and recommendations for management (Ivana)
- Input and output of goats in herds (Caren)
- History of goat keeping – socio-cultural study (Birgit)

Project Constraints

- **Sustainability of IP** – transport, capacity of secretariate, lack of private sector, continuing involvement of govt & buyers, frequent changeover of members
 - *Strategy:* capacitisation of secretariate, consistent invitations to core group, actively engaging Govt & private sector
- **Sustainability of retailer** –
 - *Strategy:* needs to diversify and sell other products; expansion of area of sale to Govuro
- **Sustainability of groups** –
 - *Strategy:* need to show benefits and work with community leaders to encourage participation, model livestock keepers

Constraints continued

- **Sustainability of fairs** – ability to organise fair, ability to supply more than 20 animals weighing more than 20kg, financial capacity of local buyers (world economic crisis)
 - *Strategy:* Linking promoters directly to buyers; getting communities to organise fairs; project making linkages with buyers with more financial capacity.
- **Communal pasture areas** – new idea; creating and agreeing on management systems for community; access to water; security (theft, mortality)
 - *Strategy:* legal demarcation; advocacy with Govt & partners around water points; meetings with groups to explain management required; identification and register of animals, herders (pastors), karals



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