

# *imGOATS Mozambique*





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### **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
  - o infield support from extension officers
  - o 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





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## • 12 Communal pasture

o Identification of area at community level
o Legal demarcation of area in process

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







## **Development of 5 model farmers**

- o 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),
- o drinking water for the goat,
- improved animal production techniques (including goat health and reproduction),
- o improved links to the paravets

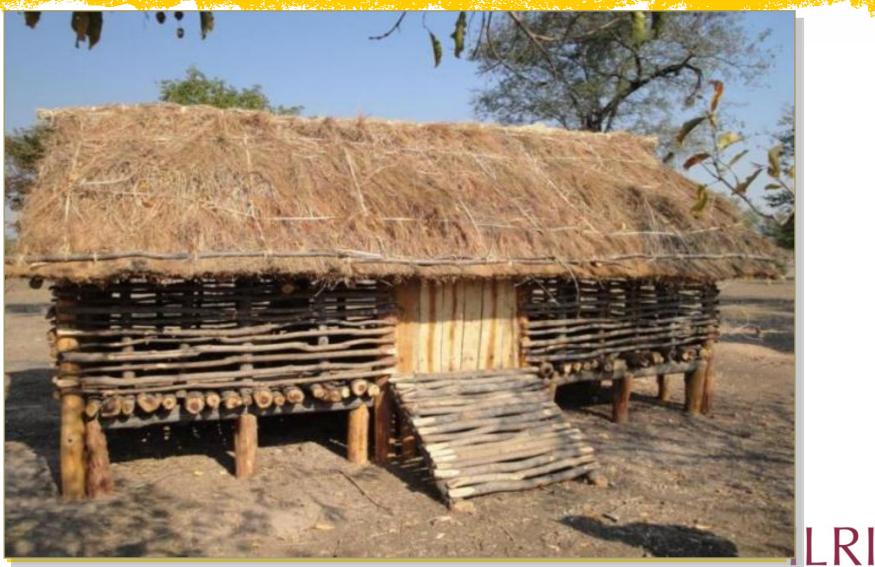








#### **Example Improved kraal – Tete**





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## Main Activities – Commercialisation

- Promotion of use of weighing scales
- Live-weight pricing (45 meticais/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))



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# Any questions?

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## 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
  - o participant registration (hh members, vulnerability, assets, animals, income & expenditure),
  - o Group trainings,
  - o Group sales (no. of animals, weight, price) & purchases (veterinary drugs),
  - o Sales and purchases of retailer
  - o 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





 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





## Thank you

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