

Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme (ZAGP)



The livestock sector in Zimbabwe contributes significantly to the growth and development of the national economy, providing livelihoods for small to large scale farmers and many others involved along the value chains. However, the sector faces several challenges, limiting its contribution to the national economy. These include; funding unavailability, cyclical drought, the weakness of the regulatory framework, inadequate farming practices and skills of some farmers and poor coordination amongst all stakeholders and insufficient extension services.

The Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme (ZAGP) is a response to tackle these challenges through financial support from the European Union (EU) amounting to €40 million.

The ZAGP has as its overarching objective to contribute to the development of a diversified and efficient agriculture sector that promotes inclusive green economic growth.

Covering Zimbabwe's 10 provinces, the programme will address the weaknesses and gaps in livestock value chains that have prevented the sector from increasing productivity, production, and incomes, to their potential. Focus will be on building the capacity of farmers, service institutions, and private sector through increased investment, institutional reforms and policy alignment.



The ZAGP consists of five outcomes each addressing key constraints:

1. Increased production and productivity of the livestock sector
2. Livestock products have better access to markets and are more competitive
3. Increased public and private investment in targeted livestock value chains
4. Improved agricultural education systems and extension services
5. Institutions strengthened to develop and implement institutional and regulatory framework

The programme has grants that have been awarded for working on different value chains and projects within Zimbabwe's livestock sector. These include:

- **BEST - Beef Enterprise Strengthening and Transformation**
Creating a robust, competitive beef value chain that promotes enhanced trade, employment creation, food security, and inclusive green economic growth by 2023 for 25,000 small to medium as well as commercial cattle farmers.
- **DAIRY - Transforming Zimbabwe's Dairy Value Chain for the Future.**
Addressing the root causes of underperformance in the Dairy Value Chain (DVC) in Zimbabwe by strengthening the linkages between production, processing and financing.
- **IPVC - Inclusive Poultry Value Chain**
Developing an efficient poultry value chain which contributes to inclusive green economic growth in Zimbabwe.
- **SAFE - Transforming Zimbabwe's Animal Health and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS)/ Food Safety Systems for the Future**
Transforming animal health, sanitary and phytosanitary/food safety systems for improved livestock productivity, food safety and consumer safety to enhance market access.
- **VALUE - Value Chain Alliance for Livestock Upgrading and Empowerment**
Building the capacity of smallholder farmers to improve their goat and pig breeds and mobilise themselves to access viable markets as well as production and organisational efficiencies in partnership with private sector players.
- **ZAKIS - Zimbabwe Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Services**
Establishing an integrated, dynamic market-oriented and farmer centred Agriculture Knowledge and Information Services system that meets the needs of a modern agriculture sector in Zimbabwe.

The Technical Assistance to the ZAGP (TA ZAGP) plays a role in coordinating these activities.

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