

## REPORT ON MEETING HELD BETWEEN NAGRC & DB AND ILRI SITE CO-ORDINATORS

ON JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> 2011 IN NAGRC&DB BOARD ROOM

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Name	Designation
Dr. D. Semambo	Executive Director NAGRC&DB
Dr. E. Galukande	Technical Manager Production
Dr. H. Nakimbugwe	Technical Manager Breeding
Dr. J. Idibu	Site Coordinator, Wakiso
Dr. S. Namusisi	Site Coordinator, Mbale

The meeting started at 10: 46 AM with a moment of silence for individual prayers. The following was then discussed

### Opening remarks

The Executive Director, NAGRC&DB welcomed the ILRI Site Coordinators to NAGRC & DB and thanked the members present for their attendance.

He informed the members that he had received a call from Dr. Okeyo requesting him to prepare introduction letters for Idibu Joachine, Site Coordinator Wakiso; Aruho Robert, Site Coordinator, Bushenyi and Namusisi Shamilah, Site Coordinator Mbale/Bushenyi. However he felt it would be in order to have some brief overview of the project and the progress made so far.

### Research background and progress

The members were briefed on the background, objectives and the locations of the research sites of Dairy Genetics in East Africa (DGEA) project.

### Wakiso

Members were informed that:

- The centroid is located in Namayumba Sub county and the project site has some cluster points located in Mityana, Nakaseke and Luweero Districts.
- About 98 out of the expected 150 households meet the household selection criteria

## **Mbale**

Members were informed that;

- The centroid is located at Namanyonyi Sub county and some of the cluster points fall in Budaka, Sironko Manafa and Butaleja districts
- About 70 out of the expected 150 households met the criteria
- There is a proposal to transfer the site in Mbale to either Bududa or Bushenyi due to few households involved in dairy farming

## **Bushenyi**

Information from Bushenyi research site was obtained through phone members were informed that;

- The centroid is located Rwentuha town council and covers and Sheema and Bushenyi Districts.
- Local government officials require formal introduction letters from a recognized Government body.
- 69 households in 9 clusters had been recruited
- He was optimistic that he will get the expected house holds

## **Reactions**

Members agreed that the locations were appropriately selected since they took into consideration the homes to the three indigenous cattle breeds in Uganda i.e Nkedi in Mbale, Nganda in Wakiso and Ankole cattle in Bushenyi

The centroid in Wakiso and Mbale are located away from the district centers and these presents two challenges namely;

- I. The location in cattle dense areas made some cluster points to fall in the towns and trading centers and away from the farming areas
- II. The locations also present administrative problems as they involve many administrative units i.e. districts.

Members did not support the suggestion of transferring the research site from Mbale to Bushenyi. This is because the research leaves a gap in the performance of Nkedi crosses with exotic dairy genotypes .

## **Proposals made**

The research site in Mbale should be maintained and the centroid relocated in the Municipality to ensure it captures the farmers in the rural areas within Mbale district. This will alleviate the inter district challenges.

The centroid in Namayumba should be relocated to Wakiso Town Council to improve on the coverage of the areas with dairy households with in Wakiso Distrct. Once again this will alleviate the inter district challenges.

A copy of the weekly progress reports should be submitted to NAGRC & DB as well. This will ease monitoring and back stopping.

It was agreed that Introductory letters would be made after the issues raised had been clarified.

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Esau Galukande

**Secretary**