

Livestock Policy guideline 2015-2020

Summary

Background

- Declining LVS
- Declining Subsector/industry

DLVS Policy purpose

- Effectively carrying out its roles and executing its functions, utilizing the budget, resources, facilities and personnel available to it,
- Supporting the development in priority areas of the livestock subsector and the specific industries.

Vision

- Working together for a robust, productive and sustainable livestock sector, food security, improving livelihoods and economic stability to meet the needs of all people in the Solomon Islands.

Mission

- To empower communities, smallholders and commercial livestock enterprises for livestock development in an environmentally friendly way, strengthen partnerships, and deliver quality livestock and veterinary services.

Guideline to functions

- **Livestock Technical Service and Information (LTSI):** Provide technical support and services to all clients and farmer at all levels of farming – subsistence to commercial scale, in animal health, production, processing and marketing.
- **Animal health and welfare (AHW):** Provide animal health and Welfare services, including disease surveillance for national animal health and disease status and early detection of zoonosis, and promote production practices and standards for animal welfare.

Guideline to functions

- **Livestock industry development (LID):** Promote an enabling environment and facilitate for industry strengthening and private sector investments in commercial livestock developments, small-holder production, slaughter, processing, and marketing facilities and access developments
- **Livestock Research and development (LRD):** Research into systems and technologies which increase production, improve productive performance and providing such information to MAL extension services and stakeholders.

Guideline to functions

- **Policy and regulations (PRU):** Provide clear cut policies for operations and subsector support, strategies for livestock development and uphold and update existing regulations of livestock and veterinary services.

Guidelines to subsector support

- **Pig industry development:** Augment the capacity of farmers at all level of production, marketers and processors to increase pork production and improve product quality.
- **Poultry industry development:** Stimulate increased production at all levels, Intensify meat and egg production from village strains and exotic breeds, improve product quality and value adding.

Guideline to subsector

- **Honey bee industry development:** Support recovery amongst major honey producing apiaries and new apiaries in all provinces to increase production and improve process for quality assurance.
- **Cattle industry development:** Support the revitalization of large scale commercial beef cattle production and marketing in a province specific approach and development of smallholder farms around the economic radius of commercial farms.

Guideline to subsector

- **Diversification (Goat, sheep etc): Promote and support** diversification and broadening opportunities for enhancing rural livelihoods and economic development through diversification of livestock species.
- **Livestock slaughter and process:** Support development of slaughter and processing facilities for ensuring quality assurance and food safety of local meat and meat products

Guideline to subsector

- **Market development and improvements:** Support existing market outlets in Honiara and provincial centers improve capacities to trade meat and meat products, and strengthen alliances and linkages between farmers and buyers or market outlets.
- **Animal Genetic Resources development:** Support the protection, development and conservation of AnGR of social, cultural, and economic significance for national and rural benefit realization.