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Duty travel report

Report de Mission

TRIP REPORT

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Programme:	Land Resources Division:
	SO1: Strategic Engagement and Policy Development Programme Pacific Agriculture Policy Project ,Strategic Engagement and Policy Development Programme
	 2. SO4: Trade and Agribusiness Programme. Acting Dep. Director (Trade and Agribusiness) Animal Health and Production Thematic team
Other collaborator(s):	Fiji Ministry of Agriculture, Fiji Crop Livestock Council, European Union
Venue:	Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi.
Objective(s):	 Raise awareness and share information on the changing landscape for livestock and key livestock constraints and opportunities for Fiji. Formulate recommendations for the livestock industry in Fiji via a strategy document. Raise awareness on the proposed Fiji Livestock Feed Bill. Raise awareness on the Fiji National Agriculture Policy 2020.
Period	May 12 - 15, 2015
Background:	The Fiji Forum Livestock meeting with the theme "Livestock for Livelihoods – new generation thinking" is part of the Pacific Agriculture Policy Project (PAPP), a major initiative funded by the European Union and implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC). Financial and logistical support was also provided by the Animal Health and Production section of the LRD Trade and Agribusiness programme, and the Fiji Crop and Livestock Council.
	PAPP aims to strengthen smallholder farmer livelihoods by promoting (i) stronger linkages to markets (ii) dissemination of information, research and leanings for sustainable crop production and (iii) evidence based policies that provide a coherent approach for production, research and development and growing an agricultural and forestry that is aligned to broader national development goals. In the framework of the programme, the three main results are expected to be achieved by SPC:
	 Strengthen regional agricultural development strategy Improve the dissemination and adoption of applied agricultural production research technologies Contribute to agricultural enterprise development through improved market linkages
	The consultation was facilitated by SPC's Land Resources Division in conjunction with partners Fiji Ministry of Agriculture and Fiji Crop and Livestock Council the Fiji Livestock Sector Forum was held to raise awareness and share information on the changing landscape of livestock development in Fiji. The forum also provided an opportunity to further consult widely on the proposed Fiji Livestock Feed Bill and to raise awareness on the National Agriculture Policy 2020.
	PAPP team members were given the opportunity to present a brief overview of the projects Key Result areas with the main notion of linking it to Agriculture and Forestry.
	The meeting participants included young livestock farmers, business operators, processors and sector associations. They represented those working with beef and dairy cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, poultry, honeybees and animal feed.
	 Expected outputs of the national consultation were to: A strategy on the way forward for the development of Fiji's livestock sector. Stakeholder Feedback on the proposed Fiji Livestock Feed Bill. Greater awareness of the Fiji National Agriculture Policy 2020 Attract young farmers to livestock farming
	The sessions also included discussions on the best way forward, exploiting opportunities and strengths, within the livestock sector.
Activities:	 11th May, 2015 - Monday Travelled to Nadi Sorted logistics and administrations issues.
	Day one – 12 th May, 2015 – Tuesday
	The meeting was officially opened by the chief guest the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Filimone Waqabaca.

Welcoming remarks were also, made by Mr. Xavier Canton Lamousse, for the Delegation of the European Union and Dr Ken Cokanasiga from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

After the opening remarks all participants introduced themselves followed by the endorsement and adoption of agenda. The Director of Animal Health & Production, Fiji Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Tomasi Tunabuna, then presented an overview of the livestock industry in Fiji. There were various presentations made by small-medium holder sector farmers on; Beef/sheep, sheep/goats, pigs, honey bees, dairy and poultry farming etc.,

Following these, following Reps from Industries and Associations made presentations: Fiji Meat Industry Board, Fiji Cooperatives Dairy Company Ltd, Fiji Dairy Ltd, Yaqara Pastoral Company, Pig Producers Association, Poultry Producers Association, Bee Keepers Association, Feed millers and the Fiji Crops and Livestock Council...

Day two - 13th May, 2015 - Wednesday

The meeting started off with a brief recap of day 1 presentations highlighting some of the main issues raised by the presenters and participants.

Then there were various presentations from the CE (EP&S) of the MoA, on the Fiji National Agriculture Policy 2020, followed by the Reserve Bank of Fiji, Fiji Development Bank and the i Taukei Land Trust Board (TLTB). A panel discussion involving the presenters then followed. Presentations from young livestock farmers followed by another panel discussion ended the morning sessions.

The PAPP team gave an overview of the Pacific Agriculture Policy Project (PAPP), including the projects KRAs (Policy, Market and IKM), introduction of PAFPNet, and a summary of the PAFNET livestock query. An overview of the work the PAPP is doing in trying to link agriculture to the tourism sector followed.

- 1. Introduction of PAFPNet to participants
 - Membership drive (signed members on to network)
 - o Participants were educated on the function of PAFPNet
- 2. Information and knowledge capacity building on livestock query
 - o Increased awareness knowledge on individual regional responses on livestock issues
 - Summary of common solutions to issues faced
- 3. Awareness of PAP Project
 - Awareness of 3 key areas (Market, Policy and IKM)
 - Educating participants on how PAPP promotes agriculture through the KRAs or the project
- 4. <u>PAPP Overview Vili</u>
 - Introduction of PAPP
- 5. <u>PAFPNET Livestock Query</u>
 - o Increasing knowledge on improved provision of agriculture and forestry information shared through active networks (PAFPNet). Creating awareness on the use of PAFPNet through explanation of Livestock query responses and feedback on issues and suggested solutions.
- 6. <u>Linking Agriculture to Tourism Market</u>
 - \circ Strengthen Outcome 1.1.3 to Linking smallholder farmers to markets through awareness presentation

A presentation on the draft Livestock Feed Bill was presented by the Ministry of Agriculture outlining key elements of the bill.

The meeting then broke into six groups' to discuss constraints, prioritize the main constraints and propose strategies to address them. Each group presented on their discussions.

Day three - 14th May, 2015 - Thursday

Recap of Day 2 - The meeting broke into six groups for Session 1 and 2 to discuss constraints, prioritize the main ones, and propose strategies to address them. Each group presented on their discussions with early themes emerging for a strategy document.

Group discussions continued to identify strengths and weaknesses, and to discuss ways to take advantage of opportunities. The groups presented their main points and further refined the strategy document - this will be used to help develop a national strategy for the development of the livestock sector.

Day four - 15th May, 2015 - Friday

The morning focused on discussions & recommendations on the way forward and formation of a Livestock Sector Strategy Working Group. The Working group was then given the task of finalising the Livestock strategy, identifying priorities and early winners that can be submitted for funding through the MoA 2016 national budget.

The final activity of the meeting was a Field Trip to a mushroom farm at a Legalega Research Station, and the private sector Toa poultry enterprise.

Outcome of the mission:

- 1. Endorse the draft strategy document (Feedback Template), attached as Annex 1
- 2. Formation of the LIVESTOCK SECTOR STRATEGY WORKING GROUP:

(MoA to be the Secretariat for the WG and it may co-opt other members) any needed technical assistance., with SPC providing support

- 1. FIJI CROP AND LIVESTOCK COUNCIL REP SIMON COLE
- 2. FIJI COOPERATIVE DAIRY COMPANY LTD REP SACHIDA NAND

	3. NORTH REP - IAN CHUTE 4. FIJI DAIRY LTD – SATISH KUMAR 5. YAQARA PASTORAL COMPANY LTD– ELISAPECI TALICA 6. PIG FARMER REP - BRIAN FONG 7. CREST POULTRY– WILLIAM GREIG 8. BEE ASSOCIATION REP – JOHN CALDEIRA 9. FIJI VET ASSOCIATION - ROBIN YARROW 10. SHEEP-TIKO EASTGATE 11. DAIRY FARMER REP – HIRDAY RAM LAHKAN 12. ROOSTER POULTRY – STANLEY RANIGA 13. YOUNG FARMER REP- ESETA MAUVU		
Who benefits/stands to benefit from activity?	 The Fiji Animal Health and Production Division of the Ministry of Agriculture(MoA) Economic, Planning and Statistics Division of the MoA. Fiji Crop and Livestock Council Fiji Livestock Sector Stakeholders and industry 		
Problems encountered	Being able to accommodate the number of stakeholders who wanted to attend the meeting once they knew of the meeting through media releases. Meeting venue space and available funding support for extra participants limited the number that could be invited. A couple of self-funded participants, attended on a daily bases.		
Follow up action	 Distribution of meeting documents to meeting participants Debriefing meeting for SPC, MoA (AH&P Division), and Meeting facilitator Convening of 1st meeting of the Fiji Livestock Sector Strategy Working Group Network with participants and update them on PAPP continuing work through PAFPNet 		
Media Coverage	Visibility was a special issue that we wanted to address with this meeting. Some examples of what were disseminated through media outlets include;		
	LRD website:		
	Livestock for livelihoods: new generation thinking for Fiji: http://www.spc.int/lrd/our-work/animal-health-and-production/animal-welfare-/livestock-for-livelihoods-new-gen-think-for-fiji		
	Fiji One:		
	"Livestock for Livelihoods – New Generation Thinking" – 2020 Policy Agenda for Ministry of Agriculture: http://fijione.tv/livestock-for-livelihoods-new-generation-thinking-2020-policy-agenda-for-ministry-of-agriculture/		
	Fiji Broadcasting Coperation:		
	Livestock Forum meet in Nadi		
	http://www.fbc.com.fj/fiji/29382/livestock-forum-meet-in-nadi-		
	Fiji Times:		
	Demand for livestock production officers: http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=305612		
	High hopes for proposed Bill: http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=305614		
	Call to ease access to funds: http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=305598		
	Need to retain veterinarians, forum told: http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=305555		
	Potential in honey: http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=305611		
	Fiji Sun:		
	Stats Show Livestock Demand More Than Supply: http://fijisun.com.fj/2015/05/13/stats-show-livestock-demand-more-than-supply/		

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Pictures:



Group Photo: Fiji Livestock Sector Forum Participants

Participants during the Fiji Livestock Sector Forum meeting









Participant's taking part in group work





Field Trip to Legalega Research Station







Field Trip to Toa Poultry Enterprise













Annex 1: Feedback Template

CONSTRAINTS	STRATEGIES To address identified Contraints	WHO LEADS	TIMELINE
Skills and Competency:	Skills training and capacity building:		
 Business, technical and farm 	- Promote farming as a business	-MoA (Farm Management)	
management skills can vary.Resistance to change	- Teach/mentor business skills, farm management	-FNU/ FCLC & Industry Associations	
Ç	- financial literacy	-RBF	
	- Develop management system for non-record keeping farmers	-MoA (Extension Service- AH&P) & FDB	
	 Availability of resources Training Levy Access for farmer training programmes 	- - FNU	
Access to capital:	Improve access to capital:		
 Strict lending requirements. Lack of security for loans. 	 Review FDB schemes (revolving fund, etc.) Youth-friendly & Take over packages Grants for new tenants with specific needs Small Holder revolving fund (commodity) 	-Northern Development Programme (NDP)/ FDB/ RBF & MoF	
Animal feeds:	Animal feeds:		
 Cost and quality, reliance on imported materials. High fibre pastures for dairy, low conversion into milk. 	 Explore and share options for improved local feed Labelling requirements (Feed Bill?) Identify countries with better prices for inputs Price & Export control on primary local ingredients (maize, cassava, sorghum) Export quota Capital Project on Maize, Fodder and Conservation of Forages for Livestock Feed Capital Project on appropriate R&D, including Hydroponics Tax Concessions on imports Explore partnerships (Feed millers +) 	-Commodity Associations/ MoA (AH&P – Research)/ SPC/ Goodman Fielder & FNU	
	- Consolidated buying & supplying of imported ingredients	-FCLC	
Service delivery:	Improve Service Delivery:		
- Genetics and breeding	- Access to quality genetics and stock	-BAF / Association/	
programmes	- AI & Embryo transfer – facilities & equipment	MoA/individual farmers	
 Drugs and animal health services 	- Drugs and animal health services available and affordable	-MoA	
Lengthy applications processCosts of compliance	- Streamline legislative application processes (e.g. Town and country planning)	-Associations	
High production costsAbattoirs – costs and	- Seek efficiencies in production. Costs of production a basis, not price (best practices)	-MoA (Research)/Associations	
inefficiencies	- Abattoirs upgrade or privatise	-FMIB/MoA	
Disease prevention & controlValue-adding and marketing	- Disease prevention & control – more vet support, farm testing (VPL-twinning arrangement)	-MoA/BAF	
- Standards & quality control	- Value-adding and marketing - more awareness and visibility	-AMA/Fiji Master Butchers Association/Associations/MoA	
	Accredited Food Technology facility - Develop KPIs for service delivery	-MoA/Ministry of Trade (Trade Standards)	
	- Taskforce (FCLC/MoA/FCDCL/FDL) – coordinate and liaise with NZAID Team for the Dairy sector review	- FCLC/MoA/FCDCL/FDL	
Access to land :	Improve access to land for agriculture/livestock:		
- Availability and affordability.	- Priority to productive livestock tenants	-Associations/MoA	

 Competition e.g. tourism, housing, etc. Land lease terms and processing delays. 	 Harmonization (Min. Lands/ITLTB) processes/ policies/costs Close consultation with Min. Lands/ITLTB Approval process for investors (FDI) Identify land for potential livestock development Land use planning 		
Enforcement: - Theft, illegal slaughter. - Food Act compliance impacts on small farmers	 Enforcement Improve policing and prosecution More awareness of legislation/standards likely to add extra costs and barriers on to smaller farm operators (Food Act, etc.) Food Safety considerations 	-MoA/FCLC	
Infrastructure: - Roads & bridges, power, water, transport, communications - Dairy industry structure	Infrastructure - Improve farm access roads, water, drainage, communication and power infrastructure – government to lead - Assistance for small farmers to mitigate loses due to power and water failure (equipment? generator/pump) - Pool of farm equipment's with MoA for farm infrastructure work - Explore possible establishment of a Dairy Industry Board (?)	-MoA/Associations/FCLC	
Competition: - Dumping of low value subsidized imports distorts prices for local farmers	Competition - Promote local farmers and products Marketing and more visibility for sector - Explore import duties	-Ministry of Trade/FIRCA/MoF	
Natural disasters and climate change	 Natural disasters and climate change Seek technical/funding partners for adaptation measures Disaster Risk management and Disaster risk reduction Disaster preparedness Explore insurance package arrangements Raise awareness on PDNA (Post Disaster Needs Assessment) Training on PDNAs/ LEGS (Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards) Response times after natural disaster 	-MoA/NDMO/Min. Foreign Affairs/ SPC	











"Livestock for Livelihoods – New generation thinking"

Fiji Livestock Sector Forum Meeting 12-15 May 2015 Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji Agenda

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Draft Agenda

Day 1	Tuesday 12 th May 2015		Speaker/Venue	Chair	
8:00-9:00am	Regist	ration	Ms Maria Karalo, SPC Mr Phillip Curuki, SPC	SPC	
9:00-10:00am	I.	Devotion and opening remarks	Participant	Mr Andrew Tukana, SPC, (MC)	
	II.	Remarks and welcome by SPC	Dr Ken Cokanasiga, Deputy Director LRD, Trade and Agribusiness programme, SPC		
	III.	Remarks by the European Union representative	Mr Xavier Canton Lamousse, Attache, Sugar Program Coordinator, Economics and Social Sector, Delegation of the European Union.		
	IV.	Official opening, Ministry of Finance	Mr Filimone Waqabaca, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance		
	٧.	Introduction of participants	All		
10:00-10:30am	Group photo and morning tea				
10:30-12:00pm	I.	Endorsement and adoption of agenda	All	Mr Andrew Tukana, SPC, (MC)	
	II.	Overview of the livestock industry in Fiji	Mr Tomasi Tunabuna, Director Animal Health & Production, Ministry of Agriculture	Mr Maikali Drauna, Ministry of Agriculture	
	Small-	Medium Holder Sector:			
	Comn	nodity presentations;			
	III.	Beef/ sheep	Mr Tiko Eastgate, Farmer		
	IV.	Sheep/ goats	Mr Anil Goundar, Farmer		
	V.	Pigs	Mr Gyan Singh, Farmer		
	VI.	Honey Bees	Mr John Caldeira, Farmer		
	VII.	Dairy	Mr Joji Ramasima, Farmer		
	VIII.	Poultry	Ms Gulnasheen Nisha, Farmer		
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch				
1:00-3:00pm	I.	Fiji Meat Industry Board presentation	Mr Steven Ting, CEO FMIB	Mr Simon Cole, Chair, Fiji Crop & Livestock Council	
	II.	Fiji Cooperatives Dairy Company Ltd	Mr Sachida Nand,		

		presentation	CEO FCDCL	
		presentation	CLOTOBOL	
	III.	Fiji Dairy Ltd presentation	Mr Satish Kumar, Farm & Corporate Service Manager, FDL	
	IV.	Yaqara Pastoral Company Presentation	Ms Elisapeci Talica, CEO Yaqara Pastoral Company	
	V.	Pig Producers Association Presentation	Mr Brian Fong, Waiyanitu Piggery	
3:00-3:30pm 3:30-5:00pm	Aftern	oon Tea Poultry Producers Association	Mr Ian Chute, Farmer/Producer	Ms Elisapeci Talica,
		presentation		CEO, Yaqara Pastoral Company
	II.	Bee Keepers Association presentation.	Mr Imraz Ali, Farmer	. ,
	III.	Feed millers presentation	Mr William Greig, Crest Feed Mills	
	IV.	Draft livestock feed bill consultation report presentation	Mrs Miliakere Nawaikula, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture	
	End of	f the day		
Day 2	Wedn	esday 13 th May 2015		
8:30-10:00am	I.	Recap of day 1 session	Mr Eduari Navukiboro, Ministry of Agriculture	Dr Robin Yarrow, Consultant
	II.	Fiji National Agriculture Policy 2020 presentation	Mr Pauliasi Tuilau, CE EP&S	
	III.	Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF)	Mr Devendra Narain, Actg Snr Economist Domestic Activity & Forecasting Unit	
	IV.	Fiji Development Bank(FDB)	Mr Tevita Madigibuli, General Manager Relations and Sales	
	V.	i Taukei Land Trust Board (TLTB)	Ms Ema Natadra, Manager South West Region	
	VI.	Ministry of National Planning/Finance	Mr Isoa Talemaibua, Ministry of Finance	
	VII.	Panel discussion	All	
10:00-10:30am	VIII.	na Toa		
10:00-10:30am	MOTHI	ng Tea		
10:30-12:00pm	l.	Presentations from Young Farmers	Ms Eseta Mauvu, Farmer Mr Livai Tora, Farmer Mr Vijay Prasad, Farmer Mr Rosivela Dreu, Farmer	Dr Robin Yarrow, Consultant
	II.	Panel discussion; Theme, New Generation Thinking!	All	
	III.	Overview of the PAP Project/Agritourism market week and PAFNET livestock query summary	-Mr Vili Caniogo PAP Project Coordinator, -Ms. Elenoa Tamani, Technical officer -Ms. Brittany Hazelman, PAFNET Administrator.	
	IV.	. Fiji Crop and Livestock Council presentation	Mr Simon Cole, Chair FCLC	
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
1:00-3:00pm	Group Objec		Different groups	Mr Derek Bentley, Facilitator
	l.	Discussion and compilation of livestock production constraints and opportunities	Different groups	
	II.	Prioritisation of identified livestock		

		production constraints and opportunities	Different groups	
3:00-3:30pm	Afternoon tea			
3:30-5:00pm	Presentation by groups on:		Different groups	Mr Derek Bentley, Facilitator
	l.	Identified priority constraints/ opportunities from the different groups.		
	II.	Discussions on issues from the group presentations.		
	End of the day			
Day 3	Thursde	ay 14 th May 2015		
8:30-10:00am	I.	Recap of day 2 session	Mr Avinesh Dayal,	Mr Derek Bentley, Facilitator
	Group Objec	work 2: tive:	Ministry of Agriculture	
	II.	Discuss possible solutions/ strategies to address prioritised livestock production constraints, and identified opportunities	Different groups	
10:00-10:30am	Mornin	na Tea		
10:30-12:00pm		work 3:		Mr Derek Bentley, Facilitator
	I.	Develop strategies to address prioritised livestock production constraints, and identified opportunities	Different groups	
12:00-1:00pm 1:00-3:00pm	Lunch	Presentations from the different groups on strategies to address prioritised constraints and opportunities for the livestock sector in Fiji	Different groups	Mr Derek Bentley, Facilitator
	II.	Discussions on issues from the strategy presentations		
3:00-3:30pm	Afterno	oon tea		
3:30-5:00pm	I.	Discussion on issues from the strategy presentations.	All	Mr Derek Bentley, Facilitator
	II.	Confirmation of selected strategies for livestock production in Fiji.		
	End of	the day		
Day 4	Friday	15 th May 2015		
8:30-10:00am	l.	Recap Strategic Document Draft (10 mins)	Mr Derek Bentley SPC Consultant	Mr Derek Bentley, Consultant
	II.	Feedback Q & A on the draft Fiji Livestock Feed Bill (30 mins)	Mrs Miliakere Nawaikula, Acting Deputy Secretary Ministry of Agriculture	Dr Ken Cokanasiga, SPC
	iii.	Discussions & Recommendations on the way forward and formation of Working Group (50 mins)	Mr Tomasi Tunabuna Director – Animal Health & Production, Ministry of Agriculture	Mr Andrew Tukana, SPC
10:00–10:30am	Morn	ning Tea		
10:30-1:30pm	III.	Field trip to selected sites in the Nadi/Lautoka area.	Ministry of Agriculture to lead	Mr Maikali Drauna, Ministry of Agriculture
1:30-2:30pm	Lunch			
	End of	meeting		