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Sustainable Agricultural Livelihood Restoration, Rehabilitation and Resilience in Kenya

Guidelines on Sustainable Ruminant Feeds and Nutrition Security for Kenya

CHAPTER 4 STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS RUMINANT FEED AND NUTRITION INSECURITY

4.2 Pillar 2: Feed access

Feed access to ruminants can be influenced by physical, social and economic factors. The following are the strategic interventions to address the challenges of feed access to ruminants:

4.2.3 Intervention 3. Strategies to improve economic access to feeds

4.2.3.1 Enhanced purchasing power and incomes

- i. Collective purchasing: Farmers can come together to pool their resources and purchase feed in bulk, resulting in lower prices and increased bargaining power. The coming together is through cooperatives, farmer groups, or community-based organisations.
- ii. Diversification of income: Farmers can diversify their income streams by engaging in other activities such as agroforestry, beekeeping, or poultry keeping, which can provide additional income to purchase feed.
- iii. Access to credit: Farmers may need access to credit to purchase the necessary feed. e.g. hustler fund governments and cooperative loans facility can provide credit programs or financial support to help farmers purchase feed and other essential inputs.
- iv. Subsidies: Government subsidies can be provided to farmers to offset the cost of feed and other inputs.
These subsidies can be targeted to small-scale farmers in need and help improve their purchasing power.

4.2.3.2 Improve access to market information

- i. Encourage the use of market information systems for data and information sharing
- ii. Use of media to share information on available markets
- iii. Use of media ,social gatherings, baraza,posters, brochures and other channels to share information on available market
- iv. Establishment of farmers service centres for increased access to market information
- v. Use of ICT to improve market information.

4.2.3.3 Improve the feed supply chain

- i. Promote ethical business practices
- ii. Promote consumer protection through enforcement of feed standards- KEBS