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# Zambia Dairy Transformation Programme (ZDTP)

## Monthly Newsletter – April 2017

### Key highlights:

- Carrying out a Gender Baseline Assessment in areas where ZDTP will work.
- Extension Officers deployed to their respective cooperatives in the Central and Copperbelt provinces.
- Joint visit carried out with staff from Heifer International (HI) to Balaka, Fisenge and Mufulira cooperatives where both HI and ZDTP will be working.
- Cooperative Status Assessments carried out for all six dairy cooperatives with which ZDTP will work.

### Overview of activities carried out under ZDTP output areas:

#### **Output 0: Programme Management**

Tania (Programme Country Manager) and her team have continued to meet with organisations working in the dairy sector to help align ZDTP activities with other interventions being carried out. In April, this included:

- ✓ A joint visit by Tania and staff from Heifer International (Lusaka, Kabwe and Ndola) to Balaka, Fisenge and Mufulira cooperatives which Heifer International work closely with. This was an excellent opportunity to understand the way Heifer works and how their approach has benefitted smallholder farmers.
- ✓ Attending the GIZ hosted Southern Province Coordination meeting.
- ✓ Engagement with Zammilk and Parmalat as part of the Gender Baseline Assessment.
- ✓ Meeting with the Department of Livestock Development at the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (MFL) for updates and information sharing.

#### **Output 1: On-farm production, inputs, systems and processes improved**

The month started with a couple of weeks of training for ZDTP staff on Gender and the Household Approach, to ensure these two themes are integral to ZDTP implementation. Classroom training was complemented with visits to the field to carry out a Gender Baseline Assessment in the geographical areas where ZDTP field operations will be implemented. Following this, all ZDTP field staff were deployed and introduced to their respective cooperatives. As part of the strong relationship being built between ZDTP and MFL, MFL are providing office space to ZDTP field staff in the following locations: Beatrice, Extension Officer (EO) for Chibombo and Liteta cooperatives, is based in Chibomobo District MFL office; Clever, our Programme Field Manager, and Dominic, the EO for Balaka cooperative are based at the Provincial Office in Kabwe; Kelvin, our EO for Fisenge, plus Kapeza (our Cooperative Business Support Officer) are based at the District Commissioner's office in Luanshya (arranged by the District MFL office who did not have sufficient space); Fumbani, the EO for Kwanshama is based at the District MFL office in Kitwe; and Chrispine, EO for Mufulira, is based at the District MFL office in Mufulira. Our thanks go to Dr. Yamba Yamba for coordinating from Mulungushi

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House and Dr. Mutemwa (Central Province Coordinator) and Mr. Fumpa (Copperbelt Province Coordinator), plus their district officers who have helped in office establishment, staff deployment and made the team feel very welcome. We look forward to working closely with you all over the coming years.

### **Output 2: Capacity of farmers, extension officers and other dairy industry personnel increased**

Kapeza and Alan (one of our cross-cutting experts) made visits to all six cooperatives to carry out in depth meetings with Board members to understand their current modes of operating in areas including governance, business management and financial planning. Analysis of findings will be complemented by SWOT analyses with farmers and used to develop business support plans. We look forward to working closely with Heifer International on the findings from both Balaka and Mufulira.

*Figure 1: Dominic, ZDTP Extension Officer for Balaka (far right) carrying out an interview during the Gender Baseline Assessment*



*Figure 2: Tania finding out more about Savings Groups in Mufulira established by Heifer International and Ministry of Community Development.*



### **Output 3: Market-led milk handling, quality and processing capacity increased**

The minutes from the from the 'Stakeholder Input' workshop for the 'Milk for Schools' 'business case proposal' held on 30<sup>th</sup> March have been circulated for comment and finalisation. Once final versions are available, we will be happy to share with any interested parties.

### **Output 4: Policy and regulatory framework improved**

Our focus on developing a baseline survey, which will be implemented in May, and deploying field staff mean that we have taken a short break from this higher-level activity. We look forward to engaging with MFL in May to understand areas of policy and legislation where ZDTP support would be relevant.

*We hope you've found this fourth edition of the ZDTP newsletter informative and welcome any questions, or comments you may have,  
Best Regards, The ZDTP Team*

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