

Short Report about a Basic Training Course on
Monitoring the Livestock Activities of the BRP

by

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Introduction

The BCG Livestock Consultant was asked to train BRP and MoA livestock staff to monitor the livestock activities of the BRP. These activities are listed in Annex 1. The basic training only covered 3 of these 12 activities since the implementation of the others was either delayed, cancelled or of unknown status. The training focused on 3 activities - improved rams / ewes, milking machines and feed block presses.

The objective of the basic training was to:

- Provide trainees with the basic skills needed to monitor the livestock activities of the BRP, including interviewing farmers, completing questionnaires, transferring information to spreadsheets and cleaning data ready for analysis and interpretation.

The four-day training took place between 16 – 19 March 2014 at the Directorate of Agriculture Sabha Office, North Badia region in Mafraq Governorate. On the last 3 days visits were also made to villages to give trainees experience of interviewing farmers.

Seven participants attended the training of which 2 work as livestock officers for BRP while the others work for the Directorate of Agriculture in Mafraq Governorate. One of trainees is a woman. See Annex 2 for details about the trainees.

Basic Training Course programme

The basic training course consisted to 2 hours of interactive sessions in the morning followed by a visit to a village to interview a farmer using a questionnaire. Later in the course trainees were introduced to the spreadsheet designed as a template of all the questions on the questionnaire. Trainees were shown how to transfer the original information to the spreadsheet.

The programme of the basic training course is shown in Annex 3.

Monitoring of BRP Livestock Activities

On 23 March 2014 Consultant emailed the trainees final versions of the 3 questionnaires and the Excel spreadsheet which includes templates of the questionnaire used to monitor the 3 livestock activities. The same information was emailed to Dr Muwafaq. After each day of interviewing information on questionnaires is checked and transferred to Excel.

Outcome of the Training

Trainees are able to use a questionnaire, interview farmers (both male and female) and transfer the information on questionnaires to a spreadsheet. They can see the mean values for the different quantitative questions and make their own interpretations of the means values.

Follow-up Action

The Consultant requests Dr Muwafaq to prepare a field schedule for BRP and MoA staff to conduct interviews in late March and early April 2014. Interviewing should be completed by mid-April so that by 20 April at the latest the Excel file containing all the results is ready to be emailed to this Consultant. The Consultant will check the results and return to Jordan in early May to discuss any problems found and analyse, summarize and report the results. The Consultant will present the findings of monitoring activities at a seminar attended by BRP managers and participants from MoA, NCARE, JCC, USAID and the University of Jordan.

Depending on the outcome of that seminar the Consultant will prepare a monitoring programme for the BRP livestock activities that will be implemented during 2014 and beyond.

Annex 1. List of BRP Livestock Activities. (Source: Integrated Livestock and Socio-economic component: Planned improved animal productivity (page 230, BRP-CAP, March 2013.))

	Major activities	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 - 2019	Total
1	Mobile clinics	7	6	7	6		26
2	Spray races	6	6	6	6		24
3	Vaccinations ('000 doses)	400	200	900	900	2,600	4,600
4	Milking machines¹	50	60	20	14		144
5	Improved rams¹	425	655	525	525		3,007
6	Mini-dairy units	3	3	7	7	4	24
7	Feed block presses¹	5	5	2			12
8	Feed storage			6	6		12
9	Fodder equipment			20	10	20	50
10	Livestock market assessment	1					1
11	Livestock show / slaughterhouse	1		1			2
12	Training vet assistants & paravets		40?				106

¹The training only concerned these activities.

Annex 2. List of participants and their Affiliations.

	Name	Profession	Address
1	Mohammad Hilal	Animal productionist	Directorate of Ag Sabha, North Badia
2	Shaher Abu Dalbough	Veterinarian	Directorate of Ag Sabha, North Badia
3	Khalid Al Khresha	Animal productionist	BRP Safawi Field Unit
4	Laith Al Makhzoomy	Veterinarian	Directorate of Ag Sabha, NW Badia
5	Kamal Haifawi	Veterinarian	Directorate of Ag Sabha, North Badia
6	Ameen Fahad Al-Adamat	Veterinarian	BRP Safawi Field Unit
7	Sahar Bani-Khalad	Animal productionist	Directorate of Ag Sabha, North Badia

Annex 3. Programme of the Basic Training Course.

Date	Programme
15 March	Afternoon: Consultant travels to residence near Mafraq
16 March (Sunday)	Morning: Introduction to monitoring project activities, feeding the ewe, body condition Afternoon: Consultant revising questionnaires
17 March (Monday)	Morning: Monitoring BRP improved sheep activity, testing questionnaire with farmer Afternoon: Meet Dr Muwafaq in Mafraq, Consultant revising questionnaires
18 March (Tuesday)	Morning: Monitoring BRP milking machine and feed block press activity, testing questionnaire with farmer / cooperative member Afternoon: Consultant preparing Excel spreadsheet templates
19 March (Wednesd.)	Morning: Session on transferring data on questionnaires to spreadsheet, cleaning data Afternoon: Consultant revising Excel spreadsheet templates
20 March	Morning: Consultant travels to Amman, meets Dr Muwafaq at MoA office