

Upgrading quarantine control in Djibouti

CASESTORY

Timeframe: 2006 to date



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PUBLIC SECTOR

Livestock and Veterinary Services
Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture,
Livestock and Fisheries
Public sector veterinarians

PRIVATE SECTOR

Prima International Company,
Abu-Yasser International Establishment
Djibouti Regional Quarantine
Private veterinarians



GOVERNANCE

The Livestock and Veterinary Services Directorate and Prima International Company established a detailed contract which sets out the scope of the partnership to delegate quarantine services to the Abu-Yasser International Establishment, Djibouti Regional Quarantine. The contract also defines roles and responsibilities, as well as mechanisms for consultations and dialogue between the parties.

FUNDING

The public sector provided land for the quarantine facilities. The quarantine company collects a service charge from livestock farmers and traders who use the facility. This user fee covers the cost of operating the quarantine station such as vaccination and other services provided by private veterinarians on-site, laboratory tests and maintenance.



PURPOSE

Sheep, goats, cattle and camels are an important source of income for farmers and exporters in Djibouti, though rejections due to non-conformity with quarantine standards has affected access to global markets including Bahrain, Egypt, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

This PPP was created to upgrade quarantine operations in Djibouti and improve compliance with sanitary requirements for trade.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

PUBLIC SECTOR

- Regulation, supervision and certification of animal exports.
- Accreditation of the private veterinarians employed by the quarantine station.
- Communications with regulatory authorities in importing countries.
- Deliver international veterinary certificates for animal exports.
- Provide security for the quarantine station.

PRIVATE SECTOR

- Manage the day-to-day operation of the quarantine station including staff recruitment and management, as well as care of animals.
- Deliver veterinary services (vaccination) based on the requirements of the importing countries, provide laboratory tests to identify diseases (e.g. FMD, Brucellosis)
- Share information with the CVO to support the issuance of veterinary certificates.

LESSONS

- Clarity on roles and responsibilities was critical to set up and operationalize this partnership.
- Ongoing efforts are required to build trust, ensure buy-in and commitment to the PPP's objectives and facilitate smooth ongoing cooperation among public and private stakeholders.

UP-SCALING OPPORTUNITIES

- Lessons from this PPP have informed the development of a new regional quarantine centre to control transboundary diseases in the IGAD region, which has led to Standard Operating Procedures for animal quarantine and a new interregional platform for importing countries, CVOs and exporters in the IGAD region.
- Prima International has partnered with authorities in Somalia to set up similar quarantine stations based on a PPP model in Berbera, Bosaso and Jazeera.
- Opportunities to replicate this PPP model in Ethiopia are being explored.

RESULTS

THIS PPP HAS ENABLED THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF QUARANTINE SERVICES, WHICH HAS HELPED TO RAISE COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL (OIE) STANDARDS AND FACILITATE SAFE TRADE OF LIVESTOCK.



THE REGIONAL QUARANTINE STATION

has been running smoothly for

over 14 years

Rejections due to quarantine diseases have fallen.



THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR

has expanded, benefitting farmers and traders, as well as other business groups (e.g. transportation companies) involved in livestock trade and improving livelihoods in rural areas.