



Activity brief (December 2014)

Technical Assistance for Newcastle Disease Control Program

1 June 2010 – 15 March 2014

Background: Newcastle Disease is endemic in much of the developing world, including Sub-Saharan Africa. The virus kills millions of village chickens every year and impacts dramatically on farmers' lives. Poultry meat and eggs are important sources of food for rural communities.

Objective: The program focused on strengthening the capability of stakeholders to implement Newcastle Disease control programs, and to achieve a decrease in chicken mortality through the production and supply of quality vaccine.

Activity description: This activity was part of a long-term Australian Government-supported program with Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research and KYEEMA to strengthen the capacity of governments in southern and eastern Africa to develop and implement Newcastle Disease control and village-poultry extension programs to improve the welfare of rural communities.

Participating countries: Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia

Sector: Agriculture and food security

Outcomes: Asha, a chicken farmer in Tanzania, has been trained as a vaccinator as part of this Australian Government program. She successfully vaccinated 1 500 birds during a campaign in May 2012 and earned an income for this work. Asha sells chickens and eggs to pay for her children's school fees.

Madai, another Tanzanian chicken farmer, said that with the success of program he had built three large chicken coops and a shop for his business.

Participant feedback: "I hated seeing my chickens die like that," Asha confided. "Now that we have the vaccine,

the chickens are healthy. We thank God. After the recent vaccination, I traded enough chickens to get four goats."

"Before I lived in a mud hut," Madai said. "[Since the start of the vaccination program,] I have even built a proper house. Every day people ask me about poultry farming and the secret of my success. So I started a cooperative. We collect everyone's eggs for the market and we sell at least 800 eggs a week."

Next steps: The African Union Commission and the KYEEMA Foundation are delivering a continent-wide pilot program.

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Implementation partner: KYEEMA

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