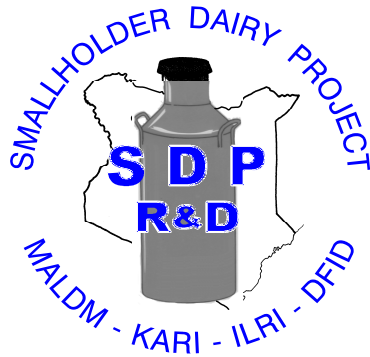


SMALLHOLDER DAIRY PRODUCTION AND MARKETING IN WESTERN KENYA:

A Review of Literature

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ABS	American Breeding Services.
AI	Artificial Insemination.
C.A.I.S	Central Artificial Insemination Station.
HPI	Heifer Project International.
ILRI	International Livestock Research Institute.
KARI	Kenya Agricultural Research Institute.
KCC	Kenya Co-operative Creameries.
KDB	Kenya Dairy Board.
K.N.A.I.S	Kenya National Artificial Insemination Services.
Lagrotech	Lowland Agricultural Technical Services.
LBDA	Lake Basin Development Authority.
LDP	Livestock Development Project.
LM	Lower Midlands agro-ecological zones (1000-1500m above sea level).
MoARD	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
NARP II	National Agricultural Research Project II.
NDCRP	National Dairy Cattle Research Programme
NGO	Non Governmental Organization.
UH	Upper Highland agro-ecological zone.
UM	Upper Midlands agro-ecological zones (1500-2000m above sea level).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This literature review report highlights the current status of smallholder dairy production and milk marketing in Western Kenya. It forms the basis and entry point for Smallholder Dairy (R&D) Project activities in Western Kenya in its second phase. A brief history of the dairy industry in Kenya is also presented. The report also highlights cattle production systems, types, population and distribution in RRC-Kakamega mandate region, but focuses more on Nandi, Vihiga, Kakamega and Bungoma Districts of the region identified by the project for implementation of its activities. Current trends in milk production and marketing including pasture and fodder production in those Districts is also discussed. The report also indicates the livestock extension services, research and development programmes within the region.