

# Concept Note:

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## Integrated Livestock Development Project

<b>Organization:</b>	Kachua Dalima Association (KDA)
<b>Project Title:</b>	"Empowering Rural Communities through Sustainable Livestock Development"
<b>Project Location:</b>	Rural and semi-urban operational areas of KDA
<b>Estimated Duration:</b>	3 Years
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	BDT 18,000,000
<b>Target Beneficiaries:</b>	2,000 rural households including women, youth, and marginal farmers

### 1. Background and Rationale

Livestock farming plays a critical role in the livelihoods of rural communities in Bangladesh, providing income, nutrition, and employment. However, smallholder farmers face challenges such as lack of veterinary services, poor feeding practices, limited access to improved breeds, and inadequate market access.

Kachua Dalima Association (KDA) aims to promote sustainable livestock development to improve rural livelihoods, enhance food security, and build climate-resilient communities. This project will empower marginal farmers, particularly women and youth, to actively participate in livestock value chains.

### 2. Project Objectives

#### Overall Objective:

*To improve livelihoods, nutrition, and resilience of rural communities through sustainable and inclusive livestock development.*

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#### Specific Objectives:

- Enhance livestock production through improved breed, feed, and health services.
- Promote women and youth entrepreneurship in livestock farming.
- Build local capacity for animal husbandry, disease control, and fodder management.
- Establish market linkages and value addition opportunities.
- Promote climate-smart and environmentally sustainable livestock practices.

### 3. Key Activities

#### 1. Baseline Assessment and Group Formation

- Identify and register livestock-dependent households.
- Form women and youth-focused livestock producer groups.

#### 2. Training and Capacity Building

- Conduct trainings on animal husbandry, nutrition, and veterinary care.
- Train community livestock extension workers (paravets).

#### 3. Livestock Input and Technical Support

- Distribute improved breeds of goats, cows, ducks, and poultry.
- Provide support for sheds, feed, and vaccines.

#### 4. Health Services and Disease Management

- Organize livestock health camps and mobile veterinary services.
- Promote deworming, vaccination, and biosecurity practices.

#### 5. Livestock Product Value Chain Development

- Establish milk collection centers, meat processing units, and egg grading hubs.
- Support branding, packaging, and market access for livestock products.

#### 6. Climate and Environment Interventions

- Promote composting, fodder cultivation, and water management.
- Encourage low-emission animal husbandry practices.

### 4. Expected Results

- 2,000 rural households empowered with improved livestock practices.
- Increased household income and food security through diversified livestock activities.
- Improved access to veterinary services and animal health knowledge.
- Greater participation of women and youth in livestock-based enterprises.
- Reduction in livestock-related environmental degradation.

### 5. Sustainability and Exit Strategy

KDA will build the capacity of local livestock producer groups and paravets to ensure continuity. Linkages with government livestock services and private sector will enhance access to inputs and markets. Gradual withdrawal of direct support will coincide with community-led management and cost-sharing models.

### 6. Cross-Cutting Themes

- Gender Inclusion: Empowering women through targeted livestock asset transfer and training.
- Youth Engagement: Encouraging youth-led livestock startups and mobile vet services.
- Environmental Sustainability: Promoting organic waste management and sustainable feeding practices.