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Project Name: TDA–Holland Livelihood Project

Activity Name: Livestock & Poultry Restocking and Food Support for War-Affected Women Beneficiaries in Samre and Hawzen Woredas, Tigray Region

Funded by: TDA Holland

Implementor: TDA-I in collaboration with Axumawyan Aid Organization.

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1. Introduction

The TDA–Holland Livelihood Project is a targeted resilience and recovery initiative designed to restore the livelihoods of highly vulnerable and war-affected households in the Tigray region, with a strong emphasis on supporting women-headed families. The recent conflict resulted in widespread destruction, leaving thousands of households without productive assets, livestock, income sources, and the means to sustain their basic living needs. Recognizing the urgent need to rebuild community resilience and reduce long-term humanitarian dependency, the project prioritized Livestock and Poultry Restocking, combined with Food Support packages for the most vulnerable households.

This report presents the detailed processes and results of the livestock purchase, poultry restocking, and food-item distribution activities conducted in Samre and Hawzen woredas. The intervention was funded by TDA Holland and implemented by TDA in close collaboration with Axumawyan Aid Organization, the respective Woreda Economic Sector Offices, and Kebele/Tabia administrations.

The overall goal of the intervention was to restore productive assets, strengthen the income-generating capacity of affected households, and enhance food and nutrition security through a sustainable and participatory livelihood support approach. Through the provision of mixed livestock packages including cows, donkeys, shoats, and pullets alongside essential food commodities, the project aimed to improve household resilience, promote diversified livelihood options, and enable families to gradually rebuild their self-reliance.

2. Objectives

- ✚ Strengthen livelihood opportunities for targeted households.
- ✚ Provide mixed livestock packages (cows, donkeys, shoats, and pullets).
- ✚ Enhance nutrition and income through sustainable livestock production.
- ✚ Empower women and vulnerable groups through asset transfer.
- ✚ Improve household resilience to shocks and stresses.
- ✚ Promote community participation and ownership in livelihood interventions.
- ✚ Encourage diversification of income sources for sustainable development.
- ✚ Strengthen market linkages for livestock and poultry products.
- ✚ Contribute to long-term food security and poverty reduction.

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3. Implementation Methodology

3.1. Beneficiary selection and targeting process

The beneficiary selection and targeting process was carried out using a **community-based targeting (CBT)** approach to ensure fairness, transparency, and inclusion of the most vulnerable households. The process adhered to TDA’s accountability standards and the requirements outlined in the project design.

The following key steps were undertaken:

- I. **Official Communication to Woredas:** A formal notification letter was sent to both **Hawzen and Samre Woredas** informing them of the planned livelihood intervention and requesting their collaboration in the selection and validation of target communities.
- II. **Selection of Intervention Tabias by Woreda Task Force:** The Woreda Task Forces reviewed the project objectives and selected the most affected **Tabias** based on vulnerability levels and the impact of the conflict.
 - The selected tabias were endorsed officially by the Woreda Task Force and attached with written confirmation.
- III. **Establishment of Community-Based Targeting (CBT) and Appeal Committees:** In each intervention Tabia, Community-Based Targeting Committees (CBTC) and Appeal Committees were established.
 - These committees included representatives from the Tabia administration, women’s groups, social affairs, elders, and youth.
 - Their role was to ensure community ownership, identify eligible households, and handle any grievances.
- IV. **Beneficiary Identification and Verification:** The selection of beneficiaries was carried out jointly by the CBTCs, Appeal Committees, Woreda representatives, and TDA’s field team.
 - Priority was given to female-headed households, households that lost livestock due to the conflict, people with disabilities, and households with no or limited income sources.
 - The final beneficiary lists were cross-checked and verified at community and Woreda levels.



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V. **MBL Sharing and Final Approval:** The final lists of selected households were reviewed and approved through a Mass-Based Listing (MBL) sharing process to promote transparency and community endorsement.

- The approved lists were then forwarded to TDA for planning and implementation of livestock and food support.

3.2. Purchase and restocking process

Livestock and food-item procurement were carried out through transparent and participatory systems to ensure fairness and beneficiary satisfaction. Livestock purchases used an open market voucher approach, enabling beneficiaries to select animals based on their needs while a committee of technical experts and community representatives conducted open price negotiations and quality checks. For pullets and food items, a proforma-based procurement method was used, with Woreda officials, TDA staff, and Axumawyan AID representatives jointly evaluating quality and supplier prices before awarding contracts. These participatory methods strengthened accountability, prevented overpricing, and increased beneficiary ownership of the entire process.

Purchasing Committee Members included:

- Woreda Economic Sector Head
- Woreda Livestock Expert
- Kebelle/Tabia Administration
- Kebelle/Tabia Social Affairs
- Representative from Axumawyan AID organization
- TDA Staff (Cashier, Accountant, Livelihood Expert, Procurement Officer, and Driver)



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4. Results and Numerical Summary

A total of 22 beneficiaries (19 female and 3 male headed households) received comprehensive livelihood support through a package-based approach in samre and Hawezen woredas (12 in Samre and 10 Hawezen). Overall, 22 cows, 22 donkeys, 113 shoats, 220 pullets, 20,000 kg of food items, and 200 liters of sunflower oil were procured and distributed. Each household received one cow, one donkey, five shoats, Ten pullets, 100 kg of food items, and 10 liters of sunflower oil. The table below provides detailed distribution.

No	Beneficiaries Name	Sex	Woreda	Type of Livestock			Type of Food support			# pullets	Remark
				Cow	Donkey	Shoat	Taff in Kg	Wheat in Kg	Oil in litter		
1	Genet Tsegay	F	Hawezea	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	The purchasing process was conducted in 6 rounds (Hawezen=2, Samre =4)
2	Hrit G/hiwot	F	Hawezea	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
3	Brhan Kiros	F	Hawezea	1	1	6	50	50	10	10	
4	Tsega Assefa	F	Hawezea	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
5	Tsadkan Hagos	F	Hawezea	1	1	6	50	50	10	10	
6	Medhin Tsegay	F	Hawezea	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
7	Meharit Gidey	F	Hawezea	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
8	L/mariam Haile	F	Hawezea	1	1	6	50	50	10	10	
9	Kidan G/slasia	F	Hawezea	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
10	Medhin Alemayo	F	Hawezea	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
11	Welete Alemayneh	F	Samre	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
12	Brey Hagezom	F	Samre	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
13	G/kiros Snu	M	Samre	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
14	Kaleyta Ngus	F	Samre	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
15	Kalayu Kahsay	M	Samre	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
16	Kalayta Abadi	F	Samre	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
17	Letezgu Tsegay	F	Samre	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
18	Demeku Kalayu	F	Samre	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
19	Tsienu Redae	F	Samre	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
20	Gidey Zenebu	F	Samre	1	1	5	50	50	10	10	
21	Delay Alemu	F	Samre	1	1	5	–	–	–	10	
22	Keshi Abadi Birhanu	M	Samre	1	1	5	–	–	–	10	
Total			2	22	22	113	1000	1000	200	220	



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Out of the 22 beneficiaries, 86% are female headed showing a strong focus on women's empowerment. The livestock distributed is expected to improve household nutrition through milk and eggs, while also contributing to income generation through sales and reproduction. Donkeys will support transportation and farming activities.

6. Budget Utilization

The allocated budget was utilized efficiently in line with the planned activities. All expenditures were properly documented, verified, and cleared in accordance with financial procedures.

- Budget allocated: 2,863,399.00 Birr
- Budget utilized: 2863399.00 Birr
- Utilization rate: 100%
- **Remaining Budget: Zero**

Operational Considerations and Additional Costs

Please note that the planned total number of field activity days was four (4) days, with 2 days in Hawzen and 2 days in Samre. The purchasing committee consisted of three members, but we had increased and involved representatives from woreda and kebele to ensure transparency and proper oversight. However, due to the practical need for multiple visits, the field activities expanded beyond the initial plan:

2 assessment and beneficiary-selection rounds (1 in Samre, 1 in Hawzen)

6 purchasing and distribution rounds

2 rounds in Hawzen

4 rounds in Samre

These additional movements increased operational requirements particularly for transportation/vehicle use and fuel as well as DSA which were covered by TDA- I head office. That additional effort was had essential



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contribution to ensuring quality livestock selection, fair beneficiary participation, and successful delivery of all items to the targeted households.

7. Challenges and Lessons Learned

- Limited administrative budget: The available administrative cost was insufficient, which as affecting the committee.
- Scarcity of cows in local markets: in Hawezen limited supply of cows increased market competition and prices.
- Procurement delays for pullets and food support: The planned procurement could not be completed due to market constraints. Available pullets were under 45 days old, and a government ban on distribution pullets was imposed following a chicken disease outbreak.
- Shortage /Unavailability of food items: The required food commodities were not available in the local market (Magazine) in Hawezan.

8. Conclusion

The livestock and food support intervention successfully restored productive assets and strengthened the livelihoods of 22 war-affected households in Samre and Hawezean woredas. The activity improved household food security, income opportunities, and resilience while prioritizing women's empowerment. The project was implemented efficiently, ensured transparency in resource utilization, and achieved over100 % budget execution within the planned timeframe.

During the field visit, the Woreda Economic Sector Head of Hawezen conveyed appreciation to TDA Holland for the valuable support provided to selected female beneficiaries. He emphasized that the package-based intervention distinguishes this support from other initiatives and encouraged the scaling up of similar activities to other kebelles. He also urged beneficiaries to utilize the livestock and resources properly for long-term livelihood improvement.

Beneficiaries also expressed heartfelt appreciation to TDA Holland for the in-kind and package-based support, as well as for the transparent and participatory purchasing and distribution process. They reported that the intervention has already improved their livelihoods, food security, and psychological well-being, restoring their hope and self-reliance.



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To ensure sustainability and long-term impact, it is recommended to continue providing technical support, regular veterinary services, and capacity-building training to beneficiary households. Most of the beneficiaries were amazed by the support, and some even reported recovery from illnesses, with psychological healing observed as families regained hope and purpose. This support is anticipated to further strengthen household food security, income generation, and resilience. It is recommended that continuous technical follow-up, veterinary services, and capacity-building trainings be provided to ensure the long-term sustainability and success of the intervention.

9. Recommendations

- ✚ Conduct continuous post-distribution follow-up and technical support in Samre and Hawezen to ensure effective utilization of the assistance and document success stories.
- ✚ Conducting a review meeting workshop with stakeholders to evaluate overall progress, address implementation gaps, and aligning recommendations and next steps are important.
- ✚ Mobilize additional resource to scale up the intervention to other people in need and woredas



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10. Annex Some Photos from the Program



Figure 1 Food item purchasing and distribution funded by TDA Holland in Samre, Kebelle Maytekli November 15/2025



Figure 2 Photo taken during Distribution of livestock by TDA in Collaboration with Axumawyan AID in Samre Kebelle Maytekli,2025



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Figure 3 Photo shows Distribution of Pullets to beneficiaries by TDA in Samre woreda , Kebelle May tekli, 2025



Figure 4; Pullet and Food item purchasing and distribution funded by TDA Holland in Hawezan Kebelle Hatset, November 15/2025



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Figure 5. Photo shows Distribution of livestock for beneficiaries of TDA holland funded at Hawezen, Hatset Keblle ,2025