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Dar, Z'bar agree to address livestock diseases to better dairy production

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THE ministry Livestock and Fisheries and Zanzibar's ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural resources and Livestock in have agreed to work together on research for deadly livestock diseases, production of best dairy cattle breeds and veterinary services.

Briefing reporters in Dar es Salaam over the weekend Permanent Secretary in the ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Prof Elisante Ole Gabriel

said: "We are going to collaborate in establishing sustainable cattle feed farms, controlling importation of cattle products into the country especially processed milk and chicken beef, controlling Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) and in offering special training related to the livestock sector."

According to him, a special team must be formed July 15th this year with members from both sides of the united republic that will go through the production cost and safety of the livestock products

and advise the ministries on what should be done to make the local products win the competitive markets within the region and at the global level.

"We will also collaborate in educating the business community, transporters and stakeholders of the dairy industry between the mainland and islands. Educating officials at the borders to equip them with knowledge about laws and regulations of the livestock sector," he affirmed.

Permanent Secretary in the

Zanzibar's ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural resources and Livestock, Maryam Juma Sadala said that the relationship will go further to production of hybrid breeds for high production of milk.

"There will be exchange programmes for experts from both parts to go and learn in either part how veterinary matters are being handled. With this relationship our main focus is to create a good competitive strength in the livestock sector," said Sadala.