Kiwanda cha nyama Eliya chamwaga fursa za ajira

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SERIKALI imejipanga kutekeleza mikakati ujenzi wa viwanda vya hapa nchini kwa kuweka miundombinu muhimu katika maeneo ya uwekezaji ili kuvutia wawekezaji kutoka ndani na nje ya nchi.

Uwekaji wa miundombinu hiyo itasaidia kuvutia wawekezaji wa sekta ya viwanda kuwekeza kwenye maeneo ambayo malighafi zinapatikana kwa urahisi hususani sekta ya kilimo, uvuvi, mifugo, maliasili na madini.

Aidha, viwanda hivyo ni pamoja na vinavyotumia teknolojia itakayotoa ajira kwa watu wengi lengo likiwa kuongeza ajira zitokanazo na uzalishaji wa bidhaa viwandani kutoka 306,180 mwaka 2020 hadi 500,000 mwaka 2025.

Katika kutekeleza mpango huo, Halmashauri ya Wilaya ya Longido mkoani Arusha imetoa eneo lenye ukubwa wa hekari 20 katika Kijiji cha Eworendeke kwa mwekezaji Shabbir Virjee ambaye amejenga kiwanda kikubwa cha nyama kiitwacho Eliya Food Overseas Ltd.

Mwekezaji huyo anasema kiwanda hicho chenye vifaa vya kisasa kina uwezo wa kuchinja mbuzi na kondoo 4,000 kwa siku na ng'ombe 500.

Amesema kiwanda hicho ambacho kilianza kufanya kazi Desemba mwaka jana hadi Julai mwaka huu jumla ya tani 2,33,695 za nyama zenye thamani ya dola za Marekani 9,05,000 zimesafirishwa na kuuzwa nje ya nchi.

"Ili kutangaza biashara ya nyama inayotoka Tanzania vifungashio vyetu vyote tumeweka nembo ya Tanzania ambayo pia itatutangaza kimataifa," alisema.

Amesema nyama inayochinjwa kiwandani hapo inasafirishwa kwenda nchi za Kenya, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Dubai na UAE.

Mwekezaji huyo mzawa anasema licha ya kiwanda hicho kuchinja mifugo pia kina ongeza myororo wa thamani kwa mazao yote ya mifugo ikiwemo, pembe, mifupa, ngozi, kwato na damu.

Anasema katika kiwanda hicho kuna mitambo maalum ya kuchakata mifupa na damu kwa ajili ya kutengeneza chakula cha mifugo, kuchakata mafuta ya mifugo hiyo kwa ajili ya kupeleka kwenye viwanda vya kutengeneza sabuni na ngozi.

"Kiwanda hiki ni cha kisasa tumweka mitambo nyote ya kuchakata mazao ya mifugo kwa hiyo tukichinja hapa hakuna kitu chochote tunachotupa vyote tunaviongezea thamani hapa hapa kiwandani kisha tunapeleka kwenye viwanda vingine kulingana na uhitaji," anasema.

Virjee anasema kiwanda hicho kimetoa ajira 150 kwa vijana wa wengi wao wakiwa wanatoka Wilaya ya Longido wakiwemo madaktari wa mifugo.

Anasema kiwanda hicho kimeongeza mapato ya serikali kupitia kodi ya kusafirisha nyama nje ya nchi na ushuru wa mifugo inayonunuliwa kiwandani hapo.

"Lengo la kuanzisha kiwanda hiki ni kuwaondolea adha wafugaji wanaohangaika kutafuta soko la mifugo yao na wakati mwingine kupeleka nje ya nchi na kutozwa kodi kubwa, lakini kuunga mkono ilani ya Chama Cha Mapinduzi(CCM) inayoelekeza sekta binafsi kuanzisha viwanda vya nyama na mazao mengine yatokanayo na mifugo," anasema.

Licha ya mafanikio hayo hayo, Virjee anasema kiwanda hicho kinakabiliwa na changamoto ikiwemo kukosa mifugo ya kutosha kutokana na baadhi ya wafanyabiashara wa mifugo kutorosha mifugo kwa kutumia njia za panya kwenda nchi jirani ya Kenya.

"Changamoto kubwa ni kudaiwa ushuru mara mbili. Nikishanunua mifugo yangu nalipa ushuru. Lakini nikifika hapa jirani na kiwanda nalazimishwa nipitishe gari lenye mifugo kwenye mnada wa mifugo wa mpakani ili nilipe ushuru wa mifugo inayokwenda nje ya nchi wakati mifugo yangu ni ya kuchinja kiwandani haiendi nje ya nchi," anasema.

Anataja changamoto nyingine ni ngozi kupoteza ubora kutokana na upigaji wa chapa ambao sio wa kitaalam na kuomba serikali kupitia wataalam wake kutoa elimu kwa wafugaji ili waweke mifugo yao alama kwenye masikio ili ngozi ziwe na ubora unaotakiwa badala ya kuchora alama kwa moto.

"Changamoto nyingine ni mifugo kuwa na umri mkubwa hivyo niombe serikali kupitia wataalam wake kutoa elimu kwa wafugaji wanaotaka kuuza mifugo katika kiwanda chetu kuzingatia umri wa mifugo ili kukidhi mahitaji ya masoko ya kimataifa," anasema Virjee.

AMPONGEZA RAIS SAMIA

Mwekezaji huyu anatumia fursa hiyo kumpongeza Rais Samia Suluhu Hassan kwa kufungua milango ya biashara kwa mataifa mbalimbali na kukaribisha wawekezaji.

Aidha, anamuomba Rais Samia kupitia mabalozi wa Tanzania walioko katika nchi mbalimbali duniani kutangaza bidhaa zinazozalishwa Tanzania ikiwemo nyama ya kiwanda hicho ambayo imezingatia matakwa yote ya viwango vya kimataifa.

"Kuna masoko mengi nje ya nchi kama China, India, Canada na nchi nyingine hivyo nimuombe Rais wetu, mama yetu kipenzi Samia atusaidie kuwaelekeza mabalozi wetu kwenye nchi walipo kutangaza bidhaa zinazotoka Tanzania ikiwemo nyama ya kiwanda chetu cha Eliya kwa sababu tuna uwezo wa kuuza nyama nchi yoyote duniani ambazo zina uhitaji," anasisitiza.

Mwenyekiti wa CCM Mkoa wa Arusha, Zelothe Steven, anasema Mwekezaji huyo ameunga mkono ilani ya CCM kikamilifu katika sekta ya Viwanda, Mifugo na ajira na kwamba serikali inatakiwa kumpa ushirikiano ikiwa ni pamoja na kutatua changamoto zote zinazomkabili kwa upande wa serikali.

Anasisitiza kuwa; "Uwekezaji huu umekwenda sambamba na dhamira ya dhati ya Rais Samia ya kufungua milango kwa wawekezaji kutoka ndani na nje ya nchi niwaombe watendaji wote wa serikali katika Mkoa wa Arusha kumuunga mkono Rais wetu kwa kutoa ushirikiano kwa wawekezaji."

Mkuu wa Mkoa wa Arusha, John Mongela anasema changamoto za kiwanda hicho zikiwemo za kulipa ushuru ameshaanza kuzifanyia kazi ikiwa ni pamoja na kuwaagiza maofisa ugani kutoa elimu ya ufugaji kulingana na mahitaji ya kiwanda hicho.

Kuhusu changamoto ya maji kiwandani hapo, Waziri wa Maji, Juma Aweso, akizindua Bodi ya tisa ya Mamlaka ya Maji Safi na Usafi wa Mazingira Jiji la Arusha (AUWSA) alitoa kiasi cha sh. bilioni moja kwa ajili ya kukamilisha ujenzi wa mradi wa maji mji mdogo wa Namanga ili mwekezaji huyo aweze kupata maji ya uhakika na wananchi.

MMILIKI wa Kiwanda cha Eliya food Overeses Ltd Shabbir Virjee akizungumza na Wajumbe wa Kamati ya Siasa ya Chama Cha Mapinduzi(CCM) Mkoa wa Arusha walipotembelea kiwanda hicho wilayani Longido mkoani hapa. Picha na Lilian Joel.

...ILIKI wa Kiwanda cha Eliya Food Overseas Ltd akiwaonyesha ...umbe wa Kamati ya Siasa ya Chama Cha Mapinduzi(CCM) Mkoa wa ...ha jinsi wanavyofungasha nyama kwa ajili ya kuuzwa nje ya Nchi.

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Serikali: Kuna matumizi mabaya ya vibali vya kusafirisha mifugo

WIZARA ya Mifugo na Uvuvi imekiri kuwapo kwa matumizi mabaya ya vibali vya kusafirisha mifugo kutoka mkoa mmoja kwenda mwingine.

Wizara hiyo ilitoa kauli hiyo bungeni jana katika swali la Mbunge wa Madaba (CCM), Joseph Mhagama.

Katika swali lake, mbunge huyo alihoji serikali itachukua hatua gani kudhibiti watu wanaodanganya kupeleka ng'ombe katika mnada wa Mtyangimbole kisha kuwatorosha na kuwaingiza katika maeneo mbalimbali ya Madaba, Namtumbo na Songea ilhali Madaba haina uwezo wa kuhimili wingi wa mifugo.

Katika majibu ya wizara hiyo, ilisema wafugaji wanakata vibali vya kusafirisha mifugo kwenda mnadani kwa ajili ya biashara na kinyume chake inahamishwa kuelekea maeneo mengine ya mikoa ukiwamo mkoa wa Ruvuma Halmashauri ya Madaba.

Alisema takwimu zinaonyesha kuwa kwa kipindi cha kuanzia Aprili 2020 hadi Aprili 2021 idadi ya mifugo iliyosajiliwa katika Halmashauri ya Madaba yenye vibali kuelekea mnada wa upili wa Mtyangimbole ni ng'ombe 8,925 wakati walioingia mnadani ni 5,753.

Ilisema kuna tofauti ya ng'ombe 3,172 wanaosadikika kuingia katika maeneo mbalimbali na kusababisha migogoro.

Hata hivyo, wizara ilisema kwa kushirikiana na Halmashauri ya Madaba itaimarisha ufuatiliaji wa vibali vya mifugo ili kuhakikisha mifugo iliyoandikiwa vibali kwenda mnada wa Mtyangimbole imefika. Vilevile, ilisema katika kuhakikisha upatikanaji wa uhakika wa malisho na maji kwa mifugo katika maeneo ya wafugaji, serikali imetenga Sh.milioni 193.28 kwa ajili ya utatuzi wa migogoro na utengaji wa maeneo ya malisho.

Pia, alisema Sh. bilioni 1.586 zimetengwa kwa ajili ya ujenzi na ukarabati wa mabwawa au malambo na visima virefu, ambapo katika Mkoa wa Ruvuma Halmashauri ya Songea kisima kimoja kitachimbwa kwa lengo la kuwapatia mifugo maji.

Kwa mujibu wa wizara hiyo, serikali inaendelea kuwahamasisha wadau wengine wakimamo wafugaji kujiunga kwenye vikundi na kushiriki kwenye ujenzi na ukarabati wa miundombinu ya maji na uendelezaji wa malisho katika maeneo yaliyotengwa ili kuzuia uhamaji usio wa lazima unaosababisha migogoro.

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Minister demands investigation after livestock deaths

By DAILY NEWS Reporter

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries Minister Mashimba Ndaki yesterday ordered the veterinary council to investigate and hold accountable veterinarians, who caused some livestock to die or get adverse effects after vaccination at Mlazo village, Dodoma region.

Minister Ndaki issued the directive when he toured the Mlazo Village and after had received a report on aftermath of the cattle vaccination against Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP).

"The vaccination led to the death of over 25 cattle, 33 abortions, 58 got swellings on injected parts of skin," he noted

Mr Ndaki argued that the on-going countrywide vaccination exercise has good intention, wondering how such incident happened at Mlazo village.

"I am disappointed with how they executed it in Mlazo village. They did not follow the laid procedures and guidelines," he stated.

The minister also suspended the Agristeps Limited, a company that entered contract with Chamwino District Council to oversee the immunization exercise, and also referred it to the Veterinary Council of Tanzania for further investigation.

"Thorough investigation must be conducted against the veterinarians who administered vaccination and measures taken against them. This company should also pay the costs for the menace it has caused," he noted.

In addition, Mr Ndaki has called on all councils in the country to ensure that service providers who have entered contracts to provide vaccination against 13 major livestock diseases follow the issued guidelines.

In January 2020, the ministry issued guidelines for the provision of vaccines against livestock diseases in the country aimed at ensuring animal health and safety.

Following the deaths and effects of vaccination, Mr Ndaki saw the need of amendment of the Veterinary Act 2003 and the Animal Diseases Act of 2003 to introduce compensations to livestock keepers.

The Director of Veterinary Services in the ministry, Prof Hezron Nonga said preliminary investigations revealed the needles used were too long that supposed to be injected on thick skin not thin skin as they did.

Some pastoralists who spoke at the meeting said the immunization exercise was conducted in their village in July 19, 2021 was not participatory since there was no provision of awareness education before the exercise.

They also complained over lack of co-operation from village leaders, saying the leaders only focused on raising funds for the vaccination.

MR Ndaki

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