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na

* NARCO yapunguza * migogoro ya wafugaji na wakulima

NA MWANDISHI WETU

Shule
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na kila
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va afya
tasaidia

KAMPUNI ya Ranchi za Taifa (NARCO) imekodisha maeneo kwa wafugaji kufuga mifugo yao kitendo kilichochangia kupunguza migogoro kati ya wakulima na wafugaji.

Akizungumza juzi wakati wa kikao cha mwisho cha Bodi ya Wakurugenzi ya NARCO, Mwenyekiti wa bodi hiyo, Paul Kimiti, alisema bodi hiyo ambayo imemaliza muda wake imesimamia kuhakikisha wafugaji wenye mifugo mingi wanapatiwa maeneo kwa mikataba katika ranchi.

"Tumegawa maeneo ya ranchi takriban asilimia 75 na kubakiza asilimia 25 kwa kuwa wafugaji nchini wamekuwa na mifugo mingi na wanahitaji maeneo kwa ajili ya kufuga mifugo yao," alisema.

Alieleza kuwa katika kipindi cha miaka mitatu, bodi hiyo imehakikisha maeneo ya ranchi za taifa yanawekewa mipaka kuzuia uvamizi wa maeneo hayo na kwamba hatua hiyo inaendelea katika maeneo mengine ambayo bado hayajawekewa alama.

Kwa upande wake, Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa NARCO, Profesa Peter Msoffe, alisema bodi ya wakurugenzi ya NARCO ambayo imemaliza muda wake, imeweka misingi sahihi katika kufuatilia ukubwa wa maeneo ya ranchi, madeni na mashauri mbalimbali ambayo yameiwezesha kampuni hiyo kupata mafanikio.

Allongeza kuwa bodi imekuwa ikitoa maelekezo kwa NARCO kuhakikisha inakaa na wawekezaji ambao wamepatiwa vitalu katika ranchi kuona namna ya kuboresha mikataba ili kuzinufaisha pande zote mbili.

Alisema kampuni hiyo imetatusia kwa kiasi kikubwa migogoro baina ya wafugaji na watumiaji wengine wa ardhi kwa kuamua kukodisha vitalu.

Pia, alisema NARCO imekuwa ikifuga mifugo bora ambapo wananchi wanakaribishwa kwenda kununua mifugo hiyo ikiwemo ng'ombe na mbuzi ili kuwa na aina bora ya mifugo.



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masikini na tajiri

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cent compared to the national average of 30.3 per cent. The rate of continued breastfeeding at two years stood at 44.4 per cent has been leased to pastoralists throughout the country who are in need of grazing pastures," Mr Kimiti said during the last session of the NARCO board of directors in Dodoma yesterday.

She also commended all implementers of the programme for their tireless efforts in eradicating child malnutrition in the country.

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NARCO leases land to pastoralists to check conflicts

By HILDA MHAGAMA

THE National Ranching Company (NARCO) has leased 25 per cent of its land to pastoralists in an effort to alleviate conflicts between herders and other land users while also promising to work with other investors interested in the ranches.

Outgoing Board Chairperson Paul Kimiti said they were able to oversee and ensure that pastoralists in the country were given land on contracts at the ranches so that they could graze their livestock and boost the country's livestock sector.

"We have assigned roughly 75 per cent of the ranch areas, and the remaining 25 per

cent has been leased to pastoralists throughout the country who are in need of grazing pastures," Mr Kimiti said during the last session of the NARCO board of directors in Dodoma yesterday.

He noted that NARCO board of directors managed to earmark and put boundaries in national ranch areas to prevent encroachment over the past three years, adding that the exercise is still proceeding in other regions.

NARCO Director General Professor Peter Msoffe said the outgoing NARCO board of directors created the framework for monitoring the size of the ranches, amount of loans and other issues that have helped NARCO gain

greater success.

Prof Msoffe stated that the board has directed NARCO to guarantee that it remains in touch with investors who have been granted blocks in NARCO ranches, including looking for ways to strengthen the contracts so that both parties' benefit.

With at least 14 well established ranches scattered in different regions, NARCO has a key role to produce improved livestock species as well as other vital animal-related products.

A total of 120 giant and 200 small-scale investors have entered diverse contracts with the state-owned company in different regions.

Some members of the out-

going NARCO board of directors, for their part, said that the firm was able to considerably address issues between pastoralists and other land users by opting to lease blocks on NARCO ranches so that pastoralists may graze their livestock

They also stated that NARCO has been breeding high-quality livestock, with consumers being asked to purchase cattle and goats to ensure that the best breeds of animals are produced in the country.

They have also urged investors to invest in NARCO ranches for grazing, building dips, and other infrastructure so that the ranches' livestock can have added value.