

Project Update: May 2016

For the sustainability of the Sheep for Longclaw project, one meeting bringing together the first beneficiaries, conservationist volunteers and the veterinary expert was conducted. This deliberated on how best to exchange the breeding rams provided through the first Sheep for Longclaw project. With our help and in reference to the lineage of the rams, farmers will be guided on whom to exchange the ram with. From the meeting, and from the field visits, seven rams of the initial ten have been successful in giving over 400 offspring. Four rams are ready for exchange.

Plans to acquire five more breeding rams are underway and will be given to five new farms which have been already identified as potential beneficiaries.

As a means of boosting the capacity of farmers in proper sheep management, two farms has been identified for improvement of sheep housing. The two farms will be used as demonstration sites. In this regard, two sheep sheds (100 sheep capacity each) are under construction. One is completely done while the second is almost done.

As a means of clearly understanding and documenting the effect of internal parasites on the flocks, 1 year proper deworming programme has been started in 10 pilot farms provided through the first Sheep for Longclaw project.

- A local veterinary has been consulted to provide services, advice and deworming products as agreed. In details the veterinary will:
 - Conduct a baseline survey to the selected farmers to assess the current situation of the sheep and provide a report with recommendations.
 - Provide deworming medicines to the farmers selected farmers.
 - Conduct monitoring at the end of one year and give a report on the status after the deworming programme.



Construction of the sheep shed in progress



During farmers consultation meeting



Njabini wool spinning workshop



Sheep wool floor mat