GRAZING ASSOCIATIONS

A PILOT FOR CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS

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CONSERVATION AND CLIMATE-SMART LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION INITIATIVES IN MZIMVUBU

Research to Establish Best Practice & Baselines

Awareness and Knowledge Sharing

Conservation Agreement Co-development

Implementation Facilitation

Market readiness

For Profit Entities

Universities / NGOs

NGOs and CBOs

UCPP Research Partners

UCPP Implementation Agents

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF SETTING UP GA

• To organize farmers
• To pilot implementation of conservation agreements
• To let farmers take responsibility for their rangelands
• To revive traditional rotational resting (Maboella/Doborhasi)
• To encourage independence among farmers (Livestock Fund)
• To encourage collectivity and unity among farmers
• To improve rural livelihoods
• To encourage farmers to manage land better
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR G. A.

• List of members, organized into an association.
• Bank account for the grazing association
• Monthly contribution by farmers to their fund
• Have a rested area on the rangelands (Rested area)
• Sign a conservation agreement
INCENTIVES FOR GRAZING ASSOCIATIONS

• Monthly contributions into GA fund during herding season (R1000/R500).
• Trainings on livestock production/improvement
• Vaccinations of livestock
• Auctions within the GA area
COMPLIANCE MONITORING....

• Rested area kept clear of animals…
• Monthly contributions by members
• Restoration of cleared areas
  • What if no compliance?
QUESTIONS/INPUTS….

• How can we improve on this?