

LIVESTOCK ADVISORY CENTRES

ESTABLISHMENT

Livestock advisory centre is a division under the department of animal health and production in the ministry of agriculture. The division was established in early 1970s and was called Vaccine Store with its head quarters in Gaborone.

OBJECTIVE

The main objective of the division was to serve as an outlet for the sales of Livestock inputs to the farming community such as Veterinary medicines, Livestock feeds etc.

GROWTH

From 1970 to 1980 the vaccine store changed its name to Livestock Advisory Centre. The centre decided to decentralize its activities to other places in the country. This was in line with government policy of taking services nearer to the people. As the demand for LAC services Increase, the department established centers in major villages and towns. Currently there is thirty six (36) L.A.C's country wide, as per attached livestock advisory centre network. These L.A.C's are located in the areas where there are high concentrations of livestock. The L.A.C mobile sales were introduced in order to bring services closer to the community or even reach the furthest areas.

HUMAN RESOURCES

District LACs are manned by both Supplies and Technical Officers. Supplies staff is responsible for the custody of stores while the Technical

cadre is responsible for providing technical advice to the farmers. The division of LAC is headed by a Superintendent based in Gaborone.

PURCHASE

Purchase of medicines and feeds are done centrally in Gaborone and distributed to districts L.A.C's for resale to customers.

PRICE

The price of these commodities is universal in the sense that prices are the same all over.

