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STATUS UPDATE ON THE COMPENSATION OF VICTIMS OF THE LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY (LRA) INSURGENCY IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

Reference is made to your letter *Ref: AB/186/189/01* dated 4th August, 2021 and earlier letter of 30th July, 2021 in respect of the status of compensation of victims of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA).

Further reference is made our letter *Ref: ADM/203/01* dated 3rd August, 2021 outlining the Sub Regions and Districts affected by the Insurgency in Northern, Eastern and West Nile Sub Regions and the steps taken by the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs in implementing the Livestock Verification exercise.

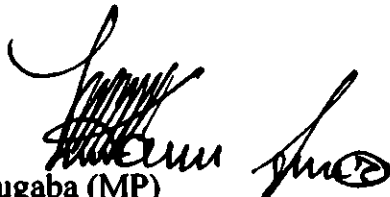
The scope and steps taken in the Verification exercise are as follows: -

- I. The Ministry of Justice and Constitution Affairs is currently conducting Verification of Livestock Compensations claims in areas affected by the Insurgency and the Districts which are presently in the advanced stages of assessment in Acholi, Lango and Teso Sub Regions are listed hereunder.
 - i. Acholi Sub Region:- Agago, Amuru, Gulu, Kitgum, Lamwo, Nwoya, Omoro and Pader Districts;
 - ii. Lango Sub Region:- Alebtong, Amolatar, Apac, Dokolo, Kole, Kwania, Lira, Oyam and Otuke Districts;
 - iii. Teso Sub Region:- Amuria, Bukedea, Kaberamaido, Kapelebyong, Katakwi, Kumi, Ngora, Serere Pallisa, Butebo, Kalaki and Soroti Districts.

2. The next stage of the exercise shall incorporate Districts affected by the Insurgency comprising;- Karamoja Sub Region, West Nile Sub Region, Sebei Sub Region, Bukedi (Budaka, Busia and Tororo Districts) Sub Region and Busoga Sub Region.
3. The specific focus of the Verification exercise is claims for livestock compensation. The rationale for focusing on livestock compensation is that in the traditional economies of the affected Sub Regions the livestock was the wealth of the communities and individuals.
4. Therefore the loss of livestock during the Insurgency severely impacted the affected communities and their livelihoods.
5. As earlier indicated, compensation of the areas affected by the Insurgency was cited is in line with the priority areas specified by H.E. the President for the Budget of FY 2021/2022 as clearly indicated in the 2nd Budget Call Circular on the finalization of detailed budget estimates *Para 10(x) dated 15th February, 2021 Ref: BPD 86/107/01.*
6. Additionally, the litigation by the Claimants and Beneficiaries in the High Court, Gulu; High Court, Lira; High Court, Soroti, High Court, Arua, High Court, Mbale and other claims focus on livestock compensation.
7. In conclusion of the Verification exercise in areas which are in the advanced stages i.e. Acholi Sub Region with 16,946 claims, Lango Sub Region with 42,042 claims and Teso Sub Region with 33,664 claim totalling 92,652 claims, the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs in FY 2020/2021 procured materials (Data Cards) to complete the final registration of the genuine Claimants and Beneficiaries at Sub County and District Level based on Bio Data, including; National Identity Cards and Letters for Administration for Estates of Deceased persons.
8. The exercise which shall be transparently implemented in conjunction with District Leaders and District Officials together with a Committee of 20 (Twenty) Elders, Religious Leaders, Representatives and other Stake Holders from each of the affected communities shall eliminate all fraudulent claims.
9. Already, in Acholi Sub Region the Inter-Ministerial Verification working alongside a Committee of Elders, Religious Leaders, representatives and other Stakeholders commenced the exercise of sensitizing Claimants,

- Beneficiaries and Stakeholders at Sub County Level with the purpose of ensuring that only genuine claims are successful. The exercise is ongoing.
10. A similar exercise shall be implemented in Lango Sub Region, Teso Sub Region and other affected areas, including; Karamoja, West Nile, Sebei, Bukedi (Budaka, Busia and Tororo Districts) and Busoga (Iganga and Luuka Districts) Sub Regions.
 11. The Inter-Ministerial Verification Committee which is implementing the exercise is due to deploy to Acholi, Lango and Teso Sub Regions before the end of August, 2021.
 12. The Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs intends to conclude the entire Livestock Verification exercise in FY 2021/2022 and accordingly settle ALL livestock compensation claims and cases.
 13. A concern arose during the implementation of the Display of names of claimants and beneficiaries in December, 2020/January, 2021 that the livestock compensations rate were different in the different Sub Regions with a Bull valued at Ushs, 600,000/- in Acholi Sub Region while the same Bull was valued at Ushs. 900,000/- in Lango and at Ushs.1,000,000/- in Teso Sub Regions.
 14. It was resolved that the livestock compensation rates would be harmonized across the respective Sub Regions.
 15. A report with the final assessment shall be duly submitted to Cabinet and Parliament for due consideration.

This is to clarify on matters raised during my earlier Report to Parliament on the 3rd August, 2021 on the status of the compensation exercise in Northern, Eastern and West Nile Sub Regions.



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