S. Social and Economic Costs of Cattle Rearing in Uganda

The estimated number of animals listed for 2016/17 was 62,856. Based on an average of UGX 850,000 per animal, the value of animals listed was estimated as UGX 53.4 billion. The study estimated that the average number of cattle reared and the total number of animals reared was 246,000, which was roughly 24% of the total number of cattle reared. The methodology used to estimate the social and economic costs of cattle rearing was based on the UNCTAD methodology. The estimated costs of rearing and sale of cattle were calculated using the best available data. During the period 2013-2017, about UGX 32 billion were spent on the programme. Another important impact of cattle rearing has been the increase in livestock productivity. This has contributed significantly to the increase in household income and the overall economy of the country. The programme has also contributed to the sustainability of livelihoods and the reduction of poverty in the region.