

# ANIMAL/LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT: MESSAGES

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## About the Message Library

People affected by disaster must have access to timely, appropriate and accurate information to help them keep themselves and their families safe and well. They should know their rights, entitlements and be able to give feedback. Responders have a duty to put in place appropriate, systematic and coordinated mechanisms to ensure this.

Our Message Library offers clear, concise and simple messages on a range of topics as templates for you to adapt and use in the context you are working in. These are intended to help you make a quick start on communicating with communities while you further develop mechanisms for on-going dialogue with diverse groups within each community.

For help contextualising and using the messages we recommend you do our e-learning course and read the following technical guidance.

### E-learning

<https://kayaconnect.org/course/info.php?id=768>

### Guidance

<https://www.cdacnetwork.org/tools-guidance/cdac-message-library-user-guidance>

## What is destocking?

Destocking involves organisations buying or exchanging livestock for immediate slaughter with the meat distributed dry or fresh. It normally takes place at the beginning or during the long dry season. Animals that are slaughtered are used to provide food for you and your community.

## Why is destocking done?

Destocking supports pastoralist communities by providing a value to animals that would otherwise die. The money raised from the sales can then be used to buy veterinary drugs or fodder for the remaining stock. It also means households have more money to spend on food and school fees, and to pay off debts.

## Who benefits from destocking?

Animals that are slaughtered are used to provide food for you and your community. This is done at a specific time to prevent the pro-longed suffering of animals which can agitate the situation and cause distress among communities. Slaughtering some animals also means the remaining live ones have a better chance of living. Criteria for selection has been decided in consultation with [insert info here] and are [insert info here].

## Where is destocking taking place?

Destocking is taking place at [insert info here] on [insert info]. Criteria for selection has been decided in consultation with [insert info] and are [insert info]. Please contact [insert info] for more information.

## What is restocking?

Restocking involves giving livestock to poor pastoralist families who have recently lost most of their stock. Normally restocking takes place during the onset of the rains and alongside other types of assistance such as additional food or cash. [insert organisation's info here] has been working with the community and [insert info] to identify the most vulnerable pastoralist families for restocking. Criteria are [insert info].

## Why is restocking done?

After a disaster you may have lost a lot of your animals and need help in rebuilding your lives. Restocking helps to rehabilitate poor and vulnerable households by preventing families from losing their sources of food and

income. Criteria for selection are [insert info]. This was done in consultation with [insert info].

### Where is restocking taking place?

Restocking is taking place at [insert info here]. You will either be giving an animal(s) directly by [insert info] or receive a loan or cash to use at animal fairs. For more information contact [insert info].

### Importance of animal health and vaccination campaigns

Animal health and vaccination campaigns are important because in emergencies, livestock are more likely to catch diseases. This means that they can become very unhealthy and even die. You cannot sell diseased animals. At times a diseased animal can be a health risk for people.

### Time, date and location of animal health and vaccination campaign.

Animal health and vaccination campaigns are taking place at [insert info here] for [insert info] by [insert info]. Criteria for selection are [insert info]. This has been decided by [insert info]. Contact [insert local authority / relevant organisation info] for more information. They can be found at [insert info].

### Importance of safe and secure animal shelters

Shelters that are safe and secure can help protect animals and maintain their health and well-being.

### Importance of safe storage of fodder

Safe storage of fodder can help to maintain animal health in times of emergency. Keeping fodder in a [insert info here] location can help to preserve fodder during storms and floods.

## REFERENCES

For more information on this topic, we recommend you read the following references.

*Please contact us if you have suggested references.*

### HELP US KEEP THE LIBRARY UP TO DATE

**If you would like to contribute to topic reviews, have found a message that needs greater clarity, or wish to create a new topic, please contact us at [info@cdacnetwork.org](mailto:info@cdacnetwork.org).**