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STAFF SPOTLIGHT: DAN COLLISON, CEO

Taking the reins as Farm Africa’s new CEO, Dan has hit the ground running since joining the organisation in May. With 25 years of experience in international development, having worked for the likes of Save the Children and War Child, Dan has smoothly steered Farm Africa through the challenges of recent months.

What attracted you to Farm Africa?
I’m incredibly excited to have joined the organisation. I’ve known about Farm Africa’s work for many years and was inspired by the vision of sustainable change for farmers and rural communities. I’m impressed with the technical expertise of the organisation, and our ability to improve livelihoods. I think our focus on the environment makes our work particularly impactful.

What has your role involved so far?
The first few months have been a fascinating mix of team building, strategic planning and virtual visits to our programmes - and problem solving around the Covid-19 pandemic. I’ve really enjoyed getting to know 250 fantastic and dedicated colleagues around the organisation. There hasn’t been a typical day yet, but my ultimate aim is to build a strategy and culture in Farm Africa that brings transformative change for the communities we work with.

What are your hopes for Farm Africa’s future?
I want us to continue building our knowledge, our reach and our expertise. Farm Africa’s work is incredibly relevant to the challenges facing eastern Africa. In particular, I think an important part of our future will be expanding our work on the environment and climate change.

Do you have a message for Farm Africa supporters?
Farm Africa is a genuinely expert organisation that supports real and lasting change. We help some of the poorest farmers in Africa to improve their livelihoods and support their families. We are only able to achieve this thanks to the commitment and generosity of our supporters, so thank you!

YOUR LEGACY COULD SAFEGUARD FUTURES

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A BIG CHEER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH WORKERS

The drylands of Ethiopia’s South Omo zone and Uganda’s Karamoja sub-region are home to thousands of pastoralists who depend on livestock for their livelihoods. But in both regions, pests, disease and drought are wiping out entire herds, meaning high levels of poverty and malnutrition for many families.

As part of its Livestock for Livelihoods project, Farm Africa is helping community animal health workers, like Tukara Doide (pictured below), expand their operations in both regions. In turn they will deliver vital veterinary services to the 10,000 female pastoralists that the project is supporting to set up goat rearing businesses.

“I was selected by Farm Africa to receive training that refreshed and developed my knowledge of animal care.

I work in the community, treating goats, sheep and cattle: giving vaccines and de-worming are part of my daily job. I thank Farm Africa for giving animal health workers access to drugs and medicines for the animals. On average, I provide support to 45 households each month. It gives me pleasure to help people in this way.

The death rate of animals has declined since the Farm Africa project started. The fear of illness doesn’t bother us as we are well equipped to respond immediately.

Recently locusts came to this area. They demolished almost everything on the ground, grazing and farmlands. Our little goats were affected badly as there was nothing on the ground left for them to eat.

The Livestock for Livelihoods project is funded by UK aid from the UK government and Jersey Overseas Aid.

Farm Africa supported the community by providing us with spraying equipment and medicines. We sprayed crops and plants and succeeded in making the locusts go away.”

Safeguarding the health of goats means safeguarding women’s ability to have milk for their children and manure for growing crops. Healthy goats mean women like Dawunda (pictured above) can earn an income and lift their families out of poverty.

“I am thankful to Farm Africa for supporting us by making animal health services available in our village. Before, our animals were easily lost to natural disasters and disease outbreaks.

Our pastoralist group received ten goats from Farm Africa as well as training in how to care for them. We work with the animal health workers to make sure the goats stay healthy.

One of the goats is a buck which we use for crossbreeding. The buck’s name is Lempo, meaning big ears! With the female goats, our plan is to multiply them and use them for milk production.”

Goat Power, an outdoor exhibition of photos from Farm Africa’s Livestock for Livelihoods project by Panos Pictures photographer Chris de Bode will be held on London’s South Bank in October 2020. Find out more at www.farmafrica.org/goatpower
A LAYERED SOLUTION TO FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

Agriculture is the backbone of the Ethiopian economy, but the growing challenges of climate change mean that many farmers struggle to make a profit from their businesses because the traditional crops they grow can’t survive extreme weather...

But the team at Farm Africa’s Market-Driven Climate-Smart Agriculture project knew that it’s possible for farmers like Mohammed to build their resilience to shifting climate patterns, whilst also making their farming more rewarding. Their solution began with a bulb.

“I remember, the first time I heard about the potential of onions. It was two years ago and I was preparing my plot of land to grow maize, when an agricultural expert from Farm Africa proposed that I produce a new onion variety instead.”

Mohammed lives in Ethiopia’s SNNP region. He is one of 5,400 farmers there who are receiving one-to-one training from Farm Africa in how to produce high-value, drought-tolerant crops such as onions, chickpeas and peppers.

“At first I was sceptical, so the advisor took his time and told me about the onion’s high productivity and how it can survive water shortages, humidity and disease.

I was still a bit unsure but when I was told I would be given support to access markets to sell my produce, I was convinced to give it a go.”

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Farming in Ethiopia’s SNNP region has seen significant changes due to climate change, with traditional crops struggling to adapt to new conditions. Mohammed, one of 5,400 farmers receiving training from Farm Africa, was initially sceptical about the potential of onions but was convinced to try it when he learned about the benefits and access to markets.

Mohammed is one of many farmers who are learning new techniques and adapting to climate change challenges. Farm Africa’s Market-Driven Climate-Smart Agriculture project provides one-to-one training to farmers like Mohammed, helping them to build resilience and make their farming more rewarding.

A gift of £62 could help a farmer like Mohamed to access the seeds and support they need to produce high quality crops and grow their income, despite extreme weather conditions. Just £29 could help more rural communities irrigate their crops, increase their yields and become self-sufficient.
THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT

FARM AFRICA REDUCES POVERTY BY UNLEASHING AFRICAN FARMERS’ ABILITIES TO GROW THEIR INCOMES IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE WAY

IN 2019 WE REACHED 830,000 PEOPLE ACROSS 25 PROGRAMMES
HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS YOUR SUPPORT HAS HELPED CHANGE LIVES...

“I was advised to plant chillies by Farm Africa and was shown how best to look after the crops and how to dry them properly to a high quality, so I can get good prices at the time of selling. Chillies will change my life so much! The extra income from chillies will help me send my children to school.”

Regina, Tanzania

“Farm Africa showed me the success that’s possible by growing sunflowers. Sunflower is a crop that is likeable by many. I will never stop farming them because I see they have a bright future! With the income I get from sunflowers I will guarantee that my son can finish college.”

Anyes, Uganda

“I have learnt new techniques from Farm Africa’s Growing Futures project and I know if I work hard I will see prosperity ahead. Now I’m able to pay the rent on my house with no problem. I am praying for an expansion of the project so more people in the neighbourhood can get employment.”

Susan, Kenya

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