

ANIMAL HEALTH COMPLETE GUIDANCE FOR GRAZING SUB-HUMID (RUMINANTS)

Commercially oriented grazing systems in previously forested areas in semi-arid to humid climates



This document provides the complete Animal Health Guidance for Grazing Sub-Humid (Ruminants) Systems as part of the Investing in Sustainable Livestock (ISL) Guide.



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The online ISL Guide (www.sustainablelivestockguide.org) is an information resource and interactive platform for designing and implementing sustainable livestock development projects. The guide's interactive component provides context-specific guidance, suggested activities, and indicators to help livestock projects contribute to sustainable development outcomes; it also includes references for further investigation.

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Introduction to the ISL Guide

The ISL Guide is grounded in tested theory and evidence organized into 12 principles for sustainability in the livestock sector (the Theory Behind the Guide). These principles serve as a framework for assessing the sustainable performance of livestock production systems as well as opportunities for livestock to contribute to sustainability outcomes (see table below). The principles have relevance for project conceptualization (Principle 1), technical project design (Principles 2 through 6), and the broader socio-cultural, political, and economic context in which the project will be implemented (Principle 7).

The ISL Guide takes into consideration a variety of geographic contexts and tailors its guidance to different project objectives and interventions. So, if you are designing or implementing a project that involves livestock, it has detailed recommendations for you. Since the ISL Guide understands sustainability in a broad sense, it will eventually comprise elements not only relating to the environment and animal health and welfare, but also to equity issues such as gender and inclusion. The World Bank and FAO will expand the guide to integrate these issues in due course.

PRINCIPLE 1	
Contribute to a Sustainable Food Future	
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Structure of the ISL Guide

OBJECTIVE:

Improve the productivity of livestock

INTERVENTIONS:

- Feed resources and balance
- Access to fodder and water
- Animal health and welfare
- Animal genetics

OBJECTIVE:

Improve input and services delivery

INTERVENTIONS:

- Develop public and private extension services
- Improve public and private animal health services
- Strengthen provision of input and services

OBJECTIVE:

Strengthen policies, knowledge, and information

INTERVENTIONS:

- Develop and harmonize livestock policies, plans, regulations, and programs
- Develop livestock information systems.
- Improve capacities at central and local government levels.
- Establish research grants and educational programs
- Establish programs to diversify pastoral livelihoods and promote alternative livelihoods

OBJECTIVE:

Improve market access and develop value chains

INTERVENTIONS:

- Producer organizations and alliances
- Post-farm gate facilities
- Value chain opportunities
- Develop livestock fattening activities

OBJECTIVE:

Climate change resilience and emergency response

INTERVENTIONS:

- Improve manure, nutrients, and waste management
- Ensure resilience of buildings and equipment to extreme weather events
- Develop early warning information systems and feed budgeting
- Establish emergency reserves and distribution systems
- Develop risk management programs and products

The ISL Guide provides technical guidance for improving the sustainability outcomes of livestock projects in the following 6 contexts, which cover the different livestock farming systems found worldwide:

- Grazing Dry - Pastoral (Ruminants)
- Grazing Temperate (Ruminants)
- Grazing Sub-Humid (Ruminants)
- Mixed Crop-Livestock, Dry (Ruminants)
- Mixed Crop-Livestock, Humid (Monogastrics)
- Intensive (Ruminants and Monogastrics)

The guidance provided for each of these contexts is organized according to objectives that are typically

found in livestock investment projects (see Process). Each objective is tied to a series of interventions. Those common objectives are:

- Improve the Productivity of Livestock
- Improve Market Access and Develop Value Chains
- Improve Input and Service Delivery
- Climate Change Resilience and Emergency Response
- Strengthen Policies, Knowledge and Information

For every combination of objective and intervention, the ISL Guide provides context-specific guidance for improving the sustainable outcomes, as well as suggested indicators for project monitoring and evaluation.

Overview of Grazing Sub-Humid (Ruminants)

This context covers commercially oriented systems established on land that has been converted from natural vegetation (forest) to pasture. The low productivity of land and animals often limits productivity.

DESCRIPTION OF TYPICAL SITUATION

Many global beef production systems and some dairy and small ruminant production systems have been established on rangelands and pastures that were formerly covered with forest. Such deforested lands, which have become grazing lands are found in a wide array of climates across Latin America and the Caribbean (Neotropics), in Sub-Saharan Africa (RCA, Cameroon), and in Asia (Vietnam, China). In the northern part of South America, Central America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia, semiarid forests (savannahs) are common, while sub-humid and humid forests are widespread across the South American continent — for instance, in the Amazon region and in the Pacific flatlands — in sub-Saharan Africa, and in Southeast Asia. Deforestation has been considerable and is continuing, although some jurisdictions have been able to curb the process. Forests may have been cleared for cropland and later on turned into grazing lands due to economic reasons or declining soil fertility, though forests may also have been cleared with the immediate aim to establish rangelands and pasture; alternatively, cattle may have been introduced on cleared land to secure land ownership. Generally, it is difficult to maintain soil fertility on deforested land in these climates due to deficient management and loss of soil carbon after deforestation. The limited soil fertility causes low grassland productivity and low forage quality which subsequently results in low beef and dairy productivity. Rainfall seasonality and extreme climatic events also constrain productivity by limiting forage yields. Access to markets is another limiting factor as commercially oriented grazing systems are often found in regions with relatively limited population densities. Commercialization in local markets is limited, and production, therefore, tends to target markets located far away and for export. Smaller-scale beef and dairy farmers may thus operate at a disadvantage and be relatively poor; these types

of producers may keep livestock rather as a way to store capital and to sell quickly for cash in case of an emergency. Once such smaller-scale farmers sell their herds, it can be challenging to rebuild them.

As an example, in Latin America and the Caribbean, grazing systems on deforested land are generally extensive beef production systems. Such beef systems, whether small- or medium-scale, are often market-oriented. Some grass-based dairy production is found. While intensification in the fattening stage, i.e., finishing of animal in feedlots, is being promoted, only a small proportion of beef comes from such feedlots in this context. For animal health issues in industrialized systems, please see Context 6. While potentially leading to lower land requirements and reduced direct GHG emissions per unit of product, the shift to such systems requires more concentrate feed. This may, in turn, accelerate the conversion of pasture and forest to cropland, leading, in turn, to higher climate and biodiversity impacts. In recent years, livestock systems are being developed to restore tree cover, improve grassland productivity, and contribute to carbon capture, soil health, and biodiversity recovery. Such “silvopastoral” systems purposively combine fodder plants, such as grasses and leguminous herbs, with shrubs and trees for animal nutrition, protection, and complementary uses. The trees in the combined system may be fodder trees but can also produce timber or agricultural products, such as fruits or nuts. Such combination of tree and grassland production can be established both in semi-humid and dry tropics as long as the species used are adapted to the environmental and soil conditions.

COMMON ANIMAL HEALTH ISSUES

This context includes a wide range of grazing ecosystems and regional risks that, together with the different realities regarding infrastructure and veterinary services development, will shape the presence of diseases and disease risks (Principle 1). Thus, in the African savannahs and sub-Saharan areas major transboundary animal diseases (TADs) such as lumpy skin disease, foot and mouth disease (FMD) and peste des petits ruminants (PPR) remain major concerns,

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contributing both to negative economic impacts by hampering the production and acting as an important obstacle to access to markets. Political commitment supported with adequate budget to implement control-eradication programs are essential to move forward. Vaccination, together with strategies based on zoning, are the best epidemiological approaches to combat the TADs in these areas. The threat of FMD is also extended to Asia, a major TAD affecting-affected the region. On the other hand, most of Central and South America are equipped with good veterinary services and free from major TADs (Principle 2, 7).

Besides the TADs, endemic diseases such as bovine tuberculosis, brucellosis, and gastrointestinal parasites will play a role accordingly to the disease burden, with relative importance alongside TADs in countries.

Furthermore, zoonoses caused by bovine tuberculosis, brucellosis, and rabies can cause major public health threats. Grazing animals are exposed to close interactions with wild animals, thus there are other relevant diseases at the livestock-wildlife-environment interface such as trypanosomiasis, tick-borne diseases, bat transmitted-rabies which emphasize the need for an adequate management plan of the wildlife-livestock coexistence and appropriate biosecurity measures. In addition, other diseases appear associated with this way of production such as poisoning, bloat and hoof/feet disorders. These negatively affect health, and such production traits can have a serious impact on animal welfare (Principle 3, 5).

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OBJECTIVE 1: IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY OF LIVESTOCK

INTERVENTION: Access to fodder and water

ACTIVITIES

- Develop integrated land management approaches to restore and maintain rangeland and pasture productivity.
- Promote adaptive grazing based on small land units in ranches.
- Build capacity in natural resource management planning at community and local levels.
- Develop water resources and distribution in underexploited rangelands.
- Establish dedicated migration corridors (short- and long-distance), rest areas along corridors, pasture reserves, and dedicated dry season grazing areas.

GUIDANCE

P5

Consider a One Health initiative when developing the integrated management approach (OIE, 2008) (Gall et al., 2018).

P2

Promote good biosecurity practices in relation to access to drinking facilities and, where possible, avoid mixing herds to reduce the risk of disease transmission (OIE-FAO, 2009).

P2

All surveillance strategies for transhumant pastoralism and mixed herds should be risk-based. (FAO, 2006).

INDICATORS

Coordination mechanisms under the One Health approach – Number

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health and environment. This indicator can also include initiatives from the private sector.

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Livestock production units that have adopted Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP)– Percentage

This indicator measures the percentage of livestock units that have implemented GAHPs. It should be broken down by farm size, species and type of farm, where possible.

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Animal diseases control program– Number

This indicator measures the number of programs developed and funded for the control and eradication of pertinent animal diseases. Such programs reflect a shortlist of target diseases at the regional or national level and are based on analysis of risk and country priorities.

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National livestock strategies developed and endorsed– On a scale from 0-2

This indicator measures the creation of a national livestock strategy. Such a strategy includes protocols and standard operating procedures to define national priorities for animal health and welfare that can sustainably increase livestock productivity and achieve diversification, commercialization and competitiveness of the livestock subsector. The indicator reflects whether such a strategy is absent (0) or developed and endorsed at sub-national level (1) or national level (2).

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Data management and information system developed – Yes/No or on a scale from 0-4

This indicator measures the ability to generate or compile, analyze and disseminate data in ways that serve to define health strategies, review results or endorse the status of a country. Establishment of fully functional systems can be reported as “Yes/No”, or scaled in levels, for example, level 0 if no system is in place; level I if data is only collected and compiled; level II if this data is analysed; level III if outputs are disseminated adequately; or level IV if overall quality control is included.

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INTERVENTION: Animal health and welfare

ACTIVITIES

- Undertake vaccination campaigns.
- Improve disease early detection, prevention and control.
- Avoid spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).
- Improve livestock welfare.

GUIDANCE

P2 | P5

Disease programs should include plans for emergency preparedness, prevention, control and eradication, and surveillance, according to risk assessment.

P2 | P4 | P5

Vaccination campaigns should promote adequate selection of the vaccine type, pathogen match and source, and account for chain distribution according to the speciation of the product (e.g. food chain) (OIE, 2020).

P2 | P4 | P5

Disease programs require an appropriate disease and livestock information system that includes traceability.

P2 | P7

When culling animals for disease prevention and control, incentives for notification and compensation should be developed to support disease programs (FAO, 2013; OECD, 2012).

P3 | P6

In order to promote sustainability, farmer awareness programs should accompany these activities. Such programs should cover the animal and public health impacts and economic consequences of the inappropriate use of antimicrobials; the need to record the use of antimicrobials for monitoring purposes; and the benefits of improving livestock health and welfare (World Bank, 2019; World Bank, 2017; WHO 2016; OIE 2020).

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Contingency fund for livestock emergencies created and operational – Yes/No

This indicator measures the creation of a contingency fund for livestock emergencies related to drought, disease, and other hazards. Establishing such a

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fund requires well-documented contingency action plans for specific, high-priority, emergency diseases, together with a series of generic plans for activities or programs common to these plans (e.g. setting up national and local animal disease control centers). These also need to have resource and financial plans and appropriate legislative backing for all actions. In addition, contingency plans need to be considered and agreed upon in advance by all major stakeholders, including the political and bureaucratic arms of government and the private sector, particularly livestock farmer organizations. Plans should be refined through simulation exercises and personnel should be trained in their individual roles and responsibilities.

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Farmers/extension agents/service providers— Number

This indicator measures the number of farmers/extension agents/service providers along the supply chains that have been made aware of and trained on animal health issues in the livestock sector, for instance, through the inclusion of animal health issues and options in curriculums, extension manuals, capacity development programs, etc. In addition, the indicator should break down the kind of training received, differentiating between “light training”, such as talks and webinars, “structural modules” (e.g. those of a week in duration), and more robust training based on longer, more in-depth courses.

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Disease early warning system and emergency preparedness in place— Yes/No

This indicator measures the creation of an early warning system that builds on the added value of combining and coordinating cross-sectorial alert mechanisms between relevant government ministries, including protocols and a chain of command. It refers to the surveillance system and alert and response strategy to face emerging diseases, including zoonotic diseases, for which a contingency plan should be implemented, widely known across relevant stakeholder, rehearsed, for example, through simulation exercises. This indicator also measures the improved resilience of pastoralists by

enabling destocking, redistribution, or other actions to avoid the loss of livestock value in the event of a crisis.

This indicator can be rated according to the level of development and implementation. Level I would indicate that there is a strategy for developing a disease early warning system and an emergency preparedness plan; level II would indicate that the strategy has been implemented; and level III would indicate that the strategy has been trialed.

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INTERVENTION: Animal genetics

ACTIVITIES

• Select for improved genetics within the existing herd.

GUIDANCE

P2 | P3 | P1 | P7

Choosing genetic diversity and the adequacy of the breed, race or strains could better prevent and control animal diseases and adaptation of the animals to the environment, weather and to optimize water and feed consumption.

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Livestock production units that have adopted an Animal Welfare management plan – Number/ proportion

This indicator measures the number of livestock units, slaughterhouses, dairies and other processing units; animal gathering points; and markets that have received project support and developed and implemented animal welfare management plans. As a minimum, plans should address the Five Freedoms: freedom from hunger and thirst; freedom from discomfort; freedom from pain, injury, or disease; freedom to express normal behavior; and freedom from fear and distress. This indicator should be broken down by farm size, species and type of farm, where possible.

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OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVE MARKET ACCESS AND DEVELOP VALUE CHAINS

INTERVENTION: Producer organizations and alliances

ACTIVITIES

- Establish and/or build the capacity of new/existing producer organizations.
- Provide financing for subprojects under productive alliances.

GUIDANCE

P3 | P4 | P6

The opportunity should be taken to raise awareness amongst producer organizations about issues related to livestock systems, including food safety, animal welfare, and antimicrobial resistance (FAO, 2016; FAO, 2020).

P2 | P7

Training on developing management plans for animal diseases should be provided to producers and producer organizations.

P3 | P4 | P5 | P7

Include One Health criteria in project selection activities, for example, antimicrobial resistance management between feed producers and farmers (OIE, 2008; Gall et al., 2018; WHO, 2016; OIE, 2020).

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INTERVENTION: Post-farm gate facilities

ACTIVITIES

- Construct and/or upgrade roads between production, processing, and market areas.
- Improve transport and storage capacity.
- Construct and/or upgrade processing plants, slaughterhouses, dairy processing, and (wet or wholesale) markets.

GUIDANCE

P2

Foster systems for data collection, monitoring and traceability, to enable the implementation of checkpoints.

P2

Ensure that proper quarantine facilities are built where necessary and according to risk assessments. Ideally,

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these should be linked to major country livestock accesses and in livestock gathering facilities (e.g., markets).

P2 | P3

Promote the development and distribution of guidelines for livestock health and welfare during transport (OIE, 2020; FAO, 2001).

P4

Consult with food safety specialists to ensure any processing plant, slaughterhouse construction or market to meet the food safety standards.

P5

Contact should be established with public health and environment agencies to support development of an integrated information system for the One health approach (Gall et al., 2018).

INDICATORS

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INTERVENTION: Value chain opportunities

ACTIVITIES

- Raise awareness among consumers of products produced under the project.
- Establish livestock market information systems and support livestock trade associations to access import and export markets.

GUIDANCE

P2 | P4

Foster systems for data collection, monitoring and traceability.

P4 | P5

The opportunity should be taken to raise the awareness of farmers about food safety measures, good farming practices, and biosecurity, to reduce the risk of animal diseases and zoonoses (OIE-FAO, 2009).

INDICATORS

Data management and information system developed – Yes/no or on a scale from 0-4

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INTERVENTION: Develop livestock fattening activities

ACTIVITIES

- Undertake territorial planning to identify and develop reproductive regions (drier) and fattening regions (wetter).
- Develop transportation networks to transport livestock to and from fattening areas.

- Optimize the offtake rate (the proportion of the herd that is sold or consumed each year).
- Create a market demand for products of fattening activities.

GUIDANCE

P2 | P5

Foster systems for data collection, monitoring and traceability.

P2 | P3

Promote the development and distribution of guidelines for livestock health and welfare during transport (OIE, 2020; FAO, 2001).

INDICATORS

Data management and information system developed — Yes/No or on a scale from 0-4

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OBJECTIVE 2:
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OBJECTIVE 3: IMPROVE INPUT AND SERVICES DELIVERY

INTERVENTION: Develop public and private extension services

ACTIVITIES

- Provide extension agents with training and capacity building.
- Develop extension manuals and curricula (In coordination and collaboration with university, vocational school and extension stations).

GUIDANCE

P2 | P3

Put emphasis on the training of extension agents to evaluate and advise herders on disease recognition and notification, herd movement, and the Five Freedoms.

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INTERVENTION: Improve public and private animal health services

ACTIVITIES

- Provide veterinarians and livestock health workers with training and capacity building.
- Provide/enhance official veterinary services with data system for collection, monitoring, analysis and risk assessment
- Provide/enhance infrastructure and equipment of veterinary services, including quarantine facilities and port/harbor checking points
- Provide/enhance Laboratory capacity to support VS activities
- Develop simulation exercises for emergency planning and preparedness
- Develop veterinary and livestock health manuals, SOPs and curricula.

GUIDANCE

P2 | P7

Where available, use OIE PVS reports, including those on legislation and gap analysis, to assess the need for training, analytical work, capacity building and infrastructure (OIE, 2020; OIE, 2019).

P6

During training, raise awareness among veterinarians and livestock health workers about antimicrobial resistance and animal welfare, and their links to livestock health.

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Where possible, provide the option of an integrated health system with the public sector (the One Health approach) and other relevant government ministries (e.g., communication, environment, etc.), particularly during simulation exercises (OIE, 2008; Gall et al., 2018).

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Explore the option of integrating private sector databases and information systems with public ones.

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Establish bridges to integrate private laboratories into the official network by establishing minimum performance standards and a quality control system (such as a proficiency ring laboratory exercise)

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Veterinarians/paraprofessionals trained on animal health issues and options in the livestock sector — Number

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INTERVENTION: Strengthen provision of input and services

ACTIVITIES

- Provide private service and input providers with training and seed financing.
- Foster the development of new services where gaps exist.

GUIDANCE

P2 | P7

When available, use OIE PVS Reports, including Legislation and GAP Analysis, to assess the need for training and financing (OIE, 2020).

P7

Put emphasis on developing markets for sustainable inputs, such as sustainably-sourced feed, organic fertilizers, and organic pesticides.

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Livestock production units that have adopted Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP)— Percentage

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OBJECTIVE 4:

CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

INTERVENTION:

Improve manure, nutrients, and waste management

ACTIVITIES

- Improve integrated manure management in areas where livestock is concentrated.
- Develop territorial approaches to improving the nutrient balance.

GUIDANCE

P6

Consider effective treatment of wastes to reduce and eliminate residual antimicrobials and pathogens.

INDICATORS

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INTERVENTION:

Develop early warning information systems and feed budgeting

ACTIVITIES

- Strengthen early warning systems in remote pastoral areas.
- Develop pastoral crisis response plans.
- Develop seasonal assessments to forecast potential crises.

GUIDANCE

P2 | P7

Harmonize early warning information systems with information systems on livestock, climate, and weather. Harness systems to monitor and evaluate animal

OBJECTIVE 4: CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

disease management in pastoral areas. Harmonizing livestock, climate, weather, and early warning information systems can improve the resilience of pastoralists by enabling destocking, redistribution, or other actions to avoid loss of livestock value in times of crisis.

P7

Include basic animal disease management practices in training and capacity-building programs on pastoral crisis management planning (LEGS, 2009).

INDICATORS

Disease early warning system and emergency preparedness in place— Yes/No

This indicator measures the creation of an early warning system that builds on the added value of combining and coordinating cross-sectorial alert mechanisms between relevant government ministries, including protocols and a chain of command. It refers to the surveillance system and alert and response strategy to face emerging diseases, including zoonotic diseases, for which a contingency plan should be implemented, widely known across relevant stakeholder, rehearsed, for example, through simulation exercises. This indicator also measures the improved resilience of pastoralists by enabling destocking, redistribution, or other actions to avoid the loss of livestock value in the event of a crisis.

This indicator can be rated according to the level of development and implementation. Level I would indicate that there is a strategy for developing a disease early warning system and an emergency preparedness plan; level II would indicate that the strategy has been implemented; and level III would indicate that the strategy has been trialed.

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Contingency fund for livestock emergencies created and operational – Yes/No

This indicator measures the creation of a contingency fund for livestock emergencies related to drought, disease, and other hazards. Establishing such a fund requires well-documented contingency action plans for specific, high-priority, emergency diseases, together with a series of generic plans for activities or programs common to these plans (e.g. setting up

national and local animal disease control centers). These also need to have resource and financial plans and appropriate legislative backing for all actions. In addition, contingency plans need to be considered and agreed upon in advance by all major stakeholders, including the political and bureaucratic arms of government and the private sector, particularly livestock farmer organizations. Plans should be refined through simulation exercises and personnel should be trained in their individual roles and responsibilities.

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OBJECTIVE 5: **STRENGTHEN POLICIES, KNOWLEDGE, AND INFORMATION**

INTERVENTION: **Develop and harmonize livestock policies, plans, regulations, and programs**

ACTIVITIES

- Develop a national livestock master plan.
- Establish regulations for the zoning of livestock grazing and mobility (transhumance) areas.
- Improve equity of grazing and water use rights within pastoralist communities.
- Pilot programs to enable pastoralists to access donor and other multinational financing.

GUIDANCE

P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | P6

A national livestock master plan should include activities to address animal diseases, animal welfare, food safety, zoonosis and antimicrobial resistance.

P7

Where available, use the OIE PVS reports, including those relating to legislation and gap analysis to assess relevant gaps (OIE, 2019).

INDICATORS

National livestock strategies developed and endorsed— On a scale from 0-2

This indicator measures the creation of a national livestock strategy. Such a strategy includes protocols and standard operating procedures to define national priorities for animal health and welfare that can sustainably increase livestock productivity and achieve diversification, commercialization and competitiveness of the livestock subsector. The indicator reflects whether such a strategy is absent (0) or developed and endorsed at sub-national level (1) or national level (2).

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Pastoralists with ongoing, financed projects — Number of projects

This indicator measures the numbers of pilot projects that enable pastoralists to access donor and other multinational financing, as well as other financed projects to improve equity relating to grazing and water-use rights within pastoralist communities.

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INTERVENTION: **Develop livestock information systems**

ACTIVITIES

- Develop animal identification, traceability and performance recording.
- Include livestock data in the agriculture census.

GUIDANCE

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Include data on the use of antimicrobials, and animal welfare indicators, in livestock information systems.

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P2 | P4

Include data on animal diseases and treatment, including for zoonosis.

P2 | P7

Include training and resources for the collection of data that enable disease risk assessment, including information on the transport of animals.

P7

Make provisions for training on the use of the information system, including epidemiological surveillance and risk assessment.

INDICATORS

Data management and information system developed – Yes/No or on a scale from 0-4

This indicator measures the ability to generate or compile, analyze and disseminate data in ways that serve to define health strategies, review results or endorse the status of a country. Establishment of fully functional systems can be reported as “Yes/No”, or scaled in levels, for example, level 0 if no system is in place; level I if data is only collected and compiled; level II if this data is analysed; level III if outputs are disseminated adequately; or level IV if overall quality control is included.

→ Reported annually using project advancement reports.

Livestock production units that have adopted an Animal Welfare management plan – Number/proportion

This indicator measures the number of livestock units, slaughterhouses, dairies and other processing units; animal gathering points; and markets that have received project support and developed and implemented animal welfare management plans. As a minimum, plans should address the Five Freedoms: freedom from hunger and thirst; freedom from discomfort; freedom from pain, injury, or disease; freedom to express normal behavior; and freedom from fear and distress. This indicator should be broken down by farm size, species and type of farm, where possible.

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INTERVENTION: Improve capacities at central and local government levels

ACTIVITIES

- Assess and fill capacity gaps in relevant government ministries.
- Develop early warning and decision support systems and tools.

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OBJECTIVE 5: STRENGTHEN POLICIES, KNOWLEDGE, AND INFORMATION

GUIDANCE

P7

Where available, use the OIE PVS reports, including those relating to legislation and gap analysis to assess relevant gaps (OIE, 2019).

P7

In Particular, address technical assistance, capacity building, and financial resources for monitoring, policy, and extension work, with a special focus on disease prevention, preparedness and control.

P7

Provide relevant government ministries (e.g., agriculture, livestock, water, environment, rural development, finance, energy) with capacity building on integrated management (the One Health approach) (Gall et al., 2018).

P7

Develop protocols for emergencies, including lines of communication and focal points in each government ministry.

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INTERVENTION: Establish research grants and educational programs

ACTIVITIES

- Provide financing options for research and education in livestock development issues.

GUIDANCE

P7

Promote the creation of think tanks focused on identifying the domestic needs of knowledge and their priorities.

P7

Include calls for science and policy research proposals, for example, on livestock waste management, nutrient balancing, zoning, feed resources and feed-use efficiency, animal welfare, labor conditions in production and processing units, and climate-smart livestock development.

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INDICATORS

Promotion of R&D in livestock development initiatives— Number of initiatives

This indicator measures the number of research initiatives (e.g. grants or projects) involving technical personnel or researchers from the country in areas that are relevant to livestock development and sustainability. Such areas include livestock waste management; nutrient balancing; zoning; local and natural feed resources and feed-use efficiency; animal welfare; labor conditions in production and processing units; climate-smart livestock development; local breeds; and local natural resource feed.

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