

Project Evaluation Series

**Evaluation of the project
“Livestock Environmental Assessment and
Performance (LEAP) Partnership”**

Project code: GCP/GLO/369/MUL

Management response

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<p>Recommendation 1.</p> <p>Strengthen the project’s theory of change (TOC) to reflect the complexity of learning and innovation causal paths by: i) “closing the learning cycle”; and ii) clarifying the mechanisms that influence changes in policies and practices. In addition, it should consider incorporating a gender perspective by ensuring equal participation or even actively promoting a gender analysis in policies and practices.</p>	Accepted	As agreed in the 32nd Meeting of the FAO LEAP Steering Committee, LEAP will enhance the TOC of the Partnership project. This activity will be included in the budget for 2023.	NSAL - LEAP Secretariat	01/02/2023	Yes
<p>Recommendation 2.</p> <p>Strengthen the MSP governance, management, and procedures by: i) developing clearer MSP rules; ii) recruiting one additional expert at the Secretariat to provide technical/substantive support to contribute to the development and application of the guidelines as well as systematizing lessons learned; iii) considering a two-year SC co-chair rotation period; and iv) considering a joint Secretariat co-hosted by NSA, NSL, and OCB, which could result in either three FAO co-chairs or one that alternatively rotates among the three divisions.</p>	Partially accepted	<p>At the 32nd meeting of the FAO LEAP Steering Committee, members agreed on the recruitment of a technical consultant to support the Secretariat. However, they rejected the proposed 2 years term for the chair as well as the rotating co-chairs among OCB, NSA, and NSL. The SC highlighted the livestock focus of the partnership and invited LEAP Secretariat to invite other divisions to contribute to its mandate. The joint secretariat was also rejected. Moreover, MSP rules will be developed as highlighted by members.</p> <p>A new consultant will be recruited from 2023 to support LEAP Secretariat. MSP rules will be also developed to enhance LEAP governance.</p>	NSAL - LEAP Secretariat	30/04/2023	Yes

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<p>Recommendation 3.</p> <p>Strengthen collaboration with other initiatives such as GASL and GLEAM by: i) clarifying the relationship and aligning the TORs; ii) engaging SC members in meetings and discussions; and iii) identifying synergies and entry points such as GASL activities (e.g. evidence-based solutions and decision-making, knowledge sharing, awareness raising, etc.) and Action Networks to expand the project's reach to a wider typology of stakeholders or scaling the guidelines through GLEAM-i (e.g. developing joint training material or capacity development).</p>	Accepted	<p>FAO LEAP Partnership Secretariat agreed with this recommendation and it will be implemented in 2023.</p> <p>The alignment between LEAP and GASL will be discussed</p>	NSAL - LEAP Partnership	31/01/2023	No
<p>Recommendation 4.</p> <p>Reduce the budget uncertainty through improved long-term planning and a strengthened resource mobilization strategy by: i) expanding the donor base and tapping into "green funding", such as new opportunities under the Global Methane Pledge; ii) implementing joint activities with GASL and other initiatives or even raising funds together; and iii) considering the establishment of a not-earmarked trust fund to cover both operational costs and ad hoc activities to respond to arising needs or to seize opportunities. Consider strengthening the project's visual identity/branding (e.g. including a FAO LEAP logo together with FAO's logo).</p>	Accepted	<p>This recommendation was accepted by the 32nd meeting of the FAO LEAP Steering Committee. However, the FAO LEAP logo will be evaluated within the rules and policies on project logo at FAO.</p> <p>LEAP will improve and strengthen its resource mobilization strategy and will collaborate closely with GASL for joint fundraising.</p>	NSAL - LEAP Secretariat and Fundraising taskforce	31/01/2023	No
<p>Recommendation 5.</p> <p>Update and improve the dissemination strategy establishing clear goals and roles, including:</p> <p>i) translating the guidelines into languages other than English; ii) scheduling regional workshops;</p>	Accepted	<p>Regional workshops have been organized starting from China in 2022. This activity is planned for 2023 and 2024.</p>	NSAL LEAP Secretariat	01/10/2022	Yes

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iii) engaging the FAO regional offices for targeted dissemination activities; iv) including the FAO LEAP Partnership principles into academic curricula (e.g. in developing countries); v) offering practical tools that can be used to, for example, mobilize climate funds; and vi) considering linking the Catalogue of Applications with the project’s communication strategy (e.g. feeding the findings of the Catalogue into the news and newsletter through a robust and credible peer reviewing process).					
Recommendation 6. Develop an outreach strategy with clear goals such as: i) speed up the process to amalgamating the guidelines (systemic perspective that recognizes decision trade-offs); ii) translate the guidelines into an online interactive platform that ultimately does not rely on FAO input to be populated beyond the interactive interface that represents the planned Navigator; iii) establish task forces to develop new business case studies and approach prospective users with effective and targeted messages and value propositions, including linkages with the NDCs (e.g. through FAO regional offices and/or incubation of national networks); and iv) organize expert workshops in countries and regions to strengthen capacities and deliver the contents of the guidelines to a wider range of stakeholders. The project has access to an excellent pool of experts that could help others to use the guidelines in specific contexts.	Accepted	While the implementation of this recommendation was delayed due to staffing change, it is planned for 2023.	NSAL LEAP Secretariat	31/01/2023	Yes

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