



# PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIVESTOCK VALUE CHAINS IN BANGLADESH TO REDUCE POVERTY

Bangladesh is a low-income economy. The livestock sector is not only a source of income and nutritious food for rural households, it also generates employment for a growing population in the country, particularly for young men and women. The project responded to the request of the Government of Bangladesh to promote the development of the livestock sector, and was aligned with its national priorities and development strategies. It was also designed to respond to opportunities created through the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), launched by the Government of China to promote regional economic development and infrastructural support in 2017, as well as to International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)-China’s support for South-South Cooperation (SSC). The project aimed to identify value chain upgrading opportunities and carry out the pilot implementation of selected upgrading models and strategies, to support the inclusive and sustainable development of dairy and beef value chains in the southwestern region of Bangladesh, particularly for the benefit of smallholder producers and agro-entrepreneurs, and through knowledge and experience exchanges via SSC with China.



## WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The project was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and most activities involving fieldwork in the target region, in-person training, meetings, etc. had to be cancelled. Despite the challenges faced, extensive work was carried out, and various results were achieved through teleworking, telecommunications, and virtual meetings and collaborations. A feasibility study was conducted, identifying needs and challenges, and value chain upgrading opportunities for beef and dairy value chain development, and focusing on the benefits for micro-, small-, medium-enterprises (MSEMs) and livestock farmers, as well as SSC linkages with China.

Knowledge products were developed for learning exchanges, to expose stakeholders to good global practices, including technologies and business development, extension and training materials, case studies, and policy experiences in livestock value chain development in China, in collaboration with Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) and China Agricultural University (CAU).

Stakeholders in the private and public sector, including financial institutions, were connected, consulted and engaged, to create linkages and promote investments.



## KEY FACTS

**Latest Approved Budget**  
USD 500 000

**Duration**  
December 2019 – July 2021

**Resource Partner**  
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

**Partners**  
Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (MoFL), Department of Livestock Services (DLS); United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO); Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS); China Agricultural University (CAU)

**Beneficiaries**  
Smallholder producers and agro-entrepreneurs along dairy and beef value chains in target area in southwestern Bangladesh; DLS of MoFL

# IMPACT

The project contributed to the development of sustainable innovative farms, agribusinesses and related services to operate along the dairy and beef value chains. It is expected that this will contribute to enhancing food security and nutrition, as well as to generating employment and income for a growing population in the country, particularly for young men and women.

# ACTIVITIES

- An SSC mission by the project team and Chinese experts from CAAS and CAU in Bangladesh, and a mission by the project team to China for scoping SSC activities and partners were successfully completed in November-December 2019, in which various stakeholders in the public and private sectors were consulted and engaged; connections and linkages were promoted; and opportunities for value chain upgrading, SSC activities and collaborations were accessed.
- A feasibility study was completed, identifying value chain upgrading opportunities, and proposing upgrading models, strategies and capacity-development activities.
- Stakeholders in public and private sectors in Bangladesh were consulted and engaged, including producers, producer groups and organizations, companies, MSEMs, research institutions, development agencies, and financial institutions. In addition, companies and research institutions in China were connected for SSC purposes, and linkages were promoted among relevant stakeholders and with pertinent projects and initiatives, such as the Livestock and Dairy Development Project (LDDP).
- Case studies on livestock value chain development in China, with relevance to dairy and beef value chains in Bangladesh, were developed in collaboration with CAU.
- Technical, training and extension materials on silage production were developed in collaboration with CAAS.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



## Project Code

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## Project Title

Inclusive agriculture and agro-industrial value chain development as an enabler of poverty reduction in Bangladesh

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