



STRENGTHENING THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES

The global trend of intensification of livestock production systems to respond to the growing demand for livestock products is at its strongest in Asia. This process is characterized by multiple challenges, including increasing pressure on feed resources, the need to improve productivity while ensuring maintenance of biodiversity, consideration of natural resource management, and improving preparedness for increased risks of zoonotic and other diseases. This has raised significant public policy challenges involving the marginalization of smallholder rural producers, minimization of environmental externalities, exploitation of livestock in reducing vulnerability, and enhanced preparedness for the increased risks of zoonotic and other diseases. Dealing with these challenges requires concerted and coordinated policy response, but the capacity to analyse livestock related trade-offs between social, environmental and economic objectives and to design smart policies to balance conflicting interests of different socio-economic groups is extremely limited in the region. This project aimed to enhance livestock sector policy formulation and implementation capabilities in the region, and to better enable the sector to make an effective contribution towards enhancing livelihoods, improving nutrition and promoting equitable economic growth.



WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

Capacity was significantly strengthened in analysing and formulating livestock sector policies and programmes in three countries in the region (Indonesia, Thailand and Lao People's Democratic Republic), through the development of capacity-building tools and the organization of training programmes and a high-level advocacy event. A livestock sector review and situational analysis was carried out in the target countries, and policy options to address critical issues of each country were identified. A draft national livestock policy document was developed for each country, together with implementation plans. The target countries also set up national livestock policy working groups for networking and for developing sound national livestock development policies in their respective countries.

IMPACT

The project interventions increased the capacity of the livestock sectors of the three target countries to make an effective contribution towards enhancing livelihoods, improving nutrition and promoting equitable economic growth, while ensuring ecological sustainability.

KEY FACTS

Contribution
USD 425 000

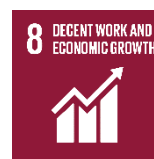
Duration
March 2015 – December 2017

Resource Partner
FAO

Partners
Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC), Government of Thailand; Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Indonesia; Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), Government of Lao People's Democratic Republic

ACTIVITIES

- Policy analysis and formulation manuals, teaching materials and learning exercises developed; and national training courses, multistakeholders meetings and workshops, regional workshop and final meeting organized to enhance capacity in the analysis and formulation of livestock sector policies and programmes of the three target countries.
- Livestock sector policy and implementation plans developed in the three countries, including a livestock sector review and situational analysis in each country; a review of policies and institutional arrangements; the development of draft policy documents; and the organization of workshops to review and endorse the policy documents and implementation plans.
- Draft livestock policy document developed for Thailand, Indonesia and Lao People's Democratic Republic; and three multistakeholder workshops per country held to review and endorse the policy documents.



Beneficiaries

Government officials of ministries of agriculture with target agencies, including MOAC, Thailand; the Directorate-General of Livestock and Animal Health Services, the Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia; the Department of Livestock and Fisheries, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), Lao People's Democratic Republic; the Office of Agricultural Economics (OAE), MOAC, Thailand; the Indonesian Center for Animal Research and Development (ICARD), the Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia; and other relevant government agencies, educational institutions, research and development institutions, livestock businesses, economists, health institutions, private farms, smallholder farmers, livestock processors, feed processors and traders

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