

IGAD Livestock Policy Initiative



A Living from Livestock

Presentation Outline



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Project purpose



To strengthen the
capacity
of IGAD, its member states,
and other stakeholders to

formulate and
implement livestock sector
and livestock related
policies that
sustainably **reduce**
poverty and
food insecurity in
the IGAD Region.





Project purpose: Key areas of capacity building

- **Participation**
 - Voice - Civil Society, Private sector, different sectors of the Government,
- **Evidence based**
 - Knowledge-based decision making
 - Tacit and explicit knowledge
- **Livelihoods focused**
 - Building on the livelihoods strategies of the poor





Project purpose: Vehicles for capacity building

- **Policy Hubs**
 - Multidisciplinary groups created in each of the IGAD member states to ensure broad stakeholder participation
- **Working groups**
 - PHs nominate *ad hoc* working groups, who recommend policy options for ratification by the policy hubs.
- **Information Node**
 - Provide analysis, evidence and information support as well as documenting lessons learned and establishing best practice.
 - Monitor capacity development
- Country-driven programme





Project implementation - Areas of engagement



- Regional Policy Framework on Animal Health in the Context of Trade and Vulnerability
 - Signed in Djibouti in Dec. 2009
 - Focused on TADs, intra-regional trade, poverty & vulnerability, service delivery & institutional capacity,
- Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP):
 - Improve profile of livestock in the national economy - GDP Studies
 - Concept notes





Lessons learnt - key messages from Project implementation



- Livestock has a large potential in eradicating poverty, but this potential remains untapped in the IGAD Region. Poverty and food insecurity is increasing in the Region
- Governments recognise the importance of addressing this dilemma; But policies and institutional environments continue to favour wealthier livestock keepers

The Financing Agreement says:

“...it is widely accepted that member states do not have appropriate policies in place to optimise the contribution of the livestock sector to the achieving development objectives”.

“...in many countries, livestock production is heavily distorted in favour of large scale producers..”



Lessons learnt - key messages from Project implementation



- In order to address the above dilemma, the policies and institutional environment needs to be broadened to support the livelihoods of poor men and women livestock keepers, as they are different to those of wealthier men.
 - Focus on multiple services the livestock offer as opposed to market production
- IGAD LPI through PHs in the IGAD member states has put capacity in place to do this through (i) the process of developing policies and (ii) the development of specific policy frameworks.
 - In pro-poor policy making processes involving evidence based, participatory, and livelihoods focused capacity development
 - Regional Policy Framework and PRSP



Lessons learnt: Implications

- **PARADIGM SHIFT**

Market oriented livestock sector development policies normally bypass the poor.

To effectively address poverty there need to:

- Make a shift towards livelihoods focused policies
- Institutionalise the use of evidence into policy making (Information use, nodes)
- Employ bottom up, participatory methods of developing policy
- Respond to the specific needs of women (focus on disease of production for small ruminants, etc),
- Operate cross -sectorally - between ministries & sectors (water, land, energy),





The way forward



1. IGAD Livestock and Dryland Centre to be established
 - The Centre continues the legacy of IGAD LPI
 - Greater link would be established between the Centre and the PHs

2. Institutionalisation of the policy hub and information node at national levels
 - Policy hubs need to continue to work as a pro-poor livestock policy forum for pro poor policy advice

 - Policy Hubs continue their effort to mainstream the pro-poor livestock agenda in CAADP / PRSP frameworks



Lessons learnt: Implications



3. Ministers responsible for livestock to meet in Djibouti in December to:
 - Explicitly express their support for the need to strengthen the policy and institutional environment in support of poor livestock dependent women and men;
 - Bid for more resources to the sector in line with the economic importance of livestock to the country;

4. Governments to implement the Regional Policy Framework through IGAD



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