The quest for policy and public expenditure opportunities to support implementation of sustainable livestock and aquaculture interventions

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Most of the world’s more than 570 million farms are small and family-run. Small farms (less than 2 ha) operate about 12% of the world’s agricultural land. Of approx. 770 million people surviving on less than USD 1.90 per day, about half depend directly on livestock for their livelihoods, frequently on land unsuitable for cropping. Family farms operate about 75% of the world’s agricultural land. Photo credits: Robyn Alders.
LMICs account for about 80 percent of world aquaculture production dominated by households who have ponds and operate aquaculture as an integrated component of their farming systems. Women play a significant role in aquaculture value chains. Globalization of value chains and increasing demands for certification appear to be marginalizing small-scale producers in many countries.
The BMGF Livestock Initiative: a quick overview

2012-2017

• Focused on
  - sustainable livestock productivity improvement for smallholders in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) and South Asia (SA)

    - dairy cattle (plus water buffalo in South Asia), small ruminants (goats and sheep), and poultry (chickens)

    - on animal health, genetics, and production and markets within the dairy, poultry, and small ruminants value chains
2018 going forward

• Recognise that market failures contribute to keeping small-scale producers poor

• Seeking to understand how country-led policy and public expenditure can contribute to:
  - inclusive agricultural transformation
  - with empowered women and well-nourished families
  - transforming the economy

• Focusing on market-oriented small-scale producers
The current project

Chatham House’s role

To develop a decision tool that will ...

help BMGF to identify policies that support and facilitate the development of economically, environmentally and socially sustainable animal (ruminant and poultry) and aquaculture (fresh and salt water) systems

Through a nutrition- and gender-sensitive lens
The current project

Methodology

• **Literature review** – macro and micro policy mapping
• **Peer-review group formed** – multi-sectoral, multi-disciplinary and multi-country
• **Public call for contributions** – via two online surveys
• **Two case study countries** – One in South Asia and one in Sub-Saharan Africa
• **National roundtable discussion** in each country
• **Prototype decision tree tool and checklist** tested via small group consultations and during national round tables
The current project

Methodology (cont)

• Broad definition of policy
• Open to identifying cross sectoral policy alignments that enable countries to meet economic growth and Sustainable Development Goal targets
How can you contribute?

• **Ask challenging questions** during our Q&A today

• **Meet up with us** after the session to share your ideas

• **Second public call** for contributions in early March

• **Send us your ideas** via email:
  
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