



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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Subject: Request for Information (RFI) for Livestock Systems Research for Development

To All Interested Parties,

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Bureau for Resilience, Environment and Food Security (REFS) Center for Agriculture-Led Growth is seeking feedback for a planned research activity focused on livestock systems research for development. As USAID looks to the future of investments in research for development efforts focused on livestock systems, input from implementing partners, local organizations, researchers, NGOs and other interested stakeholders provides an opportunity for more coordinated, demand-driven, and effective research. To that end, USAID has crafted discussion prompts organized around five themes that are key to the sustainable growth of livestock systems in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC):

1. Feeds, Forages, and Livestock Genetics
2. Animal Health & Welfare
3. Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability
4. Human Health & Nutrition
5. Enabling Factors (social inclusion, policy and markets)

The introductory blog post which links to the five discussion prompts can be found [here](#). Please take the time to review these discussion prompts, and send your input and suggestions by email to livestockresearch@usaid.gov by the date listed above. There will also be a webinar held on **Tuesday, October 8 at 1 PM** Eastern Time (meet.google.com/aqm-kdcp-wqt) where you can give your feedback in a live format.

Responding to this RFI is strictly voluntary. It should be noted that providing comments will not give any advantage to any organization in any subsequent procurement. USAID will not provide answers to any questions submitted in response to this request.

Responding to this RFI will not give any advantage to or preclude any organization or individual in any subsequently issued Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), as comments/responses are strictly for information gathering purposes. This RFI does not constitute a NOFO and in no way

binds the Government to issue a NOFO for this mechanism. The RFI does not represent any award commitment on the part of the Government, nor does it obligate the Government to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of any responses. Information received as part of this RFI shall become the property of USAID. Therefore, proprietary information that cannot be shared should not be sent.

If you have any issues accessing the RFI, please contact Kyle Davis at kydavis@usaid.gov. See Attachment 1 for additional submission instructions.

Thank you for your interest in helping USAID identify priorities for livestock systems research for development programming. We look forward to receiving your responses.

Sincerely,

Rachel Baltes

Attachments:

#1 - RFI Questions and Submission Instructions

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The respondent is encouraged to provide answers to the following questions, with the respondent having flexibility to give input on one or multiple thematic areas. These questions are not meant to be exhaustive or prescriptive, but might help guide your responses:

1. How can existing efforts by the private sector, government, civil society, or other local stakeholders to enhance the following aspects of livestock systems be built upon?
 - a. Feeds, Forages, and Livestock Genetics
 - b. Animal Health & Welfare
 - c. Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability
 - d. Human Health & Nutrition
 - e. Enabling Factors (social inclusion, policy and markets)
2. What are promising research opportunities, innovations, or leverage points that could be used to overcome challenges related to the following aspects of livestock systems in Feed the Future countries?
 - a. Feeds, Forages, and Livestock Genetics
 - b. Animal Health & Welfare
 - c. Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability
 - d. Human Health & Nutrition
 - e. Enabling Factors (social inclusion, policy and markets)
3. What information, data, or evidence is needed to improve understanding of and the capacity to strengthen the following aspects of livestock systems in Feed the Future countries?
 - a. Feeds, Forages, and Livestock Genetics
 - b. Animal Health & Welfare
 - c. Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability
 - d. Human Health & Nutrition
 - e. Enabling Factors (social inclusion, policy and markets)

Please send all responses to this RFI via email to livestockresearch@usaid.gov by the date and time indicated in the cover letter with the theme(s) you are responding to in the subject line.

Respondents will only receive an electronic confirmation acknowledging receipt of response and will not receive individualized feedback on any suggestions. Specific questions about this RFI should be directed only to the email address identified above.

The submitted response and/or questions should include the following information:

Reference Number: RFI - Livestock Research for Development

Date:

Name/Email:

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