Workshop and focus group discussions on the data needs of stakeholders in the Ethiopian dairy sector

Title: Defining and characterising the data needs to support effective decision making in the Ethiopian dairy sector

Date: August 8 – 9 2018

Venue: ILRI, Addis Ababa

Objective: Identify, characterise, discuss and prioritise the data needs of Ethiopian dairy sector stakeholders

Through the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the programme activities of Supporting Evidence-Based Interventions (SEBI) at the University of Edinburgh, a short-term project is underway in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Agricultural Transformations Agency (ATA) to identify the data needs of different stakeholders in the Ethiopian dairy sector, and characterize them by data type, use and relevance to other stakeholders. This is seen as a fundamental priority for the sector as it seeks to respond to the rapidly growing demand for dairy products in Ethiopia (Azage, 2018).

An initial stakeholder mapping process was conducted in May 2018 in Addis Ababa and its surrounding, with a follow up in Hawassa in SNNPR and Mekele in Tigray. From this, a draft tabulation of data needs of different actors in the dairy value chain were identified. The workshop and focus group discussions will build on this process to identify and characterize both current and future data needs by types, their availability, formats, level of detail, methods of dissemination, uptake and use, and the different roles of public and private sectors in decision-making processes.

Participant list

Milk producers including input and service providers Genetic materials, feed, health, price, market access including

- Ethiopian Milk Producers Association
- Ethiopian milk processors association
- Private AI service provider in the country
- Ethio-Feed plc
- National Animal Genetic Improvement Institute
- Private veterinary equipment drug importer and retailer
- Ethiopian Animal Feed Industry Association
- Ethiopian Society of Animal production (ESAP)
- Ethiopian veterinary Association (EVA)
- Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce

Milk processors including input and service providers

- MAMA milk processing company
- Genesis, Debre Zeit

The voiceless producers

- Ada dairy Cooperative, Debre Zeit (representing the voiceless groups)
- Milk Collectors Association (representing the voiceless groups

Artificial insemination operators, other NGOs and bilateral:

- SNV
- FINTRAC
- FAO
- World Bank
- ILRI
- Land O'Lakes, PAID Project
- African Dairy Genetics Gain Programme (ADGG)
- New Zealand Development programme

High level Government Institutions and policy actors

- Director, Dairy Development (Ministry Agriculture and Livestock)
- Animal health Directorate Director, (Ministry Agriculture and Livestock)
- Ethiopian meat and dairy industry development institute (EMDIDI):
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- Central Statistical Agency (CSA)
- SNNPR Regional headquarters Dairy Directorate: Mulugeta
- MoT
- MoFED
- Ethiopian Investment Commission
- Central Statistics Agency (CSA).

Summary Draft Program

Wednesday 8th August

9.00 am:	Welcome and introduction to the workshop
Morning session:	Overview of the roles of data in decision making
	Overview of the Ethiopian dairy sector
	Stakeholder mapping of the Ethiopian dairy sector
	Identifying data needs
	Consensus of workshop outputs
	Lunch break
Afternoon session:	Stakeholder sub-group focus group discussions responding to key data need related questions

Thursday 9th August

9.00 am:	Meeting begins
Morning session:	Review of day one discussions
	Continuation of stakeholder sub-group discussions
	Summary presentations from all different stakeholder groups
	Facilitated discussion of data needs of different actors along the dairy value chain
	Lunch break
Afternoon session:	Identification of priority data needs across the sector, the roles of different stakeholders in generating and sharing data, discussion of the repository for data, and the access by different stakeholder categories
	The potential for influence on dairy sector development policy
	Closing and synthesis