The role of livestock in achieving the SDGs

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Animal source foods: 5 of 6 highest value global commodities (total value of these 5 = US Int $715 billion)

Cow milk has overtaken rice
% growth in demand for livestock products 2000–2030

Based on anticipated change in absolute tonnes of product comparing 2000 and 2030

FAO, 2011
Livestock and the SDGs?

- Relate to almost all SDGs
- In most cases:
  - Positive and negative potential contributions
  - Diverse and dependant on many factors (where; system; commodity; etc......)
  - Complex; trade-offs
  - Dynamic – in transition
- Conspicuously absent from SDGs/indicators
- Too bold.........?.........:
- *Failing to give sufficient attention to this fastest growing, often controversial agricultural sector could impact significantly on attaining the SDGs*
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A valuable market: examples

- Livestock: 40% GDP and growing
- Market value of animal source foods in Africa in 2050 estimated as US $151 billion
- Globally disease reduces livestock productivity by 25% - valued at US $300 billion per year
- Annual global investment of US $25 billion in one health approaches could save as much as US $100 billion annually

Herrero et al. 2014
Demand for livestock commodities in developing economies will be met—the question is how

Scenario #1
Meeting livestock demand by
*importing livestock products*

Scenario #2
Meeting livestock demand by
*importing livestock industrial production know-how*

Scenario #3
Meeting livestock demand by
*transforming smallholder livestock systems*
Replacing the 90% of locally produced animal commodities with imports is not feasible

Economically
Africa’s food import bill (2013): US $ 44 billion

About one fifth is livestock (highest after cereals):
Meat: US $ 5 billion; Milk: US $ 4 billion

Business as usual: the import bill doubles
Smallholders still dominate livestock production in many countries

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Various sources: BMGF, FAO and ILRI
Smallholders: part of the development

• Not sentimentality or a belief in “small is beautiful”

• Based on the evidence and the dual objectives of
  – increasing animal source food supply to consumers
  – supporting rural development and livelihoods

• The evidence:
  – They produce the bulk of the livestock (and half of crop) products in developing countries so need to be part of increase supply strategy
  – They continue to be competitive so won’t go away on their own
  – Does not detract from investing in larger commercial systems
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Transforming livestock VCs:
Opportunities for business, youth, SMEs
Not all smallholders will be part of the solution

Robust productivity solutions:
existing and new science
Delivery Markets Institutions
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Livestock and livelihoods

• 70% of the world’s rural poor rely on livestock for important parts of their livelihoods.
• Of the more than 600 million poor livestock keepers in the world, around two-thirds are rural women.
• Over 100 million landless people keep livestock.
• For the vulnerable, up to 40% of benefits from livestock keeping come from non-market, intangible benefits, mostly insurance and financing.
• In the poorest countries, livestock manure comprises over 70% of soil fertility amendments.
• Many employed in local informal livestock product markets
• 90% of animal products are produced and consumed in the same country or region
• Over 70% of livestock products are sold ‘informally’
Women in livestock raising, processing, trading – gender transformative approaches

Livestock and equitable livelihoods

Inclusive dairy development:
Target: 60 million smallholders in East Africa
Increased economic value
$260 million per annum

Insuring the never-before insured against catastrophic drought in the Horn
Beyond technology:

• New models for one billion to be part of the livestock sector transformation; or to exit positively

• Women, men, young people part of new livestock business solutions

• Securing assets of the vulnerable
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Nutritional divides among 7 billion people today

- Chronic hunger
- Inadequate diets
- Overweight
- Obese
- Balanced diets

Chronic disease likely to cost $35 trillion by 2030

11% of GNP lost annually in Africa and Asia from poor nutrition
Food insecurity and under nutrition remain persistent

72 developing countries have reached the 2015 MDG 1 target of halving the proportion of hungry people. Hunger remains an everyday challenge for almost 795 million people worldwide, including 780 million in developing regions.
Most (75%) emerging diseases come from animals and cost up to US $ 6 billion annually

Emerging zoonotic disease events, 1940–2012

ILRI report to DFID: Mapping of Poverty and Likely Zoonoses Hotspots, 2012
5 million consumers in Kenya and 1.5 in Assam are benefiting from safer milk.

Worldwide livestock antimicrobial consumption is expected to rise by 67% between 2010 and 2030.

Animal source foods for nutrition and health.

Milk in the Data: Food Security Impacts from a Livestock Field Experiment in Zambia

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• Controlling zoonoses; preventing pandemics

• Managing Anti-Microbial Resistance

• Improving food safety in informal markets

• Enhancing the nutritional benefits of animal source foods
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Good grazing management for rangelands: potential to sequester 8.6 million tonnes carbon/year.

Potential to double productivity and halve methane emissions. In India that means 1 million tonnes less methane per year from dairy.

Improve livestock efficiency to produce more product per unit of input – land, water, labour, capital – and causing less environmental harm.

Livestock and sustainable ecosystems.
• Reduce the environmental footprint of livestock through improving productivity

• Generating emission indices to inform appropriate policies in tropical countries

• Rangeland management and pasture improvement for carbon sequestration
Livestock and SDGs: many initiatives

Several initiatives seek to advocate the role of livestock in SDGs:
- Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock
- Livestock Global Alliance
- Livestock Research Group of the Global Research Alliance
- Global Agenda for Climate Smart Agriculture
- Committee on World Food Security - High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition:
  - Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition, including the Role of Livestock
- IADG
- ............... 

- Greater coordination without creating a new institution or structure; build on and engage the existing
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New evidence needed?
Better articulation of existing evidence?
Combination of global/regional/national data with anecdotes?
Who should engage, where and how?
THANK YOU

• (food, manure, traction).

• Livestock are central to the lives and well-being of developing country women, children and households.

• Women livestock producers, processors and sellers are essential to developing country economies.
better lives through livestock