#### FEAST

#### Why, What, When, Where .... So What, What Next?

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## - Why is there a need for a better approach to livestock feed intervention?



#### Feed is a key issue in developing world livestock systems

### Extreme seasonality of feed supply in Boneya District, Wollega, Ethiopia – from FEAST report





Felix Zingg, University of Bern, unpublished data 2011

#### Standard response is technology promotion

#### Urea treatment of straw – Uttarakhand, India

## Often what is promoted does not work – why not?

- Researcher driven solutions are often:
  - Not suitable for local context
  - Not dealing with the key constraints
  - Do not sufficiently involve farmers and other local stakeholders in their selection and design
  - Do not take account of wider system constraints such as labour, markets etc.



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### Forage chopper lying unused - India



- What is needed to avoid futile feed development?
  - A systematic approach to assessing the feeding context
  - Looking wider than just feed
  - Involving farmers and local stakeholders in the process
  - Asking the right questions in a structured way



### FEAST – Feed Assessment Tool

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- A systematic approach to understanding the overall feeding system and thinking with farmers and local stakeholders about possible interventions
  - Focus group discussion
  - Participatory solution identification
  - Household Questionnaire with a few households
  - Data entry and presentation system
  - FEAST report



ACIAR ELF project: applying the FEAST Focus Group Discussion in Ethiopia. Key questions about farming system, livestock holdings, feed resources, labour issues.....

Farmers discussing constraints and solutions, Uttarakhand, India

Ato Liyusew of Holleta Research Centre, Ethiopia, interviews subsistence dairy farmer

#### Sorts of constraints identified





#### Sorts of solutions identified











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#### Data entry and analysis application



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Using FEAST to characterize the farming and livestock production systems and the potential to enhance livestock productivity through improved feeding in in Golgolnaele, Atsbi-Wonberta District, Tigray, Ethiopia

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Enhancing dairy-based livelihoods in India and Tanzania through feed innovation and value chain development approaches

Report of a livestock feed assessment in Mvomero District, Morogoro Region, the United Republic of Tanzania







• Evolution of FEAST



## Originally developed at cross-country workshop of IFAD Fodder Adoption Project in Hyderabad in 2009

Werner Stür

#### Luke York, Australian intern developed it further in 2010

#### Ben Lukuyu developed the training course for FEAST

#### The Feed Assessment Tool (FEAST): **Relevance for analyses and capacity** development in dairy value chains

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#### Why FEAST?

- · It broadens assessment to look at:
  - Is livestock an important livelihood strategy?
  - How important are feed problems relative to other problems? What about labour, input availability, credit, seasonality, markets for
- Identifies feed gaps and provides some ideas for key problems and solutions



#### Sample outputs

income

Shows whether livestock is an important source of

✓ Shows the various sources of households' income ✓ Indicates the percentage contribution of various income sources

✓ Displays annual distribution of rainfall in the area

✓ Shows seasonal available feed resources throughout the year



Feed availability



**Dietary** composition



#### ✓ Shows fodder a

✓ Shows the variou that contribute to content, crude prote Metabolizable energy

✓ Shows quantities of feed over a 12

✓ Shows crops

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## Arindam Samaddar developed constraints/solutions methodology

### Peter Ballantyne helped with comms, marshalling, championing

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#### Improved FGD guide and Questionnaire







- Where it has been applied
- Where should it be applied?



### Download by country



### Download organization type



### Ethiopia



#### The world





#### So What?

- How does FEAST help?
  - Gives ideas for feed interventions
    - Appropriate
    - Owned by farmers
    - Fit the context
  - Change knowledge, attitude, practice of those who use them
    - Broader thinking
    - Better understanding of farmer constraints



#### Where next?

- Couple FEAST with Techfit for prioritizing specific interventions
- Look for opportunities to use FEAST thinking for other problems
- Roll out e-learning materials
- Develop global database of FEAST data



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