

Proposal 7: Capacity Building for SARD Good Practices: Sustainable Livestock-Centred Community Development

Submitting MGs / CSOs	NGOs: Livestock Working Group (LWG)
Country of Implementation	Global, with initial focus on Eastern and Southern Africa
Agro-ecological context	Various
Duration and Total Budget	3 years, \$400,000 to be designed with donors and partners

Major groups (MGs) concerned:

- NGOs
- Indigenous Peoples
- Farmers
- Women,
- Workers & Trade Unions
- Local Authorities
- Scientific & Technological Community
- Business & Industry
- Youth
- Consumer and Media Interest Groups

Success indicators:

- No. of culturally relevant local language educational materials developed
- Training workshops designed and implemented (Zimbabwe and Kenya)
- No. of local learners able to assess needs and implement solutions
- Identification and sharing of case studies for scaling up

Partners to be engaged:

Africa Centre for Holistic Management, Zimbabwe; Heifer International; Humane Society International; IPSA; IUF; Indigenous Information Network-Kenya; Livestock Stakeholders Self-Help Farmers' Association-Kenya and other grassroots organizations; Namibian Meat Board; Global Alliance for Humane Sustainable Development and partners in the Americas; IFSA; Linking Local Learners; In Motion Magazine; CGIAR (ILRI), IFAD, FAO, and Ministries of Agriculture.

Expected Outcomes and Contribution to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

Increased sustainable livelihoods and capacity of rural communities to transition to and implement good agricultural practice in livestock and wildlife management; enhanced MG and multi-stakeholder collaboration, and facilitated linking of local lessons learned with policymakers at national, regional and international level. Impacts on MDGs 1, 7 and 8.

Proposed Objectives and Approaches

- Establish a mechanism to promote multi major group/CSO, government and inter-governmental collaboration (LWG) to coordinate activities at local, regional and international level.
 - Develop curriculum for a regional training course addressing holistic management of land and environment; livestock- centered approaches to local development; and humane animal production.
 - Train community leaders and build the capacity of communities to access SARD resources and information through internet, local and regional workshops.
 - Identify, document and report on successful case studies and policy implications; collaborate on shared experiences and expertise through regional and international learning exchanges.
- The approach used is a multi-major group and GO/IGO stakeholder collaboration.

Building upon Experience

The core stakeholders have applied for a planning grant to develop a long-term project proposal that builds on experience that has demonstrated an existing model of holistic management addressing the role of animals in enhancing land, water and biodiversity; building capacities of rural families and communities in problem solving and decision making; demonstrated economic, environmental and health benefits of humane livestock practices.

Major Group Inputs

At the end of three years, the project will have developed relevant curriculum materials and implemented regional training workshops, identified case studies and successful SARD program practices and policies for upscaling successful approaches to livestock-centered community development.