

Livestock as key issue in agricultural extension and advisory in Sub-Saharan Africa to achieve food and nutrition security

Agricultural extension has been a subject of restructuring and reforms since the early 1990s. The goals of agricultural extension include transferring of information from the global knowledge base and local research, to farmers, enabling them to clarify their own goals and possibilities, helping them to make better decisions and stimulating desirable agricultural development. In agricultural extension program, livestock usually takes second place to crop production partly because the skills required for animal husbandry are very different from those associated with cropping and agronomy.

The general objective of the project is to analyse activities on livestock extension in three West African countries (Burkina Faso, Mali and Benin), in order to identify the strategic role that livestock extension could play for increasing agro-pastoral production, improving rural incomes and the joint management of natural resources. A systematic review on livestock issues in agricultural extension in Western Africa will also be done.

Collaborating partners and institutes:

- Polytechnic university of Bobo-Dioulasso (Burkina Faso)
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
- Abomey Calavi University (UAC, Benin)
- Rural Polytechnic Institute (IPR, Mali)
- The ministry of animal resources (Burkina Faso)
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