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# Animal Welfare as a component of Sustainable Livestock Sector Transformation (needs, tools, resources)

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Animal welfare should not be seen as a stand-alone issue, but in relationship with other important SDGs objectives such as food security and safety, human, animal and environmental health, the containment of antimicrobial resistance, economic, environmental and social sustainability, biodiversity conservation, gender equality and social justice.

FAO gives priority to an approach to animal welfare that leads to benefits for both producers and their animals



# How? A roadmap for success



Building a more sustainable, efficient, inclusive,  
and resilient livestock sector for all



## Sustainable Livestock Transformation Framework

**1.**

Building **science** and evidence-based narratives or visions for Sustainable Livestock Transformation

**2.**

Promoting the adoption of tailored and context-specific **good practices**

**3.**

Promoting and implementing **policy and responsible investment** for impact at scale

**4.**

Accelerating sustainable transformation of livestock sector through greater cooperation, **partnership and innovation**

**5.**

Taking a holistic approach that considers the multiple sustainability dimensions of livestock systems throughout the entire value chain

“Outcome” = actors along the value chain **share and adopt good practices**

“Impact” = better production, better nutrition, better environment and a better life

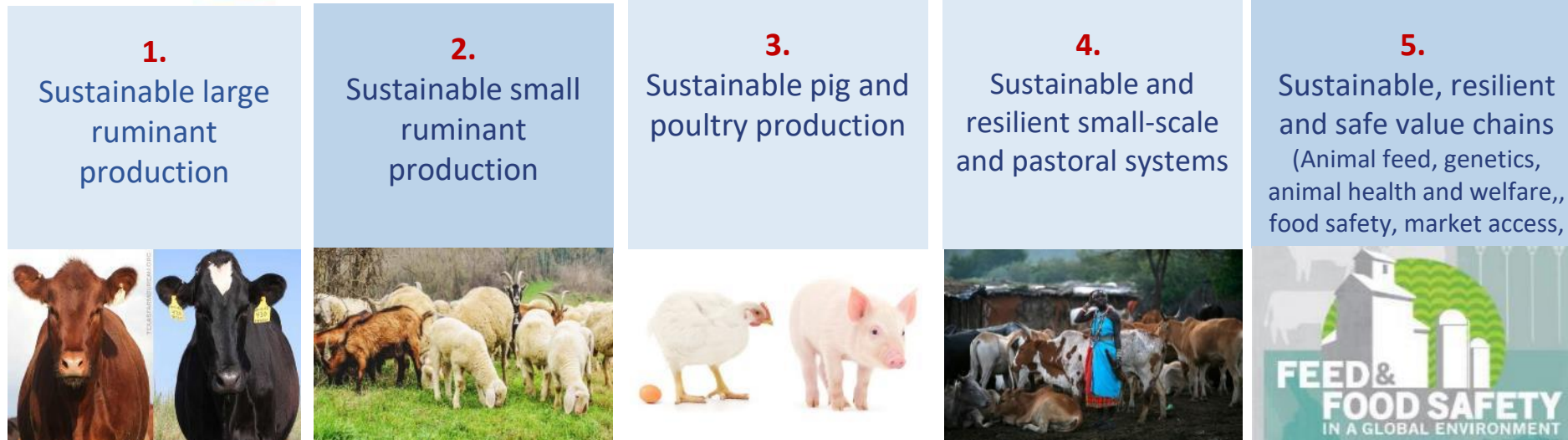
# Focus areas – sustainable pathways



Taking a **progressive approach** towards a more sustainable, efficient, inclusive and resilient livestock sector



(With country, region, sector context-specific)



## forthcoming

- World Conference on Animal Welfare in the Sustainable Agri-food Systems - Towards the sustainable agri-food systems' transformation , 29-30 October 2024, Beijing, China
- Regional Conference for the Sustainable Transformation of Livestock in Latin America and the Caribbean, 5-6 November 2024, Punta del Este, Uruguay
- Livestock Innovation Forum - Innovations to Support Sustainable Livestock Transformation in the Asia and the Pacific Region, 12-15 November 2024, Thailand
- FAO Sustainable Livestock Transformation Hub – Sharing good practices
- Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Livestock Transformation

How can better animal welfare contribute to sustainable transformation of the livestock sector?

- Increase in production performance (increase in food security and economic sustainability)
- Positive effects on human and animal health, the containment of antimicrobial resistance, gender empowerment
- Positive effects on the environment

- ❑ higher productivity and product quality (minimise pain, fear and distress lead to meat quality improvement)
- ❑ lower pre-slaughter losses (fewer bruises and injuries during transport result in less carcass downgrading)
- ❑ lower animal and public health risks (including lower use of antimicrobials)
- ❑ higher potential for early diagnosis of diseases, production decreases and behavioural problems
- ❑ higher workers' safety (lower incidence of abnormal & injurious behaviour)
- ❑ higher access to market opportunities
- ❑ better image of animal source food





# What does it take?

- ❑ Advocacy, awareness raising, education, information sharing, dialogue, communication
- ❑ Multi-disciplinary approach
- ❑ Risk assessment, benchmarking, measuring, monitoring
- ❑ Balancing multiple constituencies' interests and concerns
- ❑ Access to technical and scientific information
- ❑ Adequate policies and legislation
- ❑ Compliance (good practices), verification
- ❑ Training, training, training



# What does FAO provide?

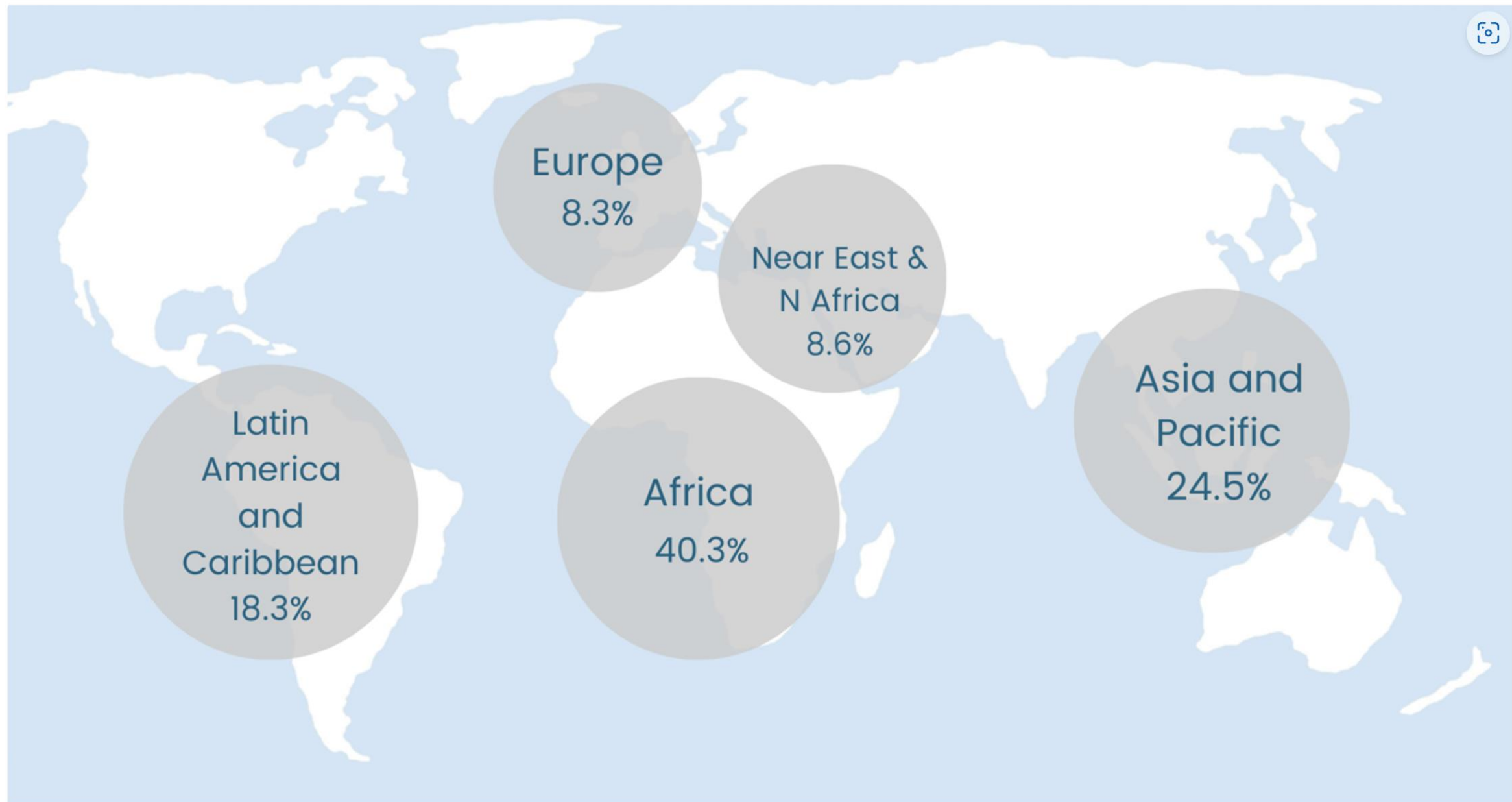
- ❑ Technical and scientific information, guidelines and good practices
- ❑ Capacity development, Training of all operators
- ❑ A forum, a platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue and collaboration
- ❑ Opportunities for awareness raising, education, information sharing and communication

# Technical Cooperation Programme

[TCP in Numbers](#) [Background & Criteria](#) [Results and Indicators](#)



The Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) was created to enable FAO to make its know-how and technical expertise available to member countries upon request. TCP projects are subject to approval criteria that ensure relevance and sustainability of the assistance provided, while catalyzing results towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.



## **Eligibility for TCP Assistance**

All FAO member countries can request TCP development assistance, with special attention given to Low-Income Food-Deficit Countries (LIFDCs), Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and/or Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Middle-income economies can receive TCP funding on a grant basis, with activities focused on providing technical expertise and developing capacity. High-income economies can access TCP funding on a cost-recovery basis only.

All FAO member countries are eligible for TCP emergency assistance on a full-grant basis.

## **TCP project criteria**

To be eligible for TCP funding, all project proposals must meet the TCP criteria set by FAO's Governing Bodies. In particular, TCP projects must:

### **Align with national priorities and FAO's mandate**

TCP assistance is aligned to FAO's Strategic Framework and the Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs). All new CPFs are now directly derived from the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCF). UNSDCF Outcomes and Outputs relevant to FAO work, as well as related SDG Targets and Indicators, are copied verbatim into the CPF. The Annualized Resources Matrix of the CPF captures how TCP resources are being allocated in support of achieving CPF Outputs and Outcomes and, in turn, SDG Targets and Indicators. TCP assistance at subregional, regional and interregional level is aligned to the Strategic Framework and based on requests from or priorities defined by the Regional Conference, (sub)regional organizations or a group of countries. Linkages to the CPFs and emerging priorities of participating countries are also of relevance in the selection of projects.

### **Address a critical gap**

TCP assistance aims to fill a gap in one of the technical domains in which FAO has a recognized competence and comparative advantage that cannot be provided more effectively by others.

ensure sustainable impacts.

## **The TCP provides two broad types of support:**

1. Development assistance to address areas related to FAO's mandate and competencies that are covered by the Strategic Framework and the CPF; and
2. Emergency assistance to support early action, response and early rehabilitation in disaster or crisis situations.

The TCP appropriation for the 2024-2025 biennium amounts to USD 141.3 million, i.e. 14 percent of FAO's Regular Programme budget. Funds for emergency projects (15 percent of total) and inter-regional projects (3 percent of total) are managed from headquarters, while the bulk of resources (82 percent of total) is allocated and managed by Regional Offices, in line with shares established by Governing Bodies.

A TCP project can have a budget of up to USD 500 000 and should be completed within 24 months. Simplified procedures apply to projects with a budget of below USD 100 000, also referred to as the TCP Facility, which are typically limited in scope (e.g. specialized training, conduct of sector-related studies or assistance in the formulation of project proposals for donor funding).



## How we work

The FAO Investment Centre works with countries, financing partners and other investors to improve the quality and quantity of agrifood investments.

It draws from FAO's vast expertise – technical, analytical, data, policy – to provide investment and finance solutions tailored to a country's needs.

With five geographic services, the Centre combines global outreach with in-depth country focus. And it works with an ever-expanding range of financing and knowledge partners, including impact investors and development banks.

Together, our aim is to help countries accelerate the sustainable transformation of agrifood systems to create a better life for all, leaving no one behind.



## Global Farmer Field School Platform



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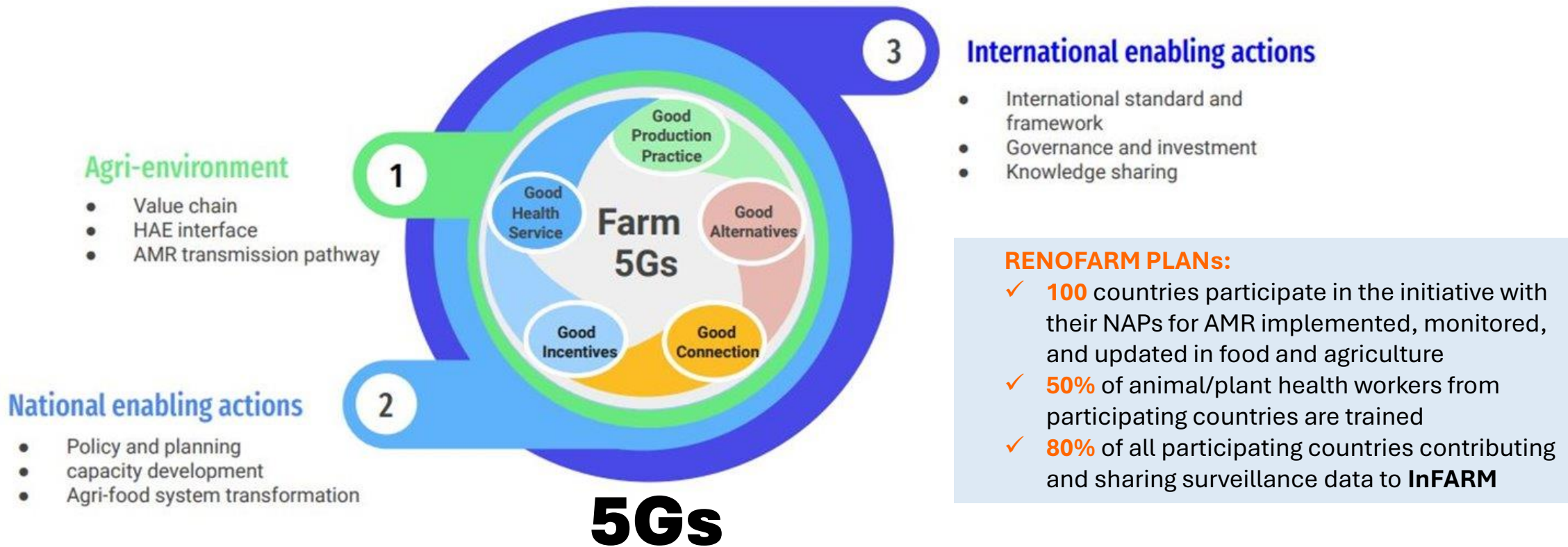


Scoping Assessment on Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and Climate Change Extension

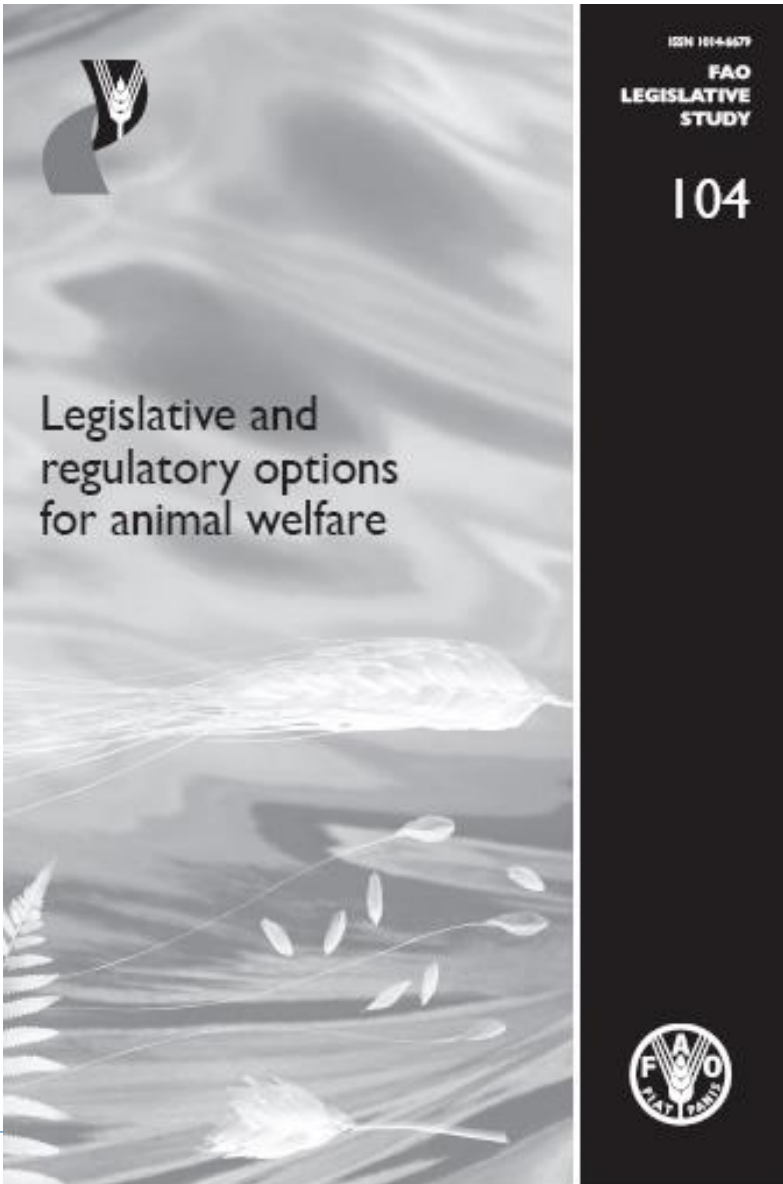


# RENOFARM initiative

A 10-year FAO initiative to **Reduce the Need for Antimicrobials on Farms** for sustainable agrifood systems transformation



# Legal advise



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Applying the  
One Welfare approach

**Animal Welfare Good  
Practices in Agriculture  
Development**

# An initiative of:

- World Bank
  - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
  - World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)
  - World Federation for Animals
  - Wageningen University and Research (WUR)
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A woman wearing a light blue headscarf and a patterned dress is smiling at the camera. She is surrounded by a large flock of chickens of various breeds, including white, black, and speckled ones, in a dirt enclosure. A yellow bucket is visible near her. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting an outdoor setting.

**This initiative brings together actors of development, technical partners and the civil society to collect good and aspirational practices and prepare practical guidance on animal welfare in the specific context of Low- and Middle- Income Countries (LMICs).**



## Internship Programme

The Internship Programme is a learning opportunity aimed at attracting talented young women and men who are strongly motivated to share their new perspectives, innovative ideas and latest research experience in FAO's domains.

The Internship Programme provides selected students, enrolled in an under-graduate or post-graduate degree programme or recent graduates, with the opportunity to supplement their academic knowledge with a practical work experience in a field related to the work of FAO. It will enable them to gain a better understanding of FAO's mandate and programmes. At the same time, the Programme provides FAO with the assistance of qualified individuals specializing in relevant fields in connection to **FAO's Strategic Framework** and to **UN Sustainable Development Goals**.



## Young Professionals Programme

### What is it?

The Young Professionals Programme (YPP) is a recruitment initiative targeted at talented, qualified young professionals who are mainly nationals of non or underrepresented members. Priority consideration will be given to candidates from Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and developing countries in general, to start a career as an international civil servant with FAO.

[Interview Tips](#)

[List of Non & Under-Represented Countries](#)



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