







FAO Tools, Programmes, Regional Support on Laboratories

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Outline of the Presentation

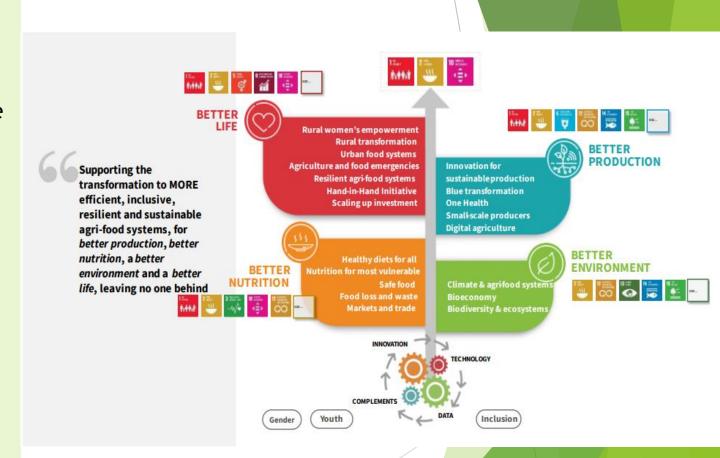
- FAO in Africa How Animal Health and One Health are delivered?
- FAO laboratory support in Sub-Saharan Africa
- FAO tools in animal production and health
- Challenges and Way forward





Guiding Framework, Recommendation, Initiatives

- Guided by the FAO Strategic Framework 2022 - 31
 - Four betters: Better Production, Better Nutrition, Better Environment, Better Life
- Guidance
 - Recommendation from the FAO Africa Regional Conference
 - CAADP Kampala declaration 2025
 - COAG Subcommittee on Livestock a recommendation from the first session
 - Sustainable Livestock Transformation and OH in Agrifood System initiative
 - Outcomes of COP28: Launch of a new report on "the Pathways towards lower livestock emissions



Key Projects/Activities in Animal Health

Countries with DTRA projects



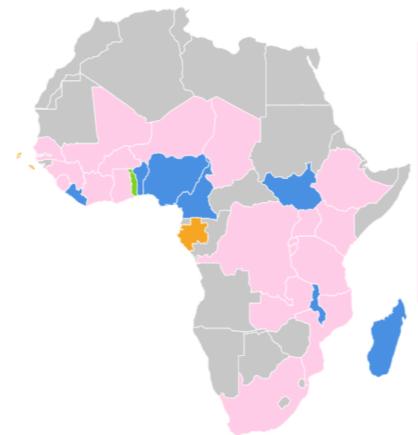
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Countries with ECTAD projects

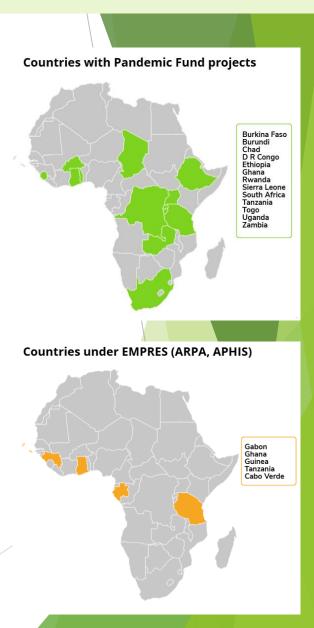


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Countries with at least 2 projects

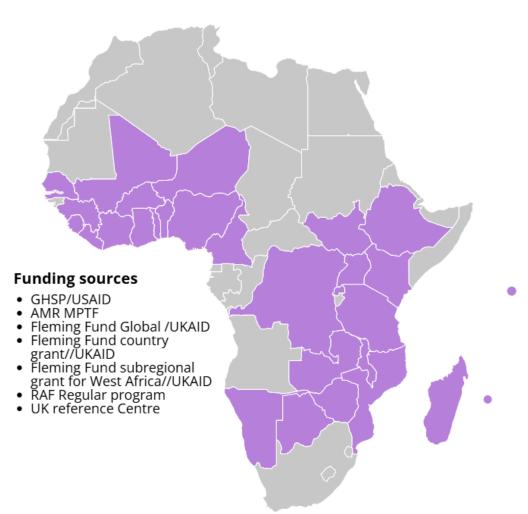


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AMR Mitigation Projects and Activities (2024)

Mitigation of Antimicrobial Resistance



Burkina Faso Benin Botswana Cameroon Cote d'Ivoire DR Congo Ethiopia Ghana Guinea Kenya Liberia Mali Madagascar Malawi Mauritius Mozambique Namibia Niger Nigeria Rwanda Senegal Sevchelles Siérra Leone South Sudan Tanzania Togo Uganda Zambia Zimbabwe

Improved

- Detection of AMR threats
- Community-level good practices
- Awareness among governments, producers, traders and other stakeholders

Achieved by

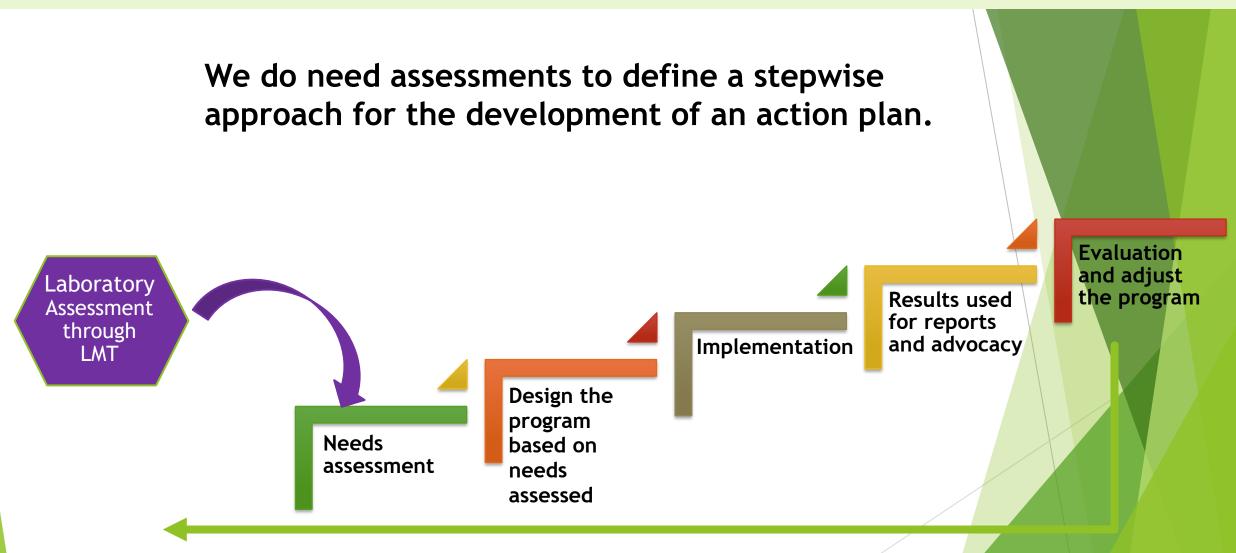
- Supporting countries AMR NAP
- Enhance laboratory assessments and AMR surveillance capacities
- Strengthening capacities for early and accurate detection of AMR bacteria
- Accelerating behavioural changes

FAO Laboratory Support in Africa

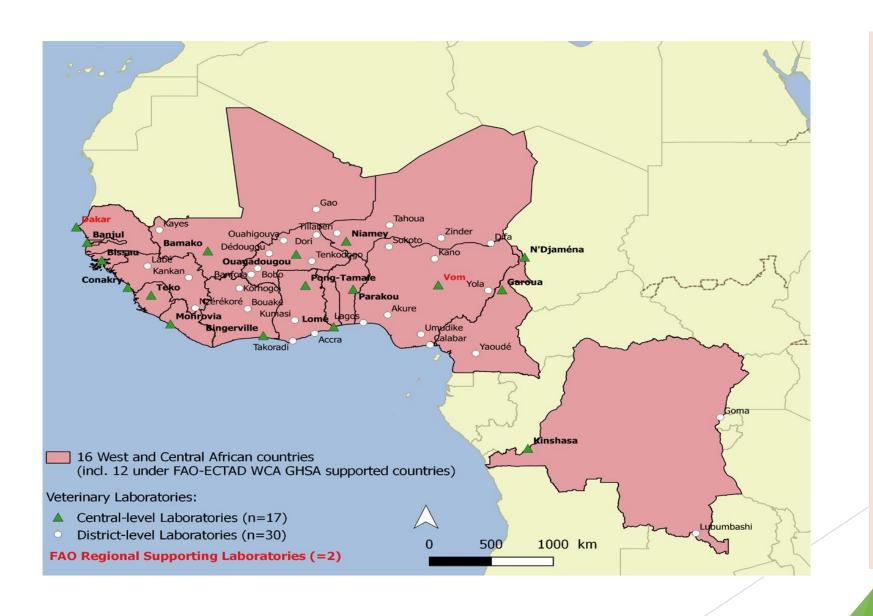
- Transforming laboratory infrastructure and capacities
- Capacity Building
- Strengthening the specimen referral and transport system
- Laboratory assessment and diagnostic capacities
- Quality assurance and governance



Laboratory Capacity Building



Lab Support: Vet Labs in Western and Central Africa



Benin

Burkina Faso

Cameroon

Côte d'Ivoire

DR Congo

Ghana

Guinea

Liberia

Mali

Niger

Nigeria

Sénégal

Sierra Leonne

Togo

Highlights & Results: West and Central Africa







Rapid detection of TADS/PDZ in all supported countries:

- Shortened turnaround time (30 days to < 2 days);
- Tested PZDs using basic and molecular techniques.

LIMS enhanced samples traceability and timely reporting:

- Increased consistency and quality data and reports;
- Improved service delivery.

Proficiency tests for various disease

Improved accuracy and reliability of results.

Enhanced diag.
capacity: in year 1,
only 4/13 vet labs
test for Al. Now, all
the labs using
serology & and
mole. tech

Participation on COVID-19 testing: testing human COVID-19 suspected samples. Ex Ghana.

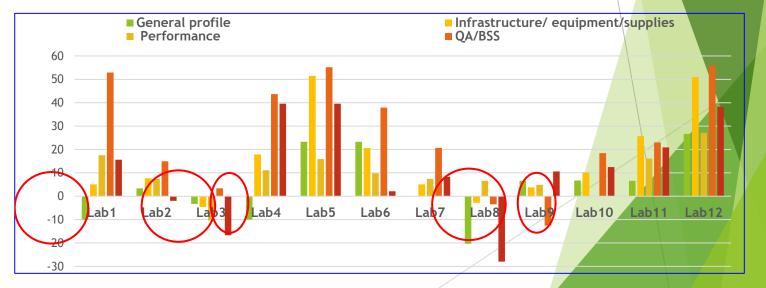
Accreditation-ISO17025: LANAVET-Cameroon (2019), LNERV-Senegal (2022) and NVRI-Nigeria (2023)

LMT-core results show positive trends in WCA National VetLabs

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5 LMT Areas	2016	2022	2016	2018	2016	2019	2016	2023	2016	2021	2016	2023	2016	2023	2015	2022	2017	2021	2016	2021	2016	2018	2016	2023
General profile	46.7	36.7	83.3	86.7	60.0	56.7	56.7	46.7	26.7	50.0	26.7	50.0	53.3	53.3	80.0	59.7	76.7	83.3	60.0	66.7	56.7	63.3	16.7	43.3
Infrastructure/ equipment/supplie s	37.2	42.3	56.4	64.1	53.3	48.7	32.1	50.0	6.1	57.6	30.7	51.3	34.6	39.7	59.0	56.2	73.1	76.9	51.3	61.5	39.7	65.4	2.7	53.6
Performance	22.2	39.7	66.7	74.1	54.3	44.0	33.3	44.4	18.8	34.7	19.8	29.6	38.3	45.7	54.3	60.9	53.1	58.0	50.6	50.6	44.4	60.5	3.5	30.6
QA/BSS	13.8	66.7	64.4	79.3	46.0	49.4	24.1	67.8	8.0	63.2	16.1	54.0	27.6	48.3	51.7	48.2	77.0	64.4	32.2	50.6	39.1	62.1	4.8	60.7
Collaboration/ networking	33.3	48.9	70.8	68.8	50.0	33.3	25.0	64.6	27.1	66.7	27.1	29.2	54.2	62.5	62.5	34.5	31.1	41.7	50.0	62.5	60.4	81.3	5.6	43.8

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code	20%	40%	60	80%	100
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- 1. General profile: 4/12 labs
- 2. Infrastructure: 2/12 labs
- 3. Performance: 1/12 lab
- 4. QA/BSS: 2/12 labs
- 5. Collaboration/networking: 2/12 labs



^{*}Accredited labs ISO-17025

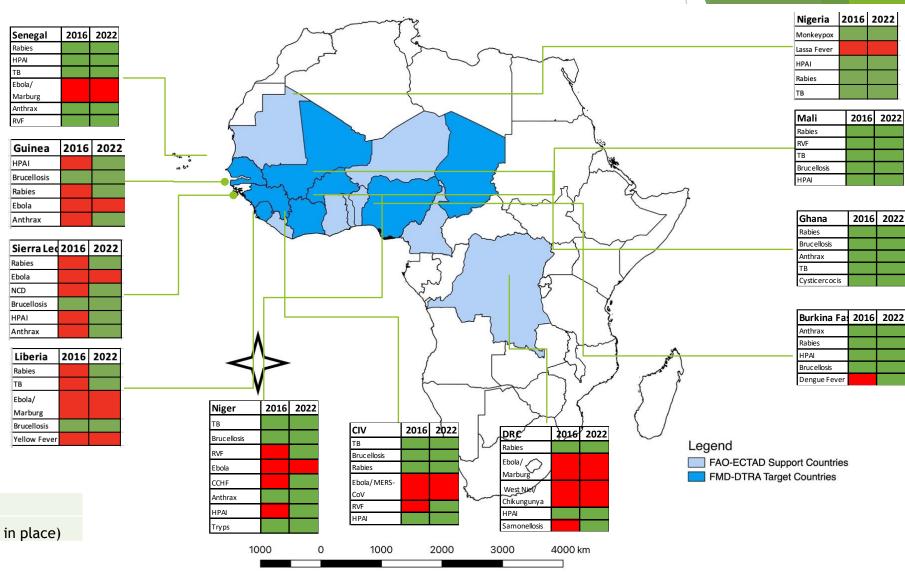
WCA Laboratory PZDs Detection Capacity Enhanced (2016 vs 2023)

Priority Zoonotic diseases under ECTAD:

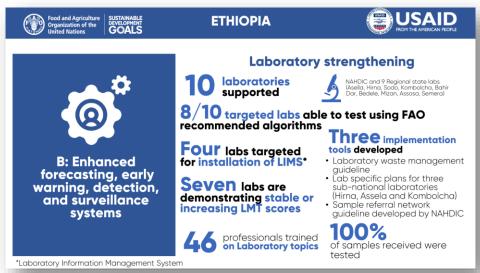
- Anthrax
- Avian Influenza
- Bovine Tuberculosis
- Brucellosis
- Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever
- Dengue fever
- Lassa Fever
- MERS-CoV
- Rabies
- Rift Valley Fever
- Salmonellosis
- SARS CoV 2
- Yellow Fever

Capable to test

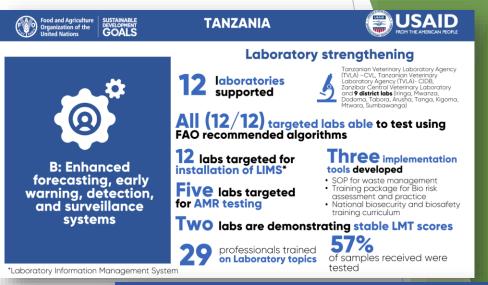
Not Capable to test (BSL3/4 not in place)

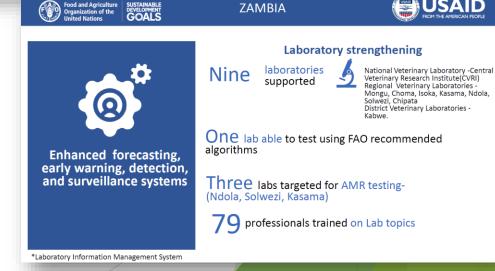


Highlights and Results: Lab support in ESA









Lab support - ESA

- Intra-regional lab networking EARLN/EAC, IGAD; LTC/SADC; RESOLAB/ECOWAS, RSLs
- Extra-regional lab networking with FAO reference centers on zoonotic diseases such as RVF, HPAI, Rabies, Brucellosis
- Regional biosecurity & biosafety and QA frameworks
- Multisectoral collaboration with public health and Environment sector
- Use of Innovative technologies including portable PCR, metagenomics platforms
- Multisectoral collaboration (Vet labs testing of human samples, IATA sample shipment)



LMT results show positive trends in lab capacities- ESA

Main gaps identified

- Deficiencies in Quality Management System implementation
- Old/uncalibrated/no equipment and poor reagent supply
- Inadequate biosafety and biosecurity practices

	Laboratory													
	A			В			С			D			E	
LMT Area result	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2018	2020	2022	2021	2023
General laboratory profile	86.7	93.3	93.3	83.3	86.7	83.3	76.7	80.0	83.3	85.2	88.9	90.0	53.3	73.3
Infrastructure, equipment, supplies	67.9	78.2	80.8	52.6	60.3	72.5	42.3	53.8	73.1	51.0	69.2	76.2	29.5	58.7
Laboratory performance	75.3	75.3	74.1	69.1	75.9	61.1	32.1	54.3	66.7	55.6	60.3	54.9	43.1	51.9
QA, Biosafety/Biosecurity	62.1	81.6	81.6	56.9	74.7	75.9	26.4	52.9	71.3	59.8	64.4	79.8	23.0	42.7
Lab collaboration and networking	77.1	77.1	75.0	58.3	64.6	60.4	29.2	43.8	54.2	37.5	52.1	70.8	2.1	66.7

Colour code		20- 40%	40- 60 %	60- 80%	80- 100 %
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How are LMT results used?

- Regional QA and BSBS Roadmap programme
- Participation in EQA/PTs including subnational labs
- Provision of equipment, calibration services and reagents

Highlights and Results - ESA



Development of OH BRM Curriculum (3), improved biorisk management



Improvement in JEE critical capacity scores across the Action Packages (AMR, ZD, BS/BS, NLS, Surveillance, HR)



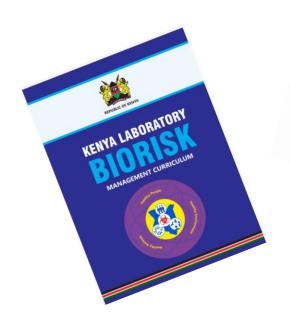
Real time connectivity of LIMS between National and sub national labs reduced turn round time of sample submission to delivery results from 7 days to 1-2 days



ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accreditation for >5 laboratories in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda=quality testing results



Rapid and accurate diagnosis of >5 PZDs using core tests at central level, faster response times during outbreaks R

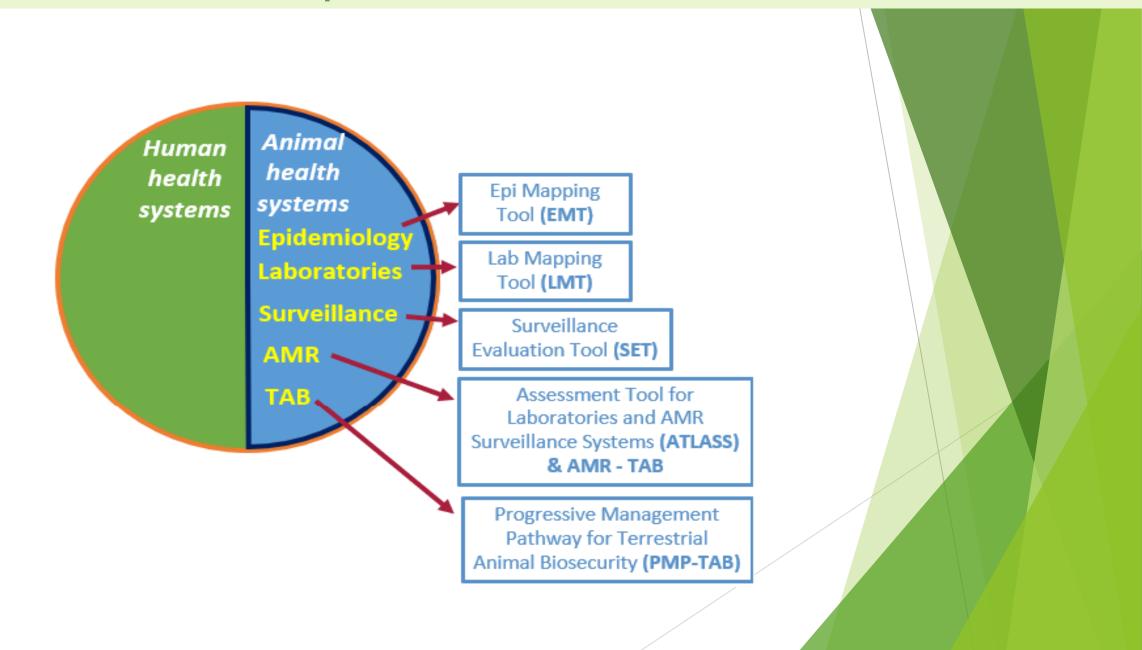


"All the data I need is on my PC and it greatly expedited my decision without the need for paper file retrieval from the center's archive"

Avian Influenza A virus and H5 and H7 subtypes in clinical samples using real time PCR; Antibodies against FMD using ELISA

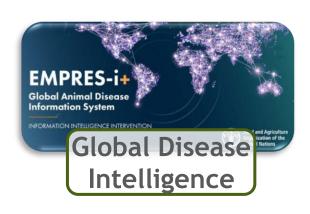
Rapid response and reduced turn around time (<5 days) accurate diagnosis of RVF via PCR at the Central Veterinary Laboratory, Kabete during outbreaks following sustained capacity building

FAO's tools for disease prevention and control

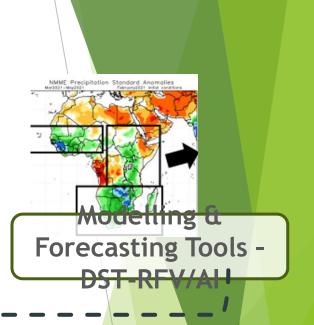


Disease Intelligence and Early Warning tools









Early Warning Signals

Rapid Risk Assessment

Early Action



Preparedness and response tools

- Good Emergency Management Practice (GEMP)
- Joint Risk Assessment (JRA) using OH approach involving relevant sectors
- Joint Outbreak Investigation (JOIN) following OH approach
- Risk-SPORT for supporting risk-based surveillance development
- In-Service Applied Veterinary Epidemiology Training (ISAVET)
- FAO Virtual Learning Centers providing online training for to a wider audience
- Risk mapping training toolkits (basic, intermediate, advanced level)
 - for strengthening VS capacity on disease/risk mapping, assessment and high-risk areas identification for disease surveillance optimization

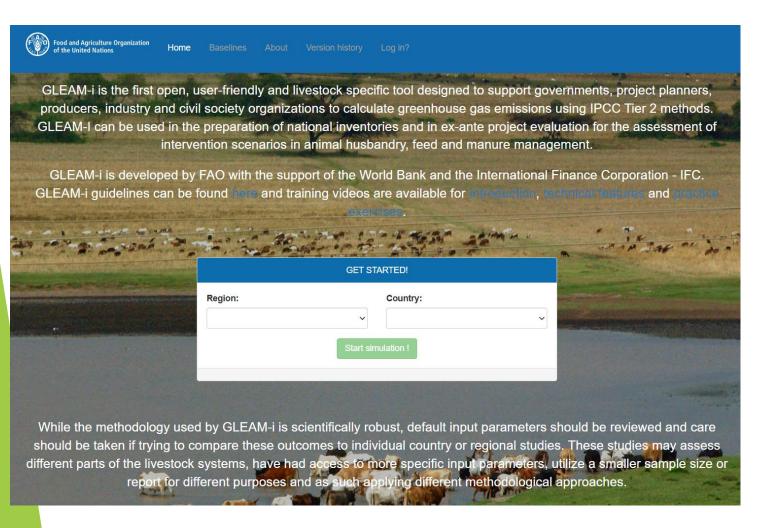






Animal Production Tools

The Global Livestock Environmental Assessment Model - interactive (GLEAM-i)



- Web application publicly available to assess GHG emissions from the livestock sector
- IPCC methodology, Tier 2 approach
- Life cycle assessment approach
- Different Production Systems
- Assess Projects and Programmes
- Comparing baselines and scenarios

Results:

- Absolute emissions
- Emission intensities
- Production and feed intake

The Feed Balances Sheet

a tool for planning the use of resources and enhancing resilience in tropical grazing livestock

AVAILABLE RESOURCES ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS Remote sensing information for natural Animal numbers by species, 8 biomass (NDVI in rainy season and category and production system other for dry season) and land use map Animal mobility 9 Disaggregation of natural biomass into 3 Dry matter, energy and protein fodder and forage type 10 requirements by species, category Usability and accessibility factors of and production system 4 each type of resources Inventory of fodder crops, crop residues and by-products used in animal feed; agricultural production data Usability factors of crop residues and FEED BALANCE 11 6 by-products DM, DPI (or CP) and ME content of Projections under different climate 12 each type of fodder/feed/forrage scenarios

Definition of geographical unit and seasons

Summary of the steps to follow while using the Feed Balance Sheet

Livestock Sector - Investment and Policy Toolkit



- Establish strategies and action plans for livestock at different scales,
- Make stronger advocacy at government level as well as with partners, and better justify and prioritize investment

MAKING RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS

Way forward: Challenges /solutions

Challenges

- Underreporting of diseases & inadequate data from wildlife, private sectors
- Absence of data sharing mechanism among sectors / use of multiple platforms for data sharing
- Lack of samples tested in Vet Labs
- Inadequate/lack of qualified workforce (epi, Lab etc)
- Weak capacity in lab maintenance, calibration, reagent supply, etc.
- Low priority, underfunding/donor dependency

Proposed solutions/opportunities

- Support community-based, & integrated surveillance (data from the private sector, wildlife, value chain, etc.)
- Interoperability between tools/platforms through OH operationalization
- Support active surveillance of TADs and sample transfer system
- Use of national and regional expertise/ regional collaboration (AU-IBAR, RECs)
- Continue supporting capacity building and workforce development
- Advocacy for domestic investments & partnership



GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES









