

GF-TADs

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The Role of the Pan African Farmers Organization (PAFO) in the Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs)

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Introduction

Farmers are the **backbone of African food security**, playing a crucial role in ensuring the availability of food and supporting the livelihoods of millions. However, their efforts are increasingly threatened by Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs), which can devastate livestock populations, disrupt trade, and lead to significant economic losses. For farmers, the impact of TADs is severe, resulting in loss of income, reduced agricultural productivity, and heightened food insecurity.

The Pan African Farmers Organization (PAFO) is at the forefront of supporting farmers in the fight against TADs, working within the different organs in regards to mitigation of these risks.

Presentation of PAFO

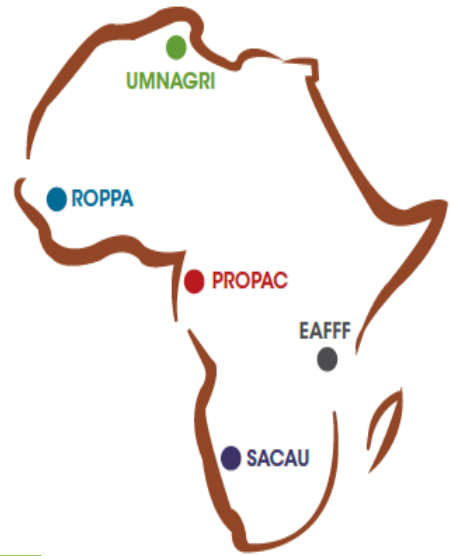
PAFO is recognized as the highest representative body of African farmers at the continental level with five regional networks representing around 80 million of farmers from 73 National Farmers Organisations in 49 African countries.

PAFO represents farmers' organizations across Africa, advocating for the interests of smallholder farmers at the **continental, regional, and national levels** and works on improving **livelihoods**, ensuring **food security**, and promoting **sustainable agricultural practices**.

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PAFO Members

- ▶ **EAFF** represent smallholder farmers belonging to 24 (NFOs) across 12 countries In Eastern Africa region.
- ▶ **PROPAC** has a membership of 10 member-organizations from 10 countries in Central Africa
- ▶ **ROPFA** has a membership of 14 member-organizations from 14 countries in West Africa
- ▶ **SACAU** has a membership of 19 member-organizations from 11 countries in southern Africa
- ▶ **UMNAGRI** has a membership of 6 member-organizations from 6 countries in Northern Africa



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Vision

- A vibrant, prosperous and sustainable African agriculture that ensures food security and sovereignty, including socio-economic and cultural development



Mission

Representing the interests of African farmers and promoting the development of African agriculture.



Values

- Solidarity
- Equity and non-discriminatory
- Democracy
- Transparency and accountability
- Openness Subsidiarity
- Humility

- **Advocacy and Policy Influence**

Farmer organizations at PAFO advocate for favorable policies that support sustainable agriculture, improve the business environment for farmers, and ensure better access to resources like land, finance, and technology. They work closely with governments, international institutions, and policymakers to shape agricultural policies that benefit farmers.

- **Capacity Building and Training:**

They provide training, knowledge sharing, and capacity building to empower farmers with the skills and information they need to enhance productivity (modern farming techniques, climate-smart agriculture, pest management, and disease control, helping them improve their operations and income.)

- **Representation and Empowerment:**

Farmer organizations at PAFO serve as a voice for farmers, representing their interests at national, regional, and international forums. They advocate for the rights and welfare of farmers, ensuring they have a say in decisions that affect their livelihoods, whether it's about market access, subsidies, or the adoption of new technologies.

- **Facilitating Access to Resources:**

These organizations help farmers gain better access to essential resources, such as finance, seeds, equipment, and veterinary services. They may assist with facilitating loans, connecting farmers to markets, and providing access to extension services or cooperative initiatives.

- **Promoting Sustainable Agricultural Practices:**
PAFO's farmer organizations promote environmentally sustainable practices that help farmers adapt to climate change, conserve natural resources, and maintain soil health. They encourage the adoption of practices like organic farming, agroecology, and conservation agriculture to ensure long-term agricultural productivity.
- **Improving Market Access and Trade:**
They help farmers connect to local, regional, and international markets by promoting collective action, organizing cooperatives, and facilitating market linkages. This enhances farmers' ability to sell their produce at competitive prices and increases their bargaining power in the market.

- **Fostering Collaboration and Networking:**
These organizations play a key role in fostering collaboration among farmers, other agricultural stakeholders, and external partners. By creating networks, they encourage knowledge sharing, partnership building, and joint efforts in tackling common challenges, like disease outbreaks, pests, and market fluctuations.
- **Advocating for Social Protection:**
Farmer organizations at PAFO advocate for social protection policies such as insurance schemes, subsidies, and support in case of droughts, floods, or other crises. This safety net ensures that farmers can weather adverse situations and continue their work.

Importance of GF-TADs to Livestock Farmers:

► **Disease Prevention and Control:**

This is done through implementing strategies for early detection, monitoring, and control, farmers can reduce the risk of disease outbreaks, ensuring healthier herds and greater productivity.

► **Improved Livestock Health:**

The framework promotes better management practices, including vaccination and biosecurity measures, which directly benefit the health and welfare of livestock. This leads to fewer diseases and lower mortality rates, improving farm profitability and sustainability.

Importance of GF-TADs to Livestock

Farmers Cont'd:

- ▶ **Economic Benefits:**

By reducing the occurrence of TADs, farmers experience less economic loss due to disease outbreaks (e.g. decreased livestock production, lower market prices, or trade restrictions.) Healthy livestock ensures a more stable income and better market opportunities for farmers.

- ▶ **Enhanced Trade Opportunities:**

The implementation of disease control measures under GF-TADs increases the safety and quality of livestock products, enabling farmers to access both domestic and international markets.

Importance of GF-TADs to Livestock Farmers Cont'd:

- ▶ **Collaborative Efforts and Shared Knowledge:**
GF-TADs fosters collaboration between governments, international organizations, and livestock farmers. This collective effort improves the efficiency of disease control and enhances the sharing of knowledge and best practices, allowing farmers to adopt the latest techniques and innovations.
- ▶ **Resilience Against Future Disease Threats:**
By building systems for monitoring and responding to diseases, GF-TADs helps farmers become more resilient to new and emerging threats. Early detection and swift response prevent the spread of potential outbreaks, protecting the entire livestock sector.

Role of PAFO in promotion of the GF-TADs:

□ Creating awareness

PAFO helps its members understand the importance of the GF-TADs initiative. This involves educating farmers and stakeholders about the impact of transboundary animal diseases (TADs) on livestock and how the GF-TADs framework can help manage and prevent these diseases. Awareness campaigns might include training sessions, workshops, and providing resources about TAD prevention and control measures.

Role of PAFO in promotion of the GF-TADs: Cont'd

□ Facilitating access to finance:

PAFO helps its members access financial resources for managing livestock health, improving biosecurity, and implementing preventive measures against TADs. This could involve linking farmers to funding sources such as loans, grants, or subsidies to support the costs of vaccinations, disease monitoring, recovering from disasters or improving farm infrastructure.

Role of PAFO in promotion of the GF-TADs: Cont'd

□ Capacity Building for Farmers

- PAFO focuses on **building the capacity** of farmers' organizations to help them understand TADs, recognize symptoms, and implement basic disease control practices.
- It works to ensure that **smallholder farmers**—who may lack formal veterinary education—have access to information about managing diseases, preventing outbreaks, and improving herd health.

Role of PAFO in promotion of the GF-TADs: Cont'd

□ Collaboration with Other International Organizations

PAFO does not work in isolation. It partners with a wide range of **international organizations** to enhance its impact on animal health in Africa.

This includes collaboration with research institutions to focus on animal health and disease prevention, to ensure that up-to-date scientific findings and technologies are integrated into control strategies. (i.e. **FARA**: MoU signed in January 2025 during Kampala CAADP conference)

Role of PAFO in promotion of the GF-TADs: Cont'd

□ Promoting livestock vaccination

PAFO supports vaccination campaigns that protect livestock from transboundary animal diseases. Vaccination is a key strategy for controlling TADs, and PAFO ensures that members have access to necessary vaccines, training, and advice on how to effectively manage vaccination programs for their animals.

Role of PAFO in promotion of the GF-TADs: Cont'd

- **Advocating for a conducive policy environment for livestock farmers:**

PAFO engages with governments and policymakers to create a favorable environment for livestock farmers, focusing on policies that enhance disease control, improve animal health, and promote sustainable livestock farming practices. Advocacy might include pushing for better veterinary services, research funding, or policies that support the control of transboundary animal diseases.

Conclusion

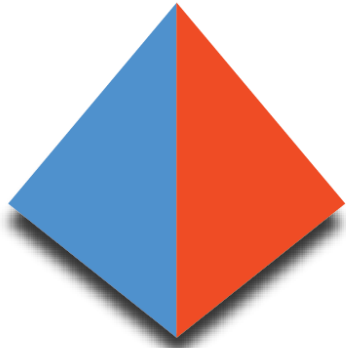
► A Multi-faceted Role

PAFO's involvement in **GF-TADs** goes far beyond just advocacy. It plays a critical role in building **farmer capacities**, ensuring **cross-border cooperation**, promoting **livelihood resilience**, and influencing **regional policy** to enhance the sustainability of animal health programs. Through collaboration with international organizations, strong focus on **inclusive growth**, and strategic advocacy, PAFO helps pave the way for **better disease control** across Africa.

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