

Session: Country Discussion Highlights

Outcome 1 – Livestock Systems & Value Chain Analysis

- Challenges:
- Limited understanding of FMD impact among pastoralists and policymakers.
- Pastoralists do not consider FMD a priority disease.
- Weak implementation of existing strategies.

Outcome 2 – FMD Distribution

- Challenges:
- Limited technical capacity to characterize the virus.
- Inadequate resources for laboratory characterization.
- Poor understanding of hotspot areas and relevant virus strains.

Outcome 3 – Socio-Economic Impact

- Status:
- - Completed in Ethiopia and South Sudan.
- - Somalia yet to conduct such assessment.

Outcome 4 – Circulating Strains of FMDV

- Status:
- Countries have characterized serotypes A, O, SAT 1, SAT 2, and SAT 3.

Outcome 5 – Enabling Environment

- Status:
- All participating countries have PVS reports in place.

Outcome 6 – Regional Commitment

- Status:
- Yes – strong commitment observed across all countries.

Outcome 7 – Risk Hotspots and Virus Circulation

- Challenge:
- Not fully understood due to limited surveillance data.

Outcome 8 – Synergies with Other TAD Initiatives

- Status:
- Yes – synergies are in place.

Outcome 9 – Risk-Based Strategic Plan (RBSP)

- Status:
- - Ethiopia: Developed but not implemented due to limited budget.
- - Somalia and South Sudan: Yet to develop RBSP.

Overall Readiness Assessment

- Stakeholder & Regional Support:  Yes
- Strategy:  Yes
- Implementation Method:  No
- Monitoring & Review System:  No

What should be change?

Aspect	What to Improve	Expected Positive Outcome
Implementation Method	Develop operational plan, assign responsibilities, mobilize resources, coordinate stakeholders	Functional and actionable FMD control activities executed on schedule
Monitoring & Review System	Define indicators, set up regular data reporting and review cycles	Data-driven decision-making and adaptive management of FMD control program