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The farmers' voice in animal health: expectations, challenges and PAFO's role

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PAFO unites farmers' organisations across all five African sub-regions

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national farmers' organisations in five sub-regional federations

Federation	Region	Membership
EAFF	East	24 organisations · 12 countries
PROPAC	Central	10 organisations · 10 countries
ROPPA	West	14 organisations · 14 countries
SACAU	Southern	19 organisations · 11 countries
UMNAGRI	North	6 organisations · 6 countries

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Three things farmers face on the ground

1

Livelihoods at risk

Sheep and goats pay school fees when a crop fails. PPR can erase that safety net within weeks.

2

Delivery that fails

Vaccines run out, cold chains fail and campaigns clash with migration and planting.

3

Unaffordable costs

Smallholders already pay for feed, water and treatment. New fees push out the poorest.

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Eg: Milk scarcity in some African countries shows what shocks cost farmers

-3.7%

fall in formal milk deliveries to Kenyan processors, June to July 2026 (84.4 to 81.3 million litres, Kenya Dairy Board)

Rwanda

After a prolonged dry spell, milk is hard to find in Kigali.

Kenya

Shops report low stock. Pasteurised milk is the most affected.

The link to our work

Drought, feed shortages and disease hit the same herds. Plans must protect milk income.

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What PAFO is ready to do

Mobilise and deliver

Mobilise herd owners, share campaign dates and support community animal-health workers.

One farmers' position

Five federations consolidate evidence for the RECs and the African Union.

Push for national budgets

Press ministries and parliaments for dedicated budget lines and spending reports.

Advise and review

Join a coordination platform, nominate farmer leaders and review draft plans.

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Farmers will deliver on PPR if governments fund it

30%

of national PPR plan budgets: the minimum share states are called on to fund (Nairobi Declaration)

Commit national resources

RSC-12 recommendation 11: eradication is a national investment priority.

Report what is actually spent

Pledges are not enough. We want reported disbursements.

Let producers deliver

Reach women, youth and pastoralists through farmers' organisations.

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Farmers can contribute to delivery, not carry eradication alone

Options worth assessing

- Modest contributions through cooperatives
- Transparent levies at the point of sale, where legal
- Community solidarity funds

Our cautions

- Contributing to delivery is not carrying eradication
- No model has proved itself yet: review country experience first

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Women, youth and pastoralists need measurable commitments

1

Women

Least access to veterinary services, finance and information.

2

Youth

See small ruminants as a way into farming. Outbreaks make it risky.

3

Pastoralists

Move with herds across borders. No plan succeeds without them.

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What farmers stand to gain

Healthier herds

Fewer outbreaks and lower animal losses.

Steadier income

Protected sheep, goats and milk sales.

Affordable services

Vaccines and care without fees that exclude the poor.

A voice in decisions

Farmers help shape plans and budgets.

Open markets

Controlled disease keeps trade routes open.

Fair opportunity

Access, training and leadership for women and youth.

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What PAFO brings, and what it seeks in return

PAFO commits to

- Mobilise herd owners and share campaign dates
- Bring one farmers' position from five federations
- Report back and follow national budgets

PAFO seeks

- Recognition as an implementation partner with a formal voice
- A financing channel for producer-led delivery
- Support to build the capacity of federations and members
- Early access to draft plans, with time to consult

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What PAFO asks of GF-TADs partners

1. **Recognise farmers' organisations** as implementation partners with a formal voice.
2. **Protect small-scale keepers** from unaffordable costs.
3. **Channel financing through producer-led delivery,** with reporting farmers can meet.
4. **Commit to women, youth and pastoralists** with measurable indicators.

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What PAFO will do once the meeting ends

1

Report back

Share the RSC13 outcomes with the five federations and their national member organizations.

2

Feed in

Collect farmers' views and send them to the Regional Secretariat ahead of the 2027–2031 plan and RSC-14.

3

Act together

Agree with AU-IBAR, FAO and WOAH on joint awareness and vaccination activities with farmers.

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What farmers expect from this process

1. **Partners, not only beneficiaries.** Recognised as implementation partners.
2. **No keeper left unvaccinated** because they cannot pay.
3. **Delivery that works,** with calendars that fit migration and planting.
4. **Women and youth inclusion with access** and a voice in decisions.
5. **Governments that fund eradication,** with reported disbursements.

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Thank you to the partners who brought farmers to the table

AU-IBAR, FAO and WOAH

For inviting PAFO to take part in the Regional Steering Committee and for engaging farmers in the GF-TADs conversation.

Our development partners

For staying in dialogue with PAFO and for supporting farmers' participation in this process.

Our hosts

The Government of Nigeria and the Honourable Minister, for welcoming us to Abuja.

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Conclusion: key messages

Farmers are the first to see disease, and the first to bear its cost.

Decisions taken here work when farmers help shape them.

PAFO is ready to work with GF-TADs Africa.

Thank you · Merci

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