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## Forage options for smallholder livestock in water-scarce environments of Afghanistan

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The CGIAR Research Program on Livestock aims to create a well-nourished, equitable and environmentally healthy world through livestock research for development.

It provides research-based solutions to help smallholder farmers, pastoralists and agro-pastoralists transition to sustainable, resilient livelihoods and to productive systems that will help feed future generations



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This project aims to improve livestock farmers' livelihoods by evaluating appropriate options for forage and fodder production, and by developing community-based seed enterprises for feed and forages. The project also builds the capacity of Afghan researchers in forage and livestock systems research. The main outputs will be a 'best practice' package for forage production in the Baghlan and Nangarhar provinces. Adoption of the package will result in increased meat and dairy production, ultimately improving household food security and income.