

Workshop for strengthening the competitiveness of small holder livestock in Central and South Asia

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The Project goal & Purpose: :

Goal:

- Improve the livelihoods of rural communities in Central and South Asia.

Purpose:

- Develop and promote community-based actions to support productive and sustainable livestock systems, access to market opportunities, and sustainable management of the natural resource base in the region.

Focus:

- Emerging small farm enterprises in countries of Central Asia, and
- Resource-poor livestock (small ruminant) producers in rainfed areas of Pakistan.
- Develop
 - productivity enhancing and
 - market oriented technologies and
 - community-based strategies for the management of integrated crop (fodder)/rangeland/livestock production systems

that can be utilized by IFAD's community development and agricultural support services projects.

Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan:

- Select communities in representative “pilot” sites based on the information and results from TAG-425.

Tajikistan:

Initial work on

- characterization of production systems,
- constraint analysis
- Assessment of market opportunities,

are vital to the design of appropriate technology development

Expected results would include:

- Analysis of livelihood determinants and production constraints and tested technologies and management options for improved feed/livestock production systems.
- Recommendations regarding appropriate policies and institutional support required to enable uptake of production options.
- A virtual center for information established that facilitates regional exchange of information.
- National scientists trained in the use of appropriate approaches and tools.

Linkage with development projects:

The project will be of direct relevance to, and is expected to cooperate IFAD supported projects:

- Kyrgyzstan: I-473-KG Agricultural Support Services Project
- Pipeline projects, in particular in Tajikistan
- Microfinance Innovation and Outreach Programme, Pakistan

Objectives of the workshop

- Identify detailed research questions relevant to the project goal, and the plan developed at the inception workshop on:
 - Rural household livelihood strategies
 - Market value chain analysis
 - Identification of market opportunities
 - Identification of market constraints
 - Develop the role of women in value adding activities
- *Develop detailed methods and activities for implementing these methods for the first year of the project*
- Assign responsibilities by activities by activities and budget