Sheep Fattening: The Case of Ethiopia

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Critical Questions to Ask in Scaling Up Improved Sheep Fattening Technologies

VISION FOR SCALING UP
- What are the unmet needs that are going to be met
- Beneficiaries who are going to be served

IDENTIFYING THE MODEL
- What is the model that encompasses the chosen approach
- What are the model’s strengths and weaknesses
- What is the strategy for making the model work at scale
- What will it take to convince the decision makers

ESTABLISHING THE PRE-CONDITIONS FOR SCALING UP
- What new resources and skills are required
- What organizational changes are necessary
- How will the necessary support be mobilized

MONITORING, LEARNING AND EVALUATION
- How will it be ensured that the model works at scale
- How will it be ensured that the scaling up process is on track
- How will information be used to maintain support
Site Assessments and Selections

- Target Woredas/Zones/kebeles???
  
  On what scale should the roll out be?

- Will depend on presence of functioning youth cooperatives on sheep fattening.

- Preference be given to kebeles where CBBP are located.

- Any other criteria?
Criteria for selecting youth cooperatives

▪ Should we target all youth coops or only govt start-ups?
▪ Ethiopian youth policy (2004), includes those aged between 15 and 29 years old.
▪ Women groups should be included
▪ Should we only consider youth or all existing SF coops?
Who will help us identify the youth coops?

- Buro of Agriculture? etc
- Who among us should approach them?
- Who will follow up?
Youth characteristics?

▪ Identify existing functioning youth cooperatives
▪ Identify kebeles where they are located
▪ Describe them
  • No. of members
  • Gender proportions
  • Age
  • Educational level
  • Management structure
  • Funding source of start-up (self, govt, NGO)
  • Support given by start-up funder? Funds, training, facilities?
  • Type of Current support being received?
  • What type of training have they undergone-by whom? when?
Proposed model

▪ Youth coops to fatten sheep – minimum how many?
▪ Youth coops to grow fodder?
▪ Youth coops to register as many farmers in the kebele as possible
▪ Youth coops to sell concentrates to registered farmers
▪ Youth coops to announce begin of fattening
▪ Youth coops to organize castration and vet services at a small fee
▪ Can the Youth coops organize marketing for other farmers – how will this be handled.
▪ Capacity development for the Youth coops
Pathways for increased youth engagement

- Adoption of technologies and management practices
- Youth-mainstreaming is one way to improve adoption and includes establishing minimum targets for youth participation
- Youth-responsive design goes a step further and includes taking interests of youth on board from the design to dissemination stage
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Revised Scaling Framework