

Joint learning event on FAO/IFAD's engagement in pastoral development

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- 1. Background.** A Joint Evaluation Synthesis (JES) has been prepared by the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) and FAO Office of Evaluation (OED). The main objective of the JES is to generate findings and recommendations to inform the design and implementation of IFAD's and FAO's ongoing and future policies, strategies and work in pastoral development. The primary audience of the report is the management and staff and the Governing bodies in the two organisations. Consultations were held throughout the process with the members of the Core Learning Partnership (CLP) composed of key stakeholders at FAO and IFAD. A joint session is planned to inform the FAO Programme Committee and IFAD Evaluation Committee later in 2015.
- 2.** The learning event on 6 July will be an internal event focusing on learning for management and staff in IFAD and FAO. It will provide an opportunity to discuss the main findings from the Joint Evaluation Synthesis. It will also be forward looking and provide the possibility to develop a common understanding of the two organisations future work in pastoral development.
- 3. Targeted audience** include key stakeholders and decision makers at IFAD and FAO who are concerned or involved with pastoral development. The workshop aims explicitly at gathering a mix of staff at Management, Operations and Advisory level to ensure a comprehensive and open discussion in order to facilitate learning.
- 4. Objectives.** The objectives of the learning event are to: (i) share findings and recommendations emanating from the joint evaluation synthesis; (ii) jointly discuss challenges and opportunities for the two organisations involvement in pastoral development; and (iii) inform and identify concrete steps on how to implement the recommendations.
- 5. Joint Synthesis Evaluation :** A presentation will be made of the key findings and recommendations from the Joint Evaluation Synthesis. The Joint Evaluation Synthesis set out to review the experience of IFAD/FAO in pastoral development through the evaluative evidence already available in evaluation reports undertaken by the two organisations. The Joint Evaluation Synthesis provides four main recommendations addressed to the Management in FAO and IFAD. The learning event will provide an opportunity to discuss practical implications of implementing the recommendations. This will be facilitated by presenting two case studies (one for each agency) illustrating some of the key issues faced while working on pastoral development.
- 6. Case study 1. Findings from the Project Performance Assessment of the Pastoral Community Development Project (PCDP II) in Ethiopia.** The aim of presenting the findings of PCDP II is to enhance knowledge and learning about the project and move towards a better common understanding of IFAD's future support to populations in pastoral areas. PCDP is highly debated both in IFAD and in Ethiopia. PCDP II is the second phase of a programme extending over 15 years and launched in 2003 with a budget of USD 139 million. It has been financed by the Government of Ethiopia, with substantial community contributions and external funding by the World Bank and IFAD. A third phase of the project was launched in 2014 with a budget of USD 210 million. PCDP II aimed to increase the resilience of Ethiopian pastoralists to external shocks through early warning and disaster preparedness measures and to improve livelihoods through a community investment fund mainly for social infrastructure and through access to financial services. The target group was 600,000 households (nearly 1.3 million people) living in 55 districts of the Afar, Oromia, Somali and Southern Nations, Nationalities and People's regions, accounting for 45 per cent of the Ethiopian

pastoral districts. The initial findings of the Project Performance Assessment will be briefly discussed in light of the JES and set the scene for a broader discussion on IFAD and FAO's approach.

7. **Case study 2. Pastoral and Agro Pastoral Communities in today's Central African Republic.** FAO has been supporting agricultural development for poverty reduction in Central African Republic long before the current crisis started. Recently, however, the focus has been on integrating emergency response and development. From 2014, conflicts related to livestock movements became increasingly violent. Pastoralists were faced with serious security problems and restricted mobility. Securing feed for the animals became an issue and productivity was affected. Veterinary services were no longer available. Basic information for intervention strategies was absent. In the second half of 2014 FAO took the lead in organizing joint exploratory missions to address this need. Recommendations for immediate action were prepared and a national platform on livestock sector policies was established to facilitate decision making. The platform was made official by ministerial decree on 31 March 2015. Since then project proposals are being developed to increase the resilience of pastoralists. Dialogue around rangeland and pasture management, as well as livestock movement, is encouraged. A technical group, led by FAO and composed of representatives from the authorities, military forces and police, NGOs, civil society and pastoralist communities is now coordinating the response towards recovery and development in pastoral systems. Recommendations from the Government and FAO exploratory missions will be discussed in light of the JES recommendations.

8. **Discussion groups.** Discussion groups will provide an opportunity to examine and explore ways of taking the findings from the Joint Evaluation Synthesis further.

A. What are the key elements of pastoral development that IFAD/FAO should support and what are critical issues to keep in mind?

B. How can IFAD/FAO increase their capacity for systemic engagement and co-operation in pastoral development, taking into account the respective mandates and specialization of the two organizations?

C. How can IFAD/FAO best support risk management strategies of pastoralists and how should mobility be considered?

Proposed draft agenda Monday 6 July

9.30 - 9.35 am	Opening remarks by Oscar A. Garcia , Director, IOE (IFAD)
9.35 - 9.40 am	Statement by John M. McIntire , IFAD Associate Vice President of the Programme Management Department
9.40 - 9.45 am <i>Plenary session</i>	Statement by FAO (representative to be confirmed)
9.45-10.05 am	Presentation of the Joint Evaluation Synthesis (20 min), presentation by Catrina Perch (Evaluation Officer, IFAD) and Saverio Krätli (Consultant, FAO/IFAD)
10.05 -10.25 am	a) Questions and answers
10.25-10.35 am	a) Case study 1 (findings of the Project Performance on the IFAD Pastoral Community Development Project) (10 min), Presentation by Pradeep Itty , Lead Evaluation Officer (IFAD)
10.35-10.50 am	b) Questions and answers (15 min)
<i>10.50-11.05 am</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.05-11.15 am	a) Case study 2 (findings of FAO project on Pastoral and Agro Pastoral Communities in Central African Republic (10 min), presentation by Vincent Briac-Warnon , Livestock Specialist, Consultant (FAO)
11.15-11.30 am	b) Questions for answers (15 min)
11.30 - 12.10 am <i>Break out into 2-3 concurrent sessions</i>	Two/three concurrent discussion groups Theme 1: <i>What are the key elements of pastoral development that IFAD/FAO should support and what are critical issues to keep in mind?</i> (Moderator: Vincent Briac-Warnon , FAO) Theme 2. <i>How can IFAD/FAO increase their capacity for systemic engagement and co-operation in pastoral development, taking into account the respective mandates and specialization of the two organizations</i> (Moderator: Marta Bruno , Knowledge Management and Evaluation Officer, FAO) Theme 3. <i>How can IFAD/FAO best support risk management strategies of pastoralists and how should mobility be considered?</i> (Moderator: Pradeep Itty , IFAD)
12.10 am – 12.35 <i>Plenary session</i>	Presentation of discussion group findings
12.35-12.50	Comments on the ways forward and follow up
12.50	Closing remarks by Masahiro Igarashi , Director, OED/FAO and Oscar A. Garcia , Director, IOE/IFAD

9. **Outcomes and follow-up.** The workshop will identify and discuss issues to help shape FAO/IFAD's future work in pastoral development. The proceedings of the discussions can feed into the joint management response to be prepared by the two organisations and included in published version of the report.

10. **Place and timing.** The learning workshop will be held in the Oval Room at IFAD Headquarters in Rome, Italy on 6 July 2015.

11. **Communication and reporting.** IFAD/FAO will undertake communication and outreach activities prior to and after the workshop, as proposed in the communication

strategy for the event (separate document). The proceedings of this event will include the agenda, participant list, abstracts of keynote presentations and links to related materials, summaries of discussion groups, and a summary of issues and ways forward. In order to produce a high quality final report, which once finalized can be widely circulated and published online, the working group (through IFAD) will employ a professional writer who will attend the event and support the final documentation. The report will be synthesized into a 2 page summary brief.