

Second Session of the COAG Sub Committee on Livestock

Written Correspondence Procedure (WCP)

Item 2.4: Mainstreaming gender, youth, Indigenous Peoples and people in vulnerable situations into the Livestock sector

Secretariat response to written comments from Members received by 3 July 2024

The Secretariat expresses appreciation for the comments received from Members on agenda item 2.4. Comments were received from Canada, European Union and its 27 Member Nations (with the alignment of Albania, Moldova and Montenegro), Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Switzerland and United States of America.

FAO notes with appreciation the importance highlighted of allocating adequate resources to strengthening the awareness and capacities of development practitioners and FAO staff working in the livestock sector with regards to adopting an inclusive approach towards gender, youth, Indigenous Peoples and vulnerable peoples. This will also allow to better assess the local sociocultural context and design interventions targeting the different needs and priorities of people, using a gender-, ethnic- and age-responsive approach, investing in cultural competence and participatory approaches.

FAO recognizes the relevance of investing in the capacities of young people, by making the curriculum more attractive, practical and field-oriented, adopting a “learning-by-doing” approach, and investing in their business and entrepreneurial skills.

FAO appreciates the suggestion to set policies and procedures for preventing, protecting and reporting instances of harassment and safety concerns faced by women working in the livestock sector.

FAO notes with appreciation the recommendation to systematically integrate considerations related to gender, youth, Indigenous Peoples and vulnerable individuals in the Sustainable Livestock Transformation Framework and the related Global Plan of Action. Inclusion of policy recommendations from related Committee on World Food Security (CFS) instruments may also be considered. More efforts are needed to attract young people to the livestock sector by creating a more conducive enabling environment and investing in their continued education.

The proposed amendment of the ‘Suggested action by the Sub-Committee’, to also request FAO to document good case studies and proven approaches of inclusion of gender, youth, Indigenous Peoples and people in vulnerable situations in the livestock sector, is well noted and will be reflected in the draft summary of the Chair.

FAO will continue supporting the collection and analysis of sex- and age-disaggregated data to deepen the understanding of the sources of discrimination in the livestock sector and produce the evidence for policymaking and investments in this sector.

FAO welcomes the recommendation to encourage initiatives that ensure the dissemination and uptake of the crucial knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, recalling the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security, which can assist Members to strengthen the legal recognition and allocation of tenure rights and duties for Indigenous Peoples.

FAO notes with appreciation the importance emphasized of providing women working in the livestock sector with equitable access to resources, training, finances and technology. This can address the specific needs of the most vulnerable people and reduce shock impacts and risks in humanitarian crises through effective and inclusive emergency response measures.

In relation to the request for clarification regarding behavioural change methodologies, these include the Gendered and Intersectional Transformational Approach (GITA), the Gender Action Learning System (GALS) and the Community Conversation (CC) methodology. References providing more information about these methodologies are included in discussion document COAG:LI/2024/5.