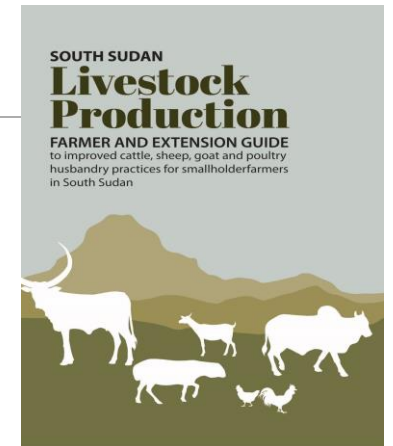


Feedback on the Validation of Livestock Production Extension Guide by an Expanded Livestock Technical Working Group (LTWG)

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Background

Starting 2014 it was observed that there were a variety of training materials used by extension workers from the ministries and NGOs (at state and national levels)

Unverified information and unfamiliar examples from countries different from South Sudan could be misleading, hence the need to harmonise and the materials.

At the time the National Agriculture and Livestock Extension Policy was already developed awaiting full implementation.



Background cont

2014 -2015 with funding from the European Union, both the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Livestock and the support of the EU Technical Assistance Team, began harmonization of the materials.

In 2016, three harmonized guides were reviewed, validated and published. 1. Livestock Husbandry Practices. 2. Crop Production and 3. a General Guide

In 2019, the feedback from an assessment showed that the guides need to be revised.

A cross section of practitioners reviewed the content of the Livestock and Crops guides from 8th April – 30th August 2020.



Objectives of the validation session

To further verify the information contained in the livestock production guide

Point out any incorrect representation of information especially specific to South Sudan agro pastoralist conditions and practices.

Correct and where necessary make recommendations

Clear for publication



Validation process

Collate all comments and observations from participants (Pre validation) having read and commented on the document shared prior via electronics, hardcopy and web.

Work in groups or plenary to review of each sub section (Cattle, Sheep and Goat, Poultry)

Present observation/recommendations from each subsection



Feedback

The validation exercise took place on 8th December 2020

14 participants from the following institutions and Ministry:

- University of Upper Nile
- University of Juba
- Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
- UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- South Sudan Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (SoSFAAS)
- VSF-Germany
- VSF-Suisse
- SAADO
- MASS
- EUD and EU-TA

The people and Representatives brought a tremendous level of knowledge, experience and technical abilities.



Feedback

On Preparation:

Distribution of the copies prior was very useful. Consider distributing them a lot earlier next time for additional days of review.

Distribution of a combination of hard and soft copies were appreciated.

On Content:

The information contained in the booklet are adequate and correctly presented

Additional materials were contributed,

The language and presentation are simple, clear and at the level that would be understood by extension workers

There is an improvement in the number of diagrams in the revised guide compare to the first



Feedback contd

The section on Livestock production took a lot more time to validate followed by Sheep and Goats, and poultry in that order

Agreement was reached on the description of breeds and sub breeds of cattle indigenous to South Sudan.

Additional illustration and diagrams were suggested. There was consensus on the content and information contained.



Next Steps

We are in the process of incorporating all additional materials and corrections made

Our artist are working on the illustrations

The final version of the livestock production manual is expected mid January.

The validation of Crop Production Manual will follow.

Both manuals are expected to be published by the end of March.

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