

Creating Platform for Professionals in Ethiopia (C2P- Ethiopia): Strengthening and Accelerating Institutional Linkages Among Ethiopian Livestock Research, Learning, Development and Business Institutions

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Overarching goal

Contribute to system-level change of the livestock sector in Ethiopia by creating an easy-to-use electronic platform – a hub that will accelerate effective communication among livestock actors. The platform is designed to lead to exchange of knowledge and information between members of academia, other research institutions, extension, development partners, and the private sector.

Why this LCD project matters?

- The livestock sector in Ethiopia needs effective, systematic efforts to strengthen communication, exchange, and co-creation of knowledge among actors.
- Knowledge products from local research, education and extension services cannot be easily identified as they do not have a common platform to deposit, promote and share their outputs and services. As a result, there is a duplications of efforts by professionals and institutions, and little knowledge of who is doing what.
- Scientific publications in local or international journals are not translated into other forms of communication products for end-users (e.g., commercial or subsistence farmers).
- Currently, stakeholders are not coming together and are not discussing common to find systemic solutions to address challenges in the sector.
- Effective, timely, and coordinated communication among stakeholders can improve the functioning of the livestock sector.



Approach

- Develop viable linkages between academia, research, development practitioners, policymakers, extension, farmers, and private/public business actors through an online platform for knowledge generation and exchange
- Compile and share knowledge materials as electronic and audio-visual communication materials focusing on livestock production, animal feeds, and related subjects as part of an electronic depository
- Advocate for and promote the newly created platform to strengthen livestock systems related knowledge generation and dissemination
- Support the development of young professionals through short term capacity development activities



Project area

The project will be carried out in Oromia, Amhara, Sidama region and Addis Ababa.



Our work on cross-cutting themes

- **Gender and Youth Entrepreneurship**
Five Masters students will receive technical and financial support, on a competitive basis, to conduct thesis/field research on issues related to gender and youth in livestock value chains.

