

# TECH CHECK-IN

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Andrea Bohn



**Feed the Future Innovation Lab For Livestock Systems**  
Overview of Request for Applications (RFA) for Research and Capacity Building in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Nepal, Niger, & Rwanda  
September 8, 2021

# WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

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## OUTLINE

- Important general issues
- LSIL overview
- Research priorities for Phase II
- Proposal review process incl. timeline
- Piestar RFX review process
- Question & Answer session

# IMPORTANT GENERAL ISSUES

- Confidential disclosure agreement
- Conflict of interest
- Compensation

The Management Entity ([livestock-lab@ufl.edu](mailto:livestock-lab@ufl.edu)) is available to answer questions and provide support.

## Confidential Disclosure Agreement for Technical Evaluation Panel Members

This Agreement is dated as of the date of the last signature below (the "Effective Date"), and is between \_\_\_\_\_ ("TEP Member"), whose address is \_\_\_\_\_ and the University of Florida Board of Trustees (hereinafter "University"), a public body corporate of the State of Florida.

Adegbola Adesogan, the Director of the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems (LSIL) at the University, and other members of the LSIL team at the University (hereinafter "University Researcher(s)"), have certain confidential information described as follows: (hereinafter "Information"): All information shared by University and/or University Researchers with members of the Technical Evaluation Panel for the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems (TEP Members) that is designated as "confidential," whether shared orally, in writing for the purpose of proposal review and scoring. (hereinafter the "Purpose")

## Conflict of Interest

All TEP reviewers must read, sign and submit this form to [livestock-lab@ufl.edu](mailto:livestock-lab@ufl.edu).

A TEP reviewer has a conflict when his/her other activity or financial interest could potentially interfere with his/her professional obligations to the LSIL. These conflicting circumstances are discussed below. Unless a waiver has been granted by LSIL, the TEP reviewer will not be allowed to review a proposal if any of the following circumstances applies:

1. Has a **financial interest** in the outcome of the proposal.
2. Has an **institutional conflict** with a proposal if the proposal involves an institution or other entity with which the potential reviewer has a potentially disqualifying connection such as:
  - Holds a position, such as professor, adjunct professor, visiting scientist, or similar in an institution that is a partner in the consortium submitting the proposal;
  - Has/is negotiating a re-employment agreement in an institution that is a partner in the consortium submitting the proposal;
  - Is seeking employment in an institution that is a partner in the consortium submitting the

## INNOVATION LAB FOR LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS



**Rationale:** Undernutrition impairs brain development in children under two. Animal-source foods, the best source of multiple stunting-preventing nutrients, are lacking in diets of vulnerable people.

**Vision:** To sustainably improve livestock productivity and consumption to improve human nutrition, health, and incomes.

**Countries:** Burkina Faso, Niger, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Nepal

**Duration:** Started in 2015 (Phase I);  
in 2020 extended for another five years (Phase II)



# PHASE II RESEARCH PRIORITIES



## OVERARCHING GOAL

Contribute to more balanced diets, which include **Animal-Source Foods (ASF)**, to ensure nutrition and food security for vulnerable populations.

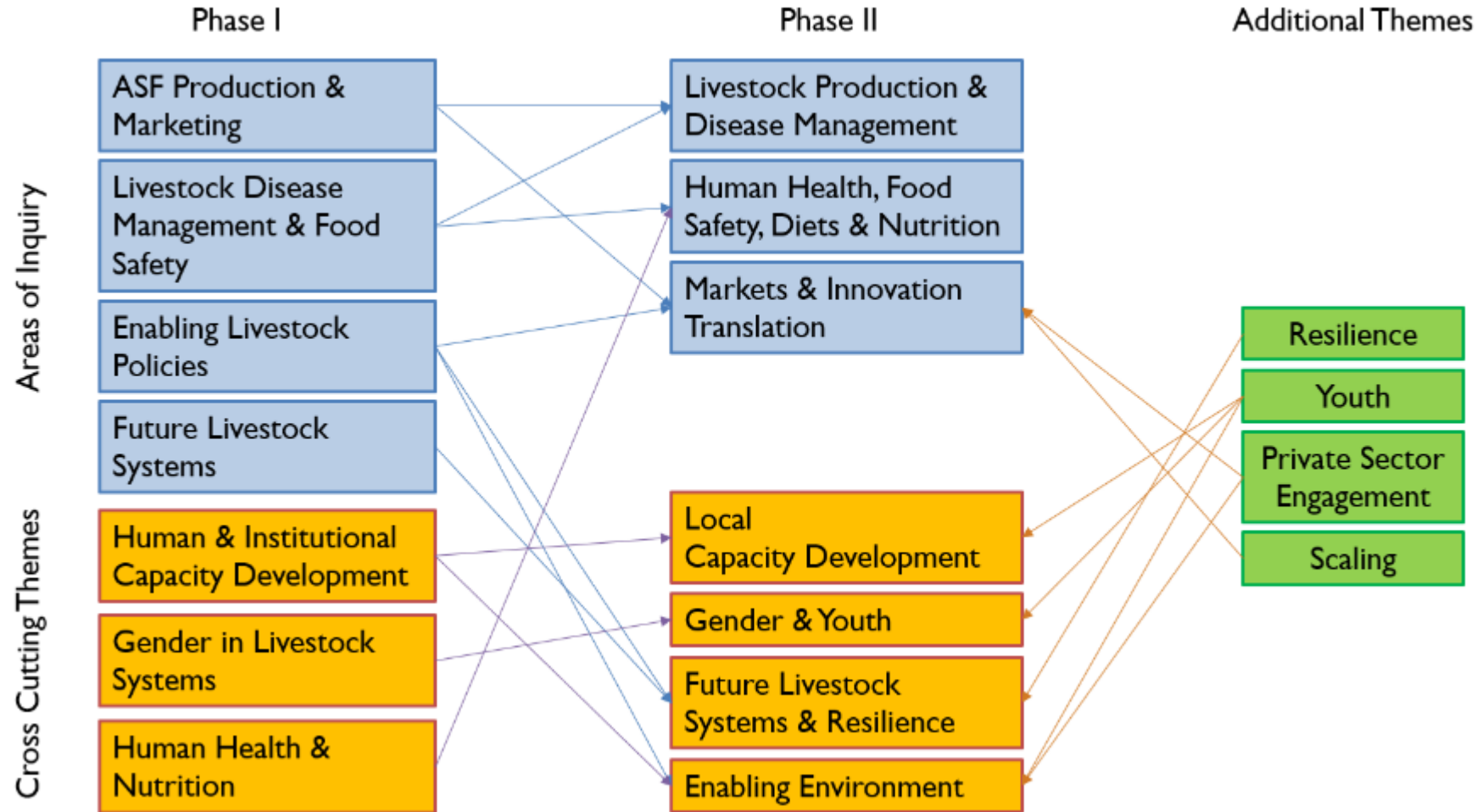


## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. Sustainably improve livestock productivity and marketing and ASF consumption using appropriate improved technologies, capacity development, and policy advocacy;
2. Increase the resilience of vulnerable populations;
3. Reduce the environmental impact of livestock systems;
4. Advance the understanding of evolving livestock systems and their roles in food security, nutrition, and health.



# TECHNICAL APPROACH



## LSIL RESEARCH PORTFOLIO

### Phase I Focus

- improve livestock feeds and feeding
- increase ASF consumption
- improve livestock disease surveillance and mitigation
- strengthen markets
- improve food safety
- foster a conducive livestock policy environment

### Phase II Focus

Continue working in Phase I areas but stronger emphasis on improving dietary diversity and adequacy with ASF by:

- reducing ASF production costs,
- increasing ASF safety and markets,
- reducing ASF consumption barriers.

More research on environmental enteric dysfunction (EED) to improve nutritional outcomes.

# LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION & DISEASE MANAGEMENT

Dr. Geoff Dahl & Dr. Jorge Hernandez

## Livestock production:

- Resilient livestock systems
- Feed price-quality relationship
- Milk preservation
- Reducing production costs to reduce ASF prices

## Disease management:

- Improved disease management
- Epidemiology and Economics
- Private, Public and Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)



# HUMAN HEALTH, FOOD SAFETY, DIETS & NUTRITION

Dr. Arie Havelaar & Dr. Sarah McKune

## Safe livestock production and food safety

- Human-Livestock Interactions
- Food Safety
- Risk Assessment

## ASF consumption, Dietary Diversity and Adequacy

- ASF Production Impact
- Barriers to ASF Consumption
- Behavioral Change for ASF Consumption



# MARKETS & INNOVATION TRANSLATION

Dr. Conner Mullally



- ASF Marketing
- ASF Pricing
- Market Performance
- Market-based Solutions
- Scaling of Innovations



# LOCAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Sandra Russo & Dr. Nargiza Ludgate

- Engaging partners and policymakers through the Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation Systems (CDAIS) process
- Supporting HICD efforts of partner institutions
- Developing research administration competencies

## **GENDER & YOUTH**

Dr. Kathy Colverson

- Women and youth engagement
- Women's empowerment
- Entrepreneurship and private sector engagement
- Gender and nutrition

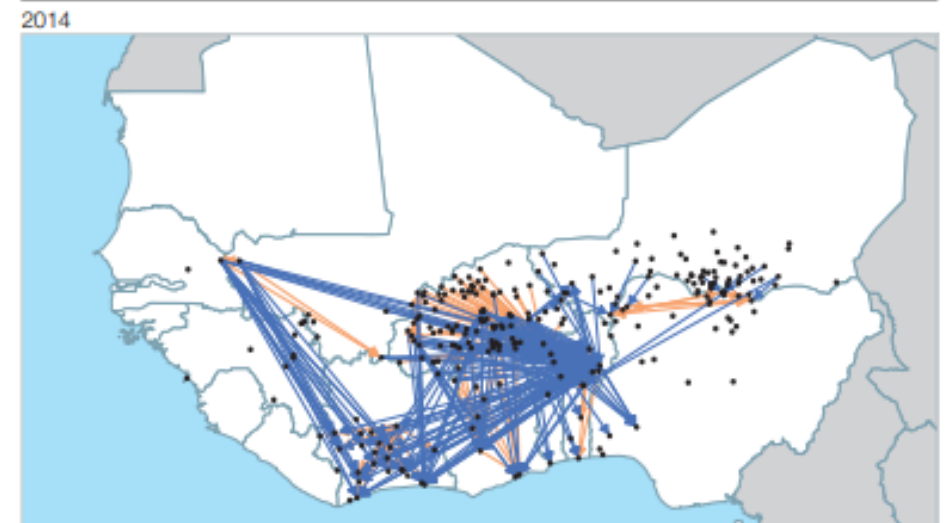
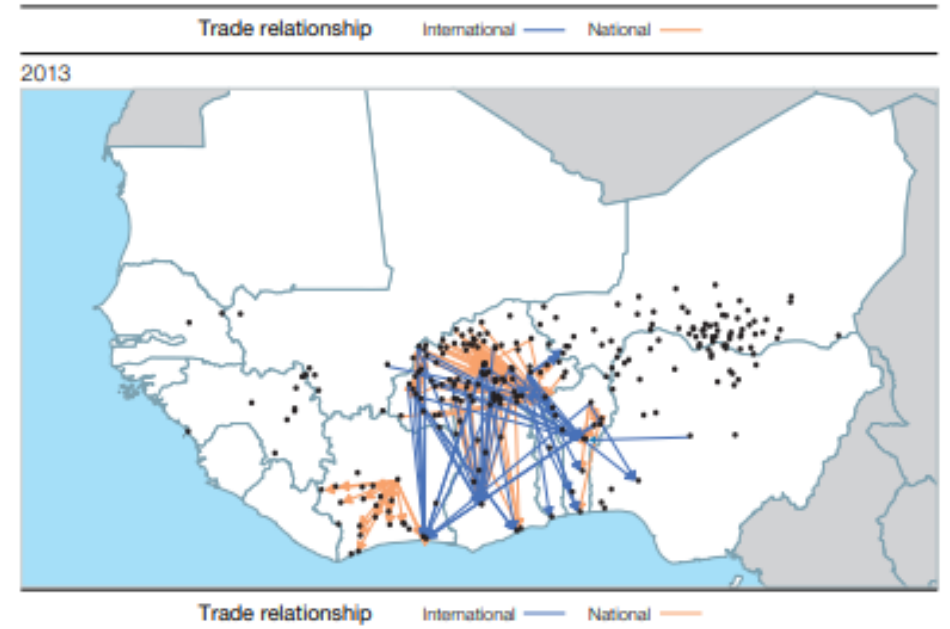


# FUTURE LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS & RESILIENCE

Dr. Greg Kiker

- Future of Pastoralism
- Resilient Forage Systems
- Resilient ASF Value Chains and Networks

Livestock trade network by year and type of trade relationship (cross-border or national)







## ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Dr. Renata Serra

- Expert reviews of the impact of existing/potential policies on ASF production and consumption
- Supporting policy processes strengthening sustainable networks between livestock sector stakeholders

# PHASE II – REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Research priorities vary per target country!

Check the RFA document for the details:  
<https://livestocklab.ifas.ufl.edu/rfa/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [livestocklab.ifas.ufl.edu/rfa/](https://livestocklab.ifas.ufl.edu/rfa/). The page header includes the UF IFAS University of Florida logo and navigation links: HOME, ABOUT US, RESEARCH PROJECTS, RESOURCES, EVENTS, NEWS & BLOG, CONTACT US. Below the header is the Feed the Future logo and a teal banner that reads "FEED THE FUTURE INNOVATION LAB FOR LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS". The main content area features the heading "REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS 2021" and a sub-heading "The deadline for Concept Notes was July 6, 2021." The text states: "Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems, at the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, presents: Request for Applications (RFA) for Research and Capacity Building in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Nepal, Niger, and Rwanda RFA No. AID-OAA-L-15-00003-LSIL-05". Below this text are three buttons: "Download RFA in English", "Download RFA in French", and "Submit an application". The text continues: "This Request for Applications (RFA) focuses on Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Nepal, Niger and Rwanda. The research for development priorities for all target countries were developed based on Phase I (2015-2020) research findings and stakeholder consultations between September 2020 and March 2021." The final paragraph states: "All subaward projects funded in response to this RFA should be designed to directly or indirectly improve the nutritional status and health of vulnerable households and livestock producers, especially pregnant and lactating women and children, with climate-smart approaches or technologies."

# **PHASE II PROPOSAL REVIEW PROCESS**

## ELIGIBILITY

As in Phase I:

- Target country & US/Western institutions
- Private sector and/or NGO

New aspect:

- Inclusion of Minority Serving Institutions is highly encouraged.



## TYPES OF RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PHASE II

**In this round, in each country, we aim to award:**

- **2 short-term Focus projects:** \$125,000 each;  
18-month duration

Focus projects **MUST** address 1 AOI and at least 1 CCT

- **1 long-term Reach projects:** up to \$750,000 each  
3-year duration

Reach projects **MUST** address at least 2 AOIs and all CCT

# REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

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- Released June 1, 2021
- Concept notes due July 6
- Invitations for full proposal submission sent out July 22
- Full proposals were due September 2

<https://livestocklab.ifas.ufl.edu/rfa>

## REVIEW PROPOSAL TIMELINE

When?	What?
September 8	Proposals are assigned to each TEP member
<b>September 9 to 29</b>	<b>Review period (closes 5 pm EST)</b>
September 30	Notify reviewers of proposals with wide disparity between scores
<b>October 1</b> (if needed)	<b>Meeting to discuss proposals with wide ranging scores</b>

# **PHASE II PIESTAR RFX REVIEW PROCESS**



## WHAT IS PIESTAR RFX?

- An online portal for facilitating the review of grant proposals
- Facilitates the collection, review, and notifications of awards within one site.
- Using this online system ensures both privacy and expediency.



## SETTING UP YOUR ACCOUNT

**We have added you as a reviewer in Piestar RFX.**


- You should have received an automated email message from Piestar RFX.
- Follow the instructions in the email to create your password.
- Now you can access Piestar RFX <https://livestock.piestar-rfx.com> any time.

## GETTING STARTED ON THE REVIEWS



 MY APPLICATIONS





 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

 **REVIEWS**

 HELP

1. Log in to your Piestar RFX account
2. Click on “Reviews”  
(left-hand bar on the homepage)
3. See a list of all projects assigned to you

# THE LIST WILL LOOK SIMILAR TO THIS

ID	Entry	My Score	Letters	Status	Action
#164		N/A	None		 review
#166		N/A	None		 review
#167		N/A	None		 review
#167		N/A	None		 review

## GETTING STARTED ON THE REVIEWS

- 4. Now you will see a page with key project parameters**
- 5. Answer the question right under the text box about whether reviewing this application would be a conflict-of-interest for you**

Would reviewing this application represent a conflict of interest?

 No

We ask that you do not review a application if you have any personal ties to the applicant or their institution.

# GETTING STARTED ON THE REVIEWS

**6. Click on “file uploads”  
in the proposal overview  
to download the proposal**

## Review for Application #112

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[Jump to Review Form](#)

### Test Submission

Submitted by: John M. Wellemeyer (johnwellemeyer91@gmail.com)

Principal Investigator: J. M. Wellemeyer

University: john@example.com

Project Duration

5 years

Estimate Budget

\$40,000

Type of Grant

Reach

Target Country

Burkina Faso

file uploads

 [Proposal File Upload](#)

 [Gender and Youth training certificate](#)

 [Local Capacity Development training certificate](#)

 [Budget File Upload](#)

 [Work Plan and Results Framework](#)

Recommendations

# ENTERING YOUR SCORES

The review rubrics you are asked to score for each proposal start below the conflict-of-interest question.

**Enter your score from 0-10** for each rubric, where:

**0 = Did not address and**  
**10 = Completely addressed**

Jump to Review Form

<b>Test Submission</b>	Submitted by: John M. Wellemeyer (johnwellemeyer91@gmail.com) Principal Investigator: J. M. Wellemeyer University: john@example.com
Project Duration 5 years	Estimate Budget \$40,000
Type of Grant Reach	Target Country Burkina Faso
File uploads	
<a href="#">Proposal File Upload</a>	
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Recommendations	

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### Rubric Scores

Please indicate to what extent the full proposal addressed the following areas. Any comments you would like to make can be placed next to each scoring criteria.

1. Alignment of the project with stated priorities for the target country (5 points)	N/A 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Comments	
2. Justification for the geographical focus (2.5 points)	N/A 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Comments	
3. Innovation, scientific quality, experimental design and soundness of the approach (3.5 points)	N/A 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Comments	
4. Integration of cross-cutting theme(s) (5 points)	N/A 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Does not address thoroughly.	
5. Feasibility of achieving results within the proposed budget and timeline (10 points)	N/A 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Comments	
6. Feasibility and likelihood of scaling, widespread adoption, and sustainability to ensure lasting development impact (20 points)	N/A 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Comments	
7. Team qualifications and past performance in research for development projects (10 points)	N/A 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Comments	

### Recommendation

Please specify your recommendation for the submission.

Accept with Modifications

# MAKING COMMENTS

Each rubric has a comment field.

**We strongly encourage to include a rationale for your score or feedback for the PI**

These will be very helpful for the ME especially if the ratings diverge much between reviewers.

The comments are not shared with the applicants.

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7. Team qualifications and past performance in research for development projects (10 points)

Comments

N/A 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



# PROPOSAL REVIEW CRITERIA, WEIGHTED

	Points
<b>Technical Approach</b>	<b>77.5</b>
• Alignment with stated priorities for that country and complementarity with existing USAID and non-USAID funded projects and activities	5.0
• Justification for the geographical focus	2.5
• Innovation, scientific quality, experimental design, and soundness of the approach	35.0
• Integration of Cross-cutting Theme(s)	5.0
• Feasibility of achieving results within the proposed budget and timeline	10.0
• Feasibility and likelihood of scaling, widespread adoption, and sustainability to ensure lasting development impact	20.0
<b>Management Approach</b>	<b>12.5</b>
• Team member qualifications and past performance in research for development projects	10.0

## MAKING A RECOMMENDATION

- Once you have gone through each rubric, **please make a recommendation about this proposal overall.**

Recommendation

Please specify your recommendation for the submission.

Please Select...

- Reject
- Accept with Modifications
- Accept**
- Please Select...

- Reject
- Accept with modifications
- Accept

- Click “Submit Review” when you are completely done.**

You can “Save Draft” and return to the review form to complete later.


# FINISHING THE REVIEW

## Reviews

Thank you for reviewing these entries. Please open each entry and submit your responses.


### RFA Phase II Full Proposal [Open for Reviews](#)

Livestock Test RFA Proposal

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#112	J. M. Wellemeyer (University) Test Submission	57%	None	✓ Submitted	 review

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**Go through this process for each of the proposals assigned to you**

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SESSION

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