RISE
Response-inducing sustainability evaluation

Key messages
How can we measure and advance sustainability on the farm/household scale? How can we identify opportunities for sustainable development in the livestock sector?

• **RISE is a holistic farm evaluation method** as well as a research, consultancy and education program.
• **RISE combines a scientifically standardized and multi-dimensional evaluation** with a generic approach that motivates the co-development of individual strategies.
• **To promote joint-learning among various stakeholders.** On the household level, RISE facilitates the farmers/pastoralists’ individual exploration process - towards sustainability.

Multiple applications
The 360° farm evaluations provide the basis for multiple applications.

• **Education:** “The results of RISE present a starting point to discuss sustainability at the farm-level and contribute to an increase in awareness and learning about sustainability” (de Olde et al., 2016)*.
• **Research and Development** (e.g. Aarhus University in Denmark, ESALQ in Brazil, University of Hohenheim, ZHAW, Rhein-Waal University).
• **Agricultural advisory services** in organic and conventional agriculture (e.g. FiBL, SEGES, Bioland Beratung).
• **Food companies & retailers:** “We are in course with RISE studies in Ecuador, the support from the RISE team is just on time and of excellence” (Santiago Gordillo, Nestlé).
• **International cooperation:** “The RISE interviews facilitate our exchange with farmers, and with the results we can provide targeted feedback” (Friederike Kraemer, GIZ).

Livestock-based solutions

• **RISE is a science-based indicator system, database and software.**
• **Based on 10 themes, composed of 46 indicators** that reflect key environmental, economic and social aspects.
• The main data source is an interview with the farmer/pastoralist, beside the regional reference data.
• **The results primarily serve as a basis for feedback dialogue and strategy development.**
• The sustainability of different farms/livestock-based solutions can also be compared, and developments across a region analyzed. However, RISE is not used to monitor production standards.

Holistic evaluation and response
To advance sustainable agriculture & Livestock-based solutions

Environment  Social Life  Economy

Scale of the tool
Household/ Farm

Status of the tool
**Full roll out**
(Since 1999 the RISE team and partners evaluated more than 3500 farms in 57 countries)


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