Animal Health and Welfare
Outline action plan for GASL and partners
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GASL as a multi-stakeholder platform is ideally placed to advocate a common understanding across stakeholders on key issues related to Animal Health and Welfare and their interconnectedness to improve productivity.
The most important issues discussed

- Animal welfare: standards, misconceptions, can affect trade, different systems with different issues
- Livestock associated AMR: multi-stakeholder aspects not covered in other fora, focus on use
- Economics around animal diseases: importance of endemic and production diseases, often not discussed, but important for producers
- Transboundary diseases: impact on trade, emerging diseases, need for regional coordination
- Quality, access and coordination of animal health services
- Zoonotic diseases: public health importance, of interest for consumers and producers
Boiled down to 4 priority areas

- Livestock diseases
- Animal health services
- AMR
- Animal Welfare
The expertise that GASL and its partners bring to this work area

- What GASL has/transfers to this area that others do not:
- GASL’s unique position: multi-stakeholder platform, ensure in all of these that the consumer and producer perspectives are considered

- Lots of expertise across stakeholders, expertise/contributions from people in the room:
  - Livestock diseases 12
  - Animal health services 9
  - AMR 7
  - Animal Welfare 6
GASL action network activities and expertise in this area

- GASL action networks contributing to this area
  - Livestock Anti-Microbial Partnership LAMP AN
  - Animal Welfare AN
  - Dairy Asia AN
  - ...

Outcomes that GASL and its partners could aim for in this work area
Outcome: Livestock diseases

- The different stakeholders acknowledge the importance of knowing the burden of livestock diseases in different production systems
  - GASL supports identifying knowledge gaps on disease burden
  - Promoting generating and disseminating evidence and information sharing
  - Control strategies: facilitate sharing of experiences
Improved awareness and common understanding across stakeholders on need of well performing animal health services (vets and para-vets)
- Document solutions
- Share experiences and best practices across countries/systems/regions
Best practices on prudent and effective use of antibiotics are documented and shared, and if not implemented, it’s understood why

- Collect evidence on good practices for different sectors/systems
- Focus on multi-stakeholder approach
- Strengthen LAMP
Common understanding on the role of animal welfare for sustainable livestock production

- need to focus on links of animal welfare and productivity
- Strengthen action network