

Action Networks in the spotlight "Dairy Asia"

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Dairy Asia

- Action network launched in 2016
- Multi-stakeholder platform for dialogue, coordinated action and collaboration
- Finding common ground, aligning actions and collaborating for social, economic and environmental sustainability
- Based within the Asian region but reaching out to partners around the globe



Modes of operation

- Building a regional network and creating an open environment for collaboration
- Providing space to share knowledge and experiences
- Providing a framework to guide dialogue and coordinate action
- Capturing and giving visibility to action in member countries
- Identifying together different products of interest and developing them together



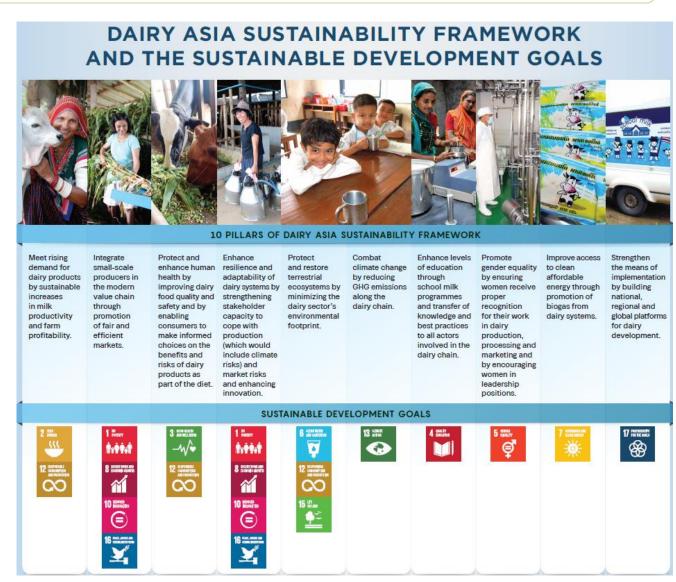


Dairy Asia aligned to GASL priorities

"A socially and environmentally responsible Asian Dairy Sector that enhances rural livelihoods, improves nutrition, and contributes to economic prosperity"

- ✓ Global Food Security
- ✓ Nutrition and Health
- ✓ Livelihoods/Equity and Growth
- Resources and Climate

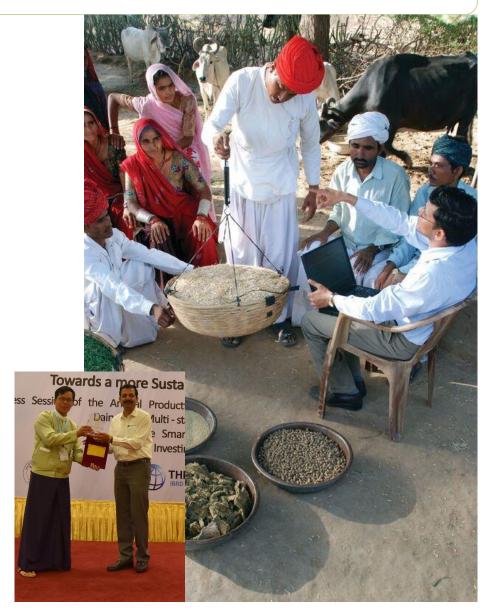




Translating benefits from tools, models and research to the ground

Indian Ration Balancing Programme

- Developed a software "Information Network on Animal Productivity and Health (INAPH)" that calculates optimal feed mixes for dairy cattle (based on large date library on feed)
- Launched implementation of the Programme in 2010
- local resource person trained in each village to use software and provide advisory service to farmer
- covering 2.4 million animals in more than 30 000 villages. Overall the programmed helped reduce enteric methane emission 12-15 per cent per litre of milk. Net daily average income of farmers increased by Rs 25/ animal/day.



Integrating approaches, stakeholders, objectives into livestock development design and delivery

Bilateral collaboration between Myanmar Dairy Association and Dairy Farming Promotion Organization

Technical collaboration:

- Mineral mixture supply & chlorine tablet
- Visit Thai National Dairy Festival 2017
 & 2018
- Technical training of Burmese farmers on AI in Thailand
- Technical training on corporate social responsibility in Myanmar



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Partnership with the Dairy Sustainability Framework

- Global collaborative project of the dairy industry to share information on their sustainability activities in an effort to learn from each other
- Share experiences of operating a platform (learning experiences)
- Opportunity to link to wider network and exchange knowledge, best practices, good models and collaborate



Including more diverse stakeholders and voices into livestock solution development

Dairy genetics working group

- Meeting in Anand, India of 19 participants from 11 countries
- Geneticists from different institutions in the region working together
- Currently developing guidelines for genetic improvement of dairy and buffalo cattle



Discussion

- How can we as action network actively facilitate collaboration across stakeholders and countries?
- How can we give more visibility to good practices/ case studies/ models in the region?
- How can we define the value proposition for diverse stakeholders government, private sector, civil society, consumers etc.?

 How can we communicate and network effectively considering that face-to-face meetings are very costly?





Thank you!



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