Key messages

• The case study shows the potential contribution of livestock to the national development agenda, beyond production of animal source food

• Livestock projects in Ethiopia were found to contribute to five SDGs mainly, primarily related to poverty, hunger, health, gender and decent work

• Good practice in the design of projects should take into account their multi-sectoral dimensions to ensure best contribution of livestock to higher objectives

Livestock-based solutions

• Livestock sector is usually poorly recognized, or undervalued, for its contribution beyond production of animal source food

• The case study analyses a portfolio of 19 recent livestock-related projects in Ethiopia to better understand the drivers and identify co-benefits of investment in livestock

Results and evidence

• The mechanisms for delivery of livestock related activities can be effective vectors to also deliver on cross-cutting themes such as, for example, gender or nutrition

Multiplier effects

• Are we doing the right things? The proposed methodology helps to improve SDG relevance at entry by identifying innovative livestock solutions for adoption and scaling up

• Are we doing the things right? Systematic collection of information and data enables to better document the multiple contributions of the sector, making the case for investment in livestock

• Are we learning from experience? The challenge remains to enhance result tracking and improve communication with stakeholders around livestock contributions to the 2030 Global Development Agenda

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