Key messages from the MSP Regional Preparatory Meeting

Eastern Europe and Central Asia

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1. Preparedness of the livestock sector to different crisis should be of paramount importance. It should be focused on the following:

   1. Holistic approach (different forms of shocks and impacts, at different spatial and temporal scales);
   2. Addressing all levels and supply chains, including farm inputs;
   3. Focus on building resilience and prevention instead of dealing with the impacts;
   4. Reduction of dependency on outsourced farm inputs, whenever feasible;
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2. Thorough analysis of sustainable investment options in the livestock sector should be conducted, focusing on

1. **Identification of barriers for investing in preparedness to disease outbreaks and other impacts, and in resilience of livestock production;**

2. **Identification of investment opportunities, which would lead to multiple positive effects, such as**
   a) **Sustainable economic growth;**
   b) **Resilience to crises and disasters;**
   c) **Reduction of negative environmental externalities;**
   d) **Strong contribution to poverty reduction, especially among smallholders and family farmers.**

3. **This requires to broaden the scope and timeframe of the economic assessment of planned interventions, to capture the aggregated and long-term benefits of prevention measures.**
Thank you