



## **LIVESTOCK DATA FOR DECISIONS COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE CHARTER**

### **NAME**

Livestock Data for Decisions or LD4D.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Livestock Data for Decisions Community of Practice (LD4D-CoP) was launched in January 2017 with members from the global livestock development community. LD4D will provide a forum for pooling and sharing of livestock data expertise. The Supporting Evidence-based Intervention (SEBI) project will act as a secretariat for LD4D in order to co-ordinate discussion between the different stakeholders in this space, including donors. The scope of LD4D will be relatively broad and directed by the stakeholders but the CoP will, in the first instance, concentrate on improving access to, and use of, livestock health and productivity data from low and middle income countries to support better decision making.

This charter provides the basis by which LD4D operates and includes the background, scope, structure and governance.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*“Driving better livestock decision making through improved data and analysis”*

LD4D will achieve this mission through multi-stakeholder engagement and collaboration in activities to support better evidence-based decision-making on livestock health and productivity. The ultimate goal of this mission is to improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers in LMIC geographies. LD4D activities will be supported by a web-based data and analytics platform.

The pilot phase of LD4D is being facilitated by SEBI (The University of Edinburgh) with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of LD4D are as follows:

1. To share knowledge and best practice.  
LD4D unites livestock development stakeholders and allows members to access and share expert knowledge and innovations relating to livestock development.
2. To broker data supply and demand.  
LD4D provides a forum in which ‘data suppliers’ and ‘data users’ can interact effectively to ensure that data supply meets the data demands of those that utilize it.

3. To share datasets, tools, analytical outputs and methods.  
LD4D is supported by a web-based platform that allows members to share data and analytics.
4. To work towards solutions to challenges identified by LD4D members as priorities within the field.  
Members will work together on specific priority issues, by sharing resources (e.g. knowledge, data) and providing mutual assistance to address these issues.
5. To evaluate the success and review the direction of LD4D on a regular basis.
6. To develop and execute shared programmes of work.
7. To raise awareness and understanding of the benefits of LD4D with various different global livestock development stakeholders.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to any individual who is interested in engaging with LD4D activities and agrees to abide by the LD4D code of conduct. Invitations to physical LD4D meeting will be restricted to those invited to join the January and June 2017 meetings – this will be reviewed periodically and on a needs basis.

Members are asked to define the nature and purpose, focus and priority areas, type of activities and operating modalities of LD4D.

### **SECRETARIAT**

SEBI (The University of Edinburgh) provides the secretariat for LD4D, providing logistical and financial support to the CoP. It will coordinate LD4D activities, including physical and electronic LD4D meetings and events. It will also act as a point of contact for the LD4D community.

In addition, SEBI will develop, co-ordinate and maintain a multifunctional web based data and analytical platform to support the livestock development needs of LD4D community members.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Be active, be respectful, be supportive.

Acknowledge the contribution of other members when using or publishing their data.

All outputs generated by members through LD4D will be open access.

### **COMMUNICATION**

At a minimum the community will hold an annual meeting. Regular electronic newsletters will be circulated to the community by the Secretariat.

Space will be provided on the LD4D knowledge platform for members to communicate, discuss and share work via forums and blogs.