

Livestock Service Reform in Andhra Pradesh, India

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Outline

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- The Objective
- Policy Process
(participation & analysis)
- Policy Outcomes
- Lessons Learnt



The Context



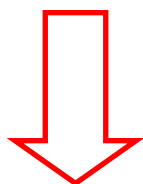
Andhra Pradesh

- Population \approx 76 million
- Per capita income \approx 600 US\$/year
- Agriculture \approx 31% of GDP
- Livestock \approx 18% of agri-GDP
- Poverty incidence
 - Rural (\approx 11%)
 - Urban (\approx 27%)



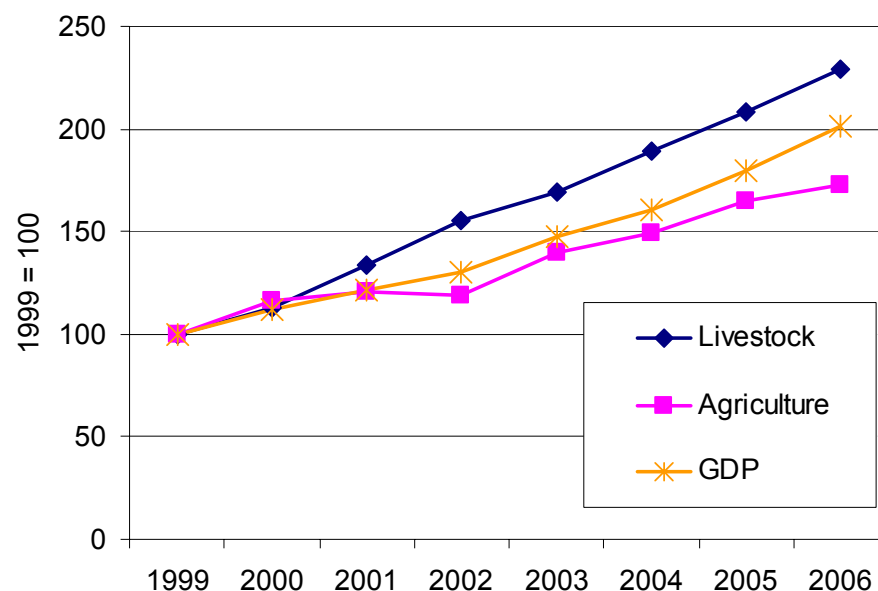
The Context

- Economy grows fast
- Livestock grows very fast
- The poor livestock keepers unable to benefit from expanded markets due to poor service support



**Policy reform
of livestock services**

Andhra Pradesh: trends in GDP, agri- and livestock value added



Source: Government of AP



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The Context



The pros

- Favorable state for development practitioners
- Vibrant civil society
- Committed government

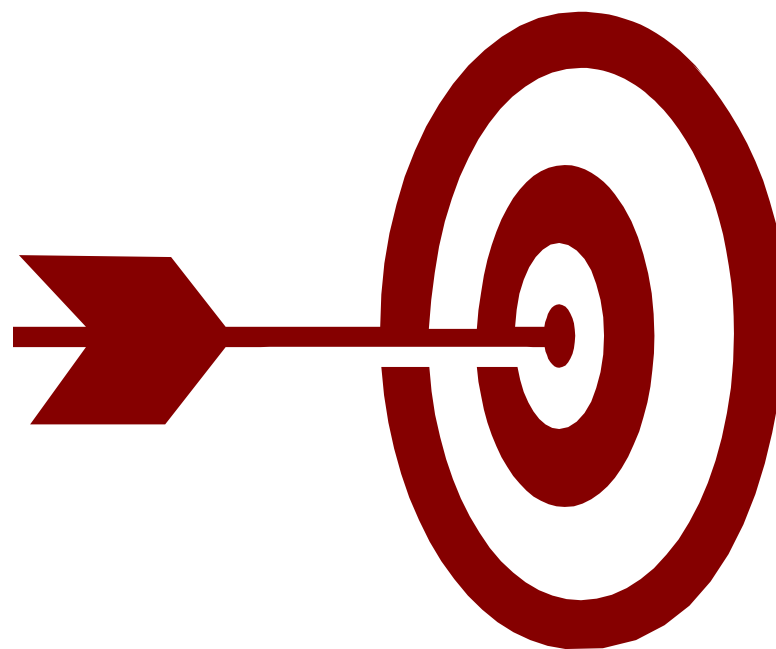
The cons

- Elites traditionally dominate the power structure
- Livestock producers are not an organized political lobby

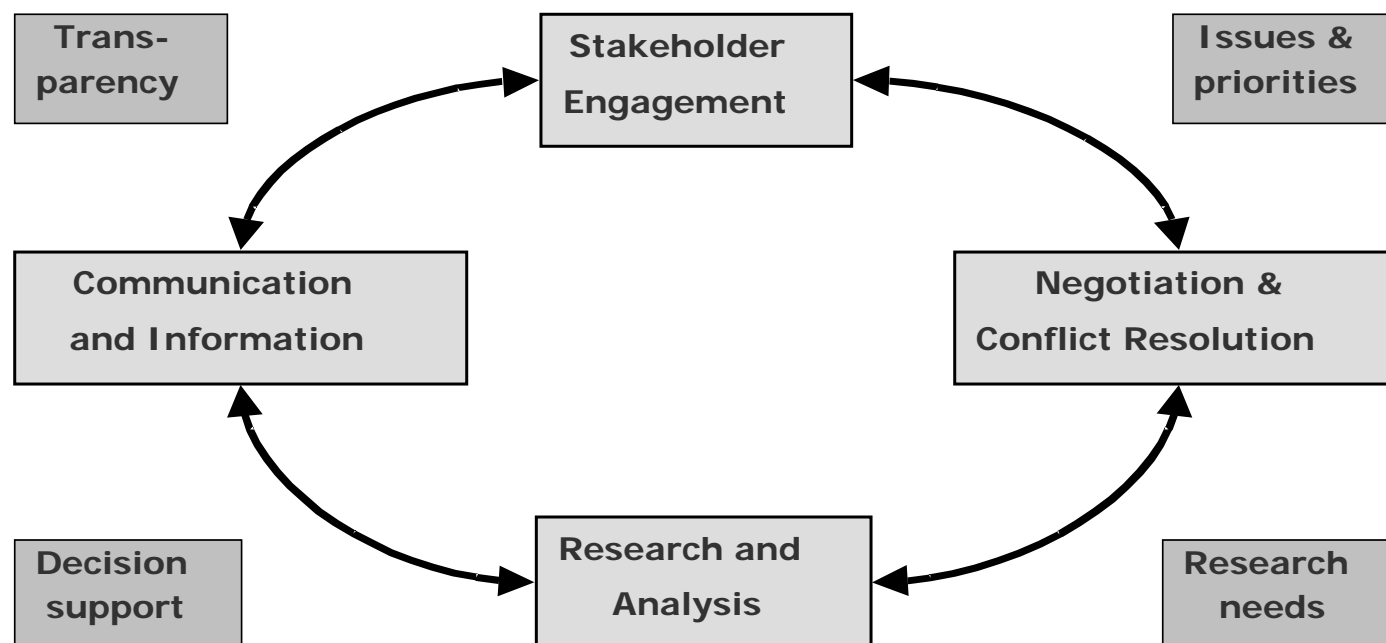


The Objective

To identify, through a consultative process, the gaps and deficiencies in animal health and breeding service delivery system in Andhra Pradesh and to create a conducive environment for facilitating policy and structural changes to address those gaps and deficiencies.



The Policy Process: Overview



Some guiding principles

- Bottom up participatory process to strengthen the role of 'non-state' parties
- Partnering for learning and experience sharing
- Nurturing the coalitions for change



The Policy Process: Partners

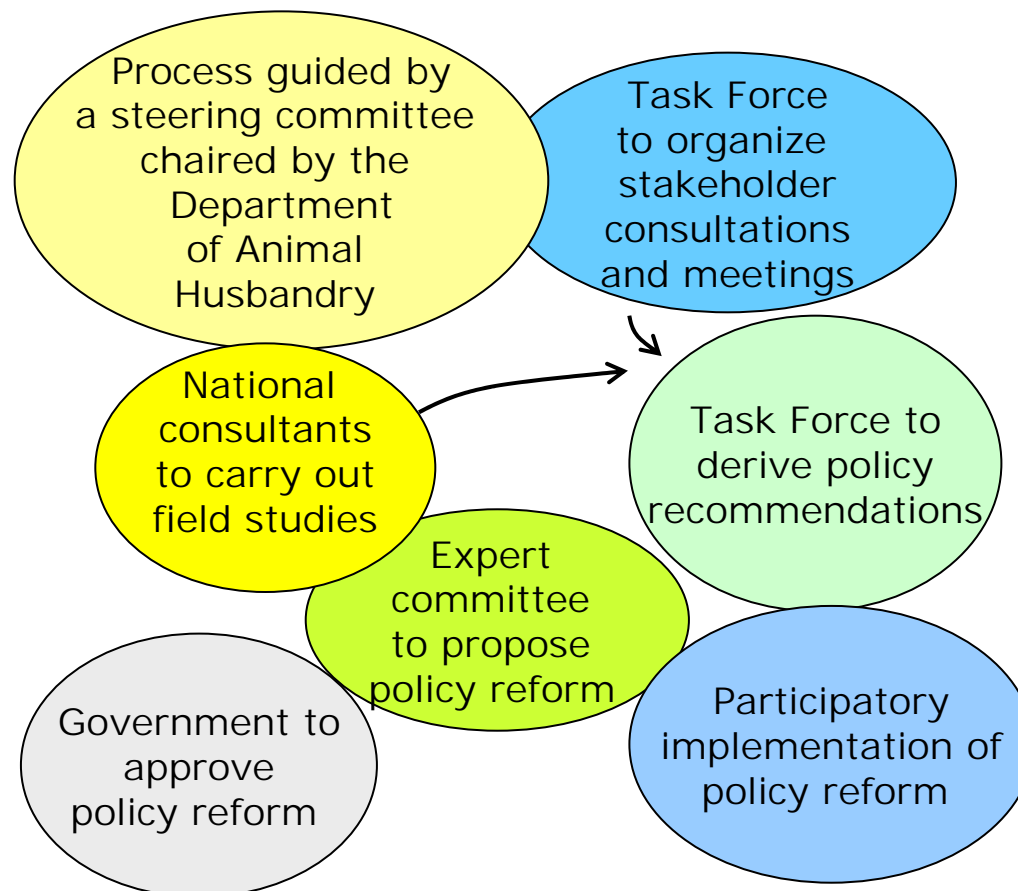
- Department of Animal Husbandry, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
- Indo-Swiss Natural Resources Management Program (NRMPA)
- Capitalisation of Livestock Experiences – India (CALPI)
- State Management Institute for Livestock Development (SMILDA)
- FAO's Pro-Poor Livestock Policy Initiative (PPLPI)
- Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)



The Policy Process: Stakeholders & Roles

Multi-tier, Multi-stakeholder consultative process involving

- 'Policy partners'
- Farmers
- Farmer organizations
- Government departments
- Tribal communities
- Breeder cooperatives
- Shepherds
- And others



The Policy Process: Time Line

- Steering committee meetings
- Task force meetings
- District meetings
- Consultations with:
 - tribal households
 - shepherds
 - traditional healers
- Consultations with
 - government veterinarians
 - government field officers
- Task force meetings
- Expert group meetings
- State level workshop

2003

Capacity building programmes

2007



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The Policy Process: Participation

Period	Venue	Topic/Purpose
December 2003	Mahboobnagar	Consultations with livestock farmers, local NGOs, cooperative unions, financial institutions, village level administrative units, and field level government functionaries
February 2004	Chittoor	
July 2004	Annavaram	
July 2004	Rampachodavaram	Consultations with tribal households
July 2004	Nalgonda	Consultations with sheep and goat rearers
December 2004	Ahmedabad	First training and capacity building for AP government officers from Animal Husbandry Department
May and June 2005	Multiple locations	Consultations with selected NGOs, training institutes, animal health workers and para veterinary staff
September 2005	Hyderabad	State level workshop to bring together the results of all the studies and consultations
October 2005	Ahmedabad	Second training and capacity building for AP government officers from the Animal Husbandry Dep.
October and November 2005	Mahbubnagar, Chittoor, Prakasam, East Godavari, Adilabad and Hyderabad	Focus group discussions with professional veterinarians
November 2005	Ahmedabad	Third training and capacity building for AP government officers from the Animal Husbandry Department
Several task force, steering committee and minor veterinary expert group meetings held in Hyderabad.		



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The Policy Process: Analyses

Issues analysed:

- Political economy analysis of the livestock sector
- Economic review of the livestock sub-sector
- Problems and potentials of para-veterinarian and animal health workers
- Para-vet training programmes
- Minor veterinary services
- Strategy to control animal diseases affecting the poor livestock holders



The Policy Process: Pro-poor Outcomes

- Government order to streamline minor veterinary services
- Disease control strategy (and fund raising for the same) initiated by the Government
- Enhanced attention to backyard poultry vaccination
- Uptake by other states

Recognized as unique effort in terms of process and outcome



Lessons Learnt: Challenges

- Build trust among interest groups
Diverse/opposing views and perspectives
- Deal with frequent changes at senior Government levels
- Make the participatory process effective
Policy dialogue versus action on the ground



Lessons Learnt: Strengths

- Multiple-tier multi stakeholder policy process
 - no top-down approach
 - no 'cult of expertise'
 - flexible, open and evolving
 - Government active and guiding
- Participation
 - capacity building
 - 'interactive learning'
- Policy analysis
 - field studies
 - emphasis on evidence rather than on interests



Summary

- Policy process towards livestock service reform in Andhra Pradesh:
 - policy champions
 - participation
 - analysis
- Pro-poor policy reform of vet services:
 - para-veterinarians and animal health workers
 - minor veterinary services
 - backyard poultry
- Uptake of approach by other Indian States



References & Further Reading

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