Ranking best-bets by stakeholders in Bihar

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Venue: Ghosti, Hotel Gargee Grand, Patna

Participants: 15 (list at the end of the document)

Process:

The meeting started with self-introductions. In order to recap, a brief presentation was made about the CRP on livestock and fish and what was achieved in Bihar till date. The best-bet selection protocol of the CRP was presented to the participants. Followed by that, the list of potential best-bet ideas that were identified by ILRI functionaries based on literature review, various studies and key informant interviews was presented to them. A brief explanation was provided on each of these ideas to develop common understanding among the participants. In a large group facilitation, each of the best-bet options was ranked. There was unanimity for most of the ranks, after some discussion. Each of the participants was asked to provide their personal rank in copies of the tables of potential best-bet ideas and the parameters that was provided to them. Those tables were collected at the end of the meeting.

Ranking by the stakeholders in the large group facilitation:

Potential Best bet ideas	Econ omic (for 'us')	Envir onme ntal	Social	Politi cal	Gend er/ Equit y	Relev ance	Remarks
	Rank/ Prioritize (1 to 3)						
Food-Feed crops	1	1	2	1	1	1	Leased landholdings and small land holdings
Design context specific least cost / best value feed	2	1	3	1	3	1	More work for women, easier to buy available feed from the market
Rapid diagnosis kits for major diseases	3	1 but towar ds 2	1	1	1	1	Chemicals in the kits might affect environment
Bio-security measures and improved animal welfare for disease management and productivity enhancement	1	1	1	1	2	1	More work for women
Local semi-processing of milk/ milk products	2 but towar ds 3	1	2	1	1	1	People working together is not easy in Bihar
Innovation Support Facility/ multi-agency network	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Incubation centres for small- scale business skill development, nurturing, linkages, etc.	3	1	1	1	1	1	
Communities of Practice of Al Practitioners	1	1	1	1	1	1	

Information systems to inform the identification and delivery of services	2	1	1	1	1	1	
ICT for identifying diseases (including those that are endemic ones), production parameters,	3	1	1	1	1	1	
Small-scale business enterprises around feed/ fodder	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Incentives for better quality products (feed/ fodder)	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Capabilities for local people about prioritizing interventions	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Animal housing conditions (free the animals instead of tethering them, feeding troughs) vs productivity/ animal health	1	1	2	1	1	1	Farmers might be reluctant
Farmer and processor paying for the costs of animal health input and service delivery	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Integrated service delivery (bundling of services)	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Community breeding/ bull certification							To be removed, as bull breeding can't work in Bihar

Some pictures of the discussions:







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