Establishing a Network on Priority Livestock Diseases in Central Asia (PLDCA)

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Introduction

- Animal health networks offer a framework for building strong technical capacity, competency, leadership

- Successful experience from regional AH networks in other regions

- FAO has lead with other international agencies the establishment and support of several AH networking initiatives

A regional animal health network will join forces to :

- Exchange information and experience

- Standardize laboratory, field prevention/control, operating, communication & other procedures

- Identify gaps, weaknesses & priorities

- Fulfill these gaps, e.g. by providing training, capacity building.

Regional laboratory networks will help to:

- Share and update information on laboratory diagnostic techniques

- Harmonizing quality assurance programs

- Develop regional technical collaborations and catalyze experience sharing

- Harmonized supply of reagents

- Proficiency testing

Regional Epidemiology networks will help to:

- Timely share outbreak and surveillance information;

- Harmonize surveillance and platforms

- Discuss prevention and control strategies

- Coordinate, harmonize and plan interventions in the region, particularly in border areas

Output 1 : A Network on Priority Livestock Diseases in Central Asia (PLDCA) established, defined, consolidated and sustained

- Key members and focal points for the network identified.

- *Inception Meeting of PLDCA* organized, followed by a 2nd meeting

- Strengthening coordination & collaboration within the network

- Disseminate and advocate for support to sustain regional network

- Evaluation of the regional network through a Strengths Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT)

Output 2: Assess capacities of national veterinary services (laboratories and surveillance)

- Conduct an assessment of the surveillance capacities of the veterinary services using the Surveillance Evaluation Tool (SET)

- Conduct technical assessments of laboratories using FAO's Laboratory Mapping Tool (LMT)

Output 3: Guide countries towards the evolution along the Stepwise Approach for the Progressive Control of Brucellosis (SPCB), and use of the Staged Tool for the Elimination of Brucellosis (STEB)

- 1st & 2nd *Brucellosis Progressive Control Workshop*

- Technical support at national level towards brucellosis SPCB next level

- Translation of the guidance documents into Russian.

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