Developing capacities for animal welfare at slaughter – the FAO programme of work
FAO

- 5 regional offices, 10 sub-regional - 5 liaison offices
- 136 country offices
- 4000 staff (53% in Rome)
- 192 Members
FAO’s audience/partners

- Governmental institutions (Ministries of Agriculture and Livestock)
- Private sector (all components of value chain)
- Professionals
- Civil society
- Academia and research centres
- Regional economic development, financial and intergovernmental organisations
Roughly one billion people, including many of the world’s poor, depend directly on animals for income, social status and security as well as food and clothing.
Meat production moves south

metric tons


Developing
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- Red: Developing
- Blue: Developed
Proliferation of recommendations, standards, voluntary schemes and bilateral trade agreements
Greater attention and often negative perception of products of animal origen in media and publications.
Why animal welfare?

- for the animal, as sentient being
- for higher productivity and product quality
- to decrease pre-slaughter losses
- to reduce animal and public health risks
- to increase workers’ safety
- to access market opportunities
- to respond to a societal concern
- to improve the image of the livestock sector and of the products of animal origin
Animal welfare benefits can lead to greater opportunities for all operators in the livestock sectors, citizens and animals at the same time.
The welfare of animals during slaughter is of growing importance in developing and emerging countries because of:

- increasing demand for livestock products, particularly meat;
- meat output in developing and emerging countries exceeds that in developed countries, resulting in an increasing number of animals slaughtered;
- meat exporting countries often have to comply with higher welfare requirements of importing countries;
- not only is beneficial to the animals, but also reduces losses and improve quality and value of meat and by-products, thus contributing to food security and income in many needy countries.
Humane treatment of slaughter animals increases production, e.g.:

- reduces carcass damage and waste and increases the value due to less bruising and injury;
- decreases pre-slaughter mortality;
- improves quality of meat due to the reduced stress;
- increases quality and value of hides and skins.

Better conditions of livestock operations also improve safety and conditions of workers in the livestock and meat industry.
What does it take?

- Awareness raising, education, information sharing, dialogue, communication
- Multi-disciplinary approach
- AW (risk) assessment
- Benchmarking, measuring, monitoring
- Balancing multiple constituencies’ interests and concerns
- Access to technical and scientific information
- Adequate policies and legislation
- Compliance (good practices), verification
- Training, training, training
FAO support: capacity development

- awareness raising, education, information sharing, dialogue among all stakeholders, communication
- development of policies, institutional building and assistance for upgrading of legislation
- technical and scientific information, guidelines and good practices
- training of all operators
- a forum, a platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue and collaboration
Capacity building to implement good animal welfare practices

FAO Expert Meeting
FAO Headquarters (Rome)  30 September – 3 October 2008
FAO capacity development activities

- implemented in a large number of countries
- include all of some of the various components
- address all operators
- multi-disciplinary, inclusive and collaborative
- focus on positive association of AW with human welfare, food safety & security, environmental impact, productivity, labour efficiency & safety, animal & human health
- variable source of funding (FAO, Member Countries, financial institutions, etc.)
Legislative and regulatory options for animal welfare
Guidelines for animals welfare practices: define HOW to achieve higher animal welfare through selected recommended practices - rely on broad consultation and collaboration with all stakeholders.
A single access point for a wide range of information related to the welfare of farm animals. A participatory platform to retrieve and submit information, as well as to engage in commonly funded projects and thematic discussions.

WHAT'S NEW
PUBLICATIONS
FAO Guidelines for animal welfare: identification of beef cattle - WORKING DOCS FOR CONSULTATION PURPOSE
To enable more explicit attention to animal welfare and its mainstreaming in practice, FAO’s...
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

LATEST NEWS
30 May 2010 > Compassion endorses American campaign
30 May 2010 > Projetos de lei relacionados a animais confundem protetores
28 May 2010 > Animal welfare top food concern for UK consumers
### Publications
In this section you will find a list of publications (books, reports, factsheets, case studies, booklets, proceedings, flyers, etc.). Some of them are available for download others are published as HTML pages.

### Legislation
Here you will find a collection of national legislation (including the European Community) related to animal welfare and protection, cruelty against animals, standards of humane care and treatment of animals.

### Codes of Practice and Recommendations
Codes and Recommendations by different institutions, stakeholders, organizations and policy makers.

They should not be regarded as an interpretation of any legislation. Compliance with these Codes of practice does not itself replace any legal obligation.

### Newsletters
This section holds archived issues of newsletters; they are regular circular information regarding upcoming meetings, projects, specific news and applications of relevance to animal welfare.

### Standards, Policies and Strategies
OIE internationally recognized standards are included in this section. To address existing and emerging animal welfare issues, key strategies and policies are in place to facilitate an coordinated and effective action. Find here a collection of policies, which lay down the basic rules and requirements to guide decisions and actions.

Strategies set out the steps to streamline and implement the policy.

### Scientific and Technical Papers
The science behind animal welfare legislation, codes of practice, recommendations and policies and the technical information to apply them in the production systems.

Many of the articles are available in printer friendly PDF format others can be found directly on the Scientific Journal web site.

### Miscellaneous
Press releases, opinions, statement, communications, etc.

### Training Material
Offering a library of high quality training materials, uploaded both by producers and users of that same materials. It can be in the form of trainers' guides or manuals, it can be simple notes or handouts, but they could also be illustrated posters or booklets.
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A multilingual team summarizes and in many cases translates laws and regulations on topics falling within FAO’s mandate - agriculture, cultivated plants, environment, fisheries, food, forestry, land and soil, livestock, water and wild species and ecosystems. Legal information is received by FAO from Member Nations pursuant to Article XI of the FAO Constitution.

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**FAO's Vision**

Capacity Development is at the heart of FAO's mandate. The Capacity Development Portal contributes to FAO's vision of strengthening the national capacities of its Member Countries to achieve their own goals in the areas of food security and agricultural development. Through its learning resources and learning services, the Portal addresses the needs of individuals in rural communities, in organizations and institutions, and at policy level.

This Portal is designed for FAO staff, collaborators, partners, Member Countries and other international, national and local development actors to access knowledge, information, tools, good practices, and services related to Capacity Development in FAO's mandate areas. The Portal provides links to FAO's Thematic Areas that feature Capacity Development as critical for the success of their programmes. The Portal also points to the principal external resources from within the UN and the broader international development community.

**A strategic view to Capacity Development**

Capacity Development is a core function highlighted in the Organization's new strategic framework. Member Countries place strong emphasis on FAO enhancing delivery in this area as they recently approved the Corporate Strategy on Capacity Development. The Strategy was developed in consultation with Member Countries and all FAO units worldwide. Taking a corporate approach to Capacity Development allows FAO to learn from its collective efforts and to support Member Countries in their own Capacity Development activities.

**FAO Capacity Development Learning Modules**

Each of these four learning modules focuses on a particular topic for moving toward the new approach to CD.

- FAO CD Learning Module 1- Enhancing FAO’s Practices for supporting CD in Member Countries
The Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) was launched in 1976 and is a part of FAO's Regular Programme, financed from the assessed contributions of its Members.

The Programme aims to provide FAO's technical expertise to its Member countries through targeted, short term, catalytic projects. These projects address technical problems in the field of agriculture, fisheries, forestry and rural livelihood that prevent Member countries, either individually or collectively, from implementing their development programmes. The TCP may be used in all areas of action that pertain to FAO's mandate and competence and which are covered by the Organization’s Strategic Framework.

TCP projects should produce tangible and immediate results in a cost-effective manner. They support improved food security and poverty alleviation, and should catalyse long-term development changes.

The TCP is one of FAO's tools for contributing to the achievement of the UN Millennium Development Goals and particularly the goal of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger.

Since its creation in 1976, the TCP has funded projects worth more than US$ 1.3 billion as at 31 December 2009.

Up to December 2009, the TCP was managed by the FAO's Technical Cooperation (TC) Department and coordinated by the TCP Service (TCOT). In January 2010, a large share of the responsibility for TCP management was transferred from the FAO’s headquarters to the FAO’s decentralized offices. Thus, the responsibilities for the tasks of the decentralized TCP process are shared among the Technical Cooperation (TC) Department, FAO’s Regional, Subregional and Country Offices (for more information see the FAO section of this Web site).
Making agricultural investments more effective for rural people

Effective agriculture and rural development investments are those that result in sustained food security and reduced poverty. This is our mission.

The FAO Investment Centre works in partnership with countries and both public and private financial institutions to increase the efficacy and flow of external, domestic and private investments to agriculture and rural development. Our role is to bring FAO's knowledge to bear on each step of the investment process. We help developing and in-transition countries invest with the long-term picture in mind, create synergies between investment programmes, define and strengthen national capacities and design specific investment programmes and projects intended to bring the greatest environmental, social and economic benefits to the lives of rural people. We assist countries in promoting their agricultural sector not only for purposes of economic development, but also to meet the health and nutrition needs of their citizens.

Our work is country-focused. It involves collaboration in the field with national counterparts in government ministries, financing institutions, the private sector, the donor community and other UN entities, as well as with the intended beneficiaries of agricultural and rural development investment, especially small-scale farmers, who together make up the world's biggest investors in agriculture.

Upstream

Upstream work serves the development of national agriculture and rural development investment strategies. It informs the criteria and rationale used to set broad parameters and priorities of national investment in agriculture and rural development. It provides the basis for decision-making at an early stage in identifying where investment can provide the greatest benefit.


downstream

Downstream work is when it pertains to a specific investment programme or project. The Investment Centre's purpose is to design programmes and projects that are: in accord with national investment priorities for agriculture and rural development; technically sound and the best of alternatives; attractive to intended beneficiaries; operationally and managerially workable; economically and financially viable; sustainable and environmentally sound.

Upstream work includes:

- Cost-Benefit Analysis. Various kinds of studies looking at the costs and benefits of agricultural and rural development investments.

Downstream work includes:

- Programme and Project Design and Preparation.

Capacity Development

The Investment Centre seeks to strengthen the capacities of public and private sector organisations to plan, implement and enhance the sustainability of their own agriculture and rural development investment operations.

We do this especially by working with local counterparts to transfer skills through on-the-job training. Best practices are promoted, building on lessons from international experience.
more information

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- Gateway to Farm Animal Welfare: www.fao.org/ag/animalwelfare.html
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