Livestock Markets, Animal Source Foods and Human Nutrition: Considering Program Tensions, Maximizing Impact and Avoiding Harm

Date: Monday October 17th, 2016 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
[Registration begins at 8:30 am]

Location: National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
50 F Street, NW, Washington, DC

While animal source foods (ASF) have the potential to improve health and nutrition of children in the first 1000 days, challenges remain in connecting market-led livestock interventions to ASF consumption in producer and rural households. Land O’Lakes International Development, in collaboration with the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) TOPS (Technical and Operational Performance Support) Small Grants Program (SGP), is convening this seminar to share and discuss the latest research and project-based learning on the roles of livestock producers, including small holder farmers, in increasing access to and consumption of ASF among vulnerable populations. The seminar will bring together development practitioners, researchers, donors and policy makers to unpack evidence and research, explore the technical challenges, and spark debate on topics including:

- The multiple functions livestock serve in household food, livelihoods and cultural systems – and what these sometimes competing functions of livestock mean for nutrition goals;
- The tensions between developing livestock markets and making safe and nutritious foods accessible by producer and rural households;
- Program based learning on how design and implementation of livestock based programs can influence ASF consumption and human nutrition;
- The importance of avoiding potential harmful impacts on food and nutrition along critical points in the value chains of livestock products

Please click HERE to register. Presentations will be made by representatives from ILRI, IFPRI, Land O’Lakes, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), NCBA-CLUSA and Mercy Corps. A detailed agenda will be circulated by October 7th, 2016.

More information on the event, including speakers and registration details can be found on the Land O’Lakes International Development and ILRI websites.