

Mapping existing animal industry-related policies and developing a poultry policy for Sri Lanka; towards a sustainable and competitive poultry industry



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Introduction

- Poultry Industry - well developed industry in Sri Lanka
- Animal husbandry related policies play a crucial role
- Lacking understanding of all the policies related to poultry industry
- OHPH,SL recognised importance of mapping existing rules, regulations, legislations and other related policies
- Also identified the importance of developing a separate policy for the poultry sector



Hypothesis

Policy mapping was identified as one of the prioritized area as there is no single place to find all the policies related to poultry Industry

Methods and results

Methods

- Policy mapping - collecting and analyzing all the published documents by the government and multilateral institutes regarding the rules, regulations and legislations published by the government agencies
- The OHPH *actor and the policy mapping tool* used as the reference tool to map the policies.
- Several workshops, interviews and meetings with stakeholders held at the Ministry of Agriculture to develop the poultry policy .
- Focus group discussions were held to understand the farmer's awareness about policies and legislations at field level and the gender perspectives were considered during the discussions.

Results

- Policy mapping completed
- Draft National Poultry Policy developed
- One Focus Group Discussion Completed. Knowledge on Policies among farmers minimal. Major difference between male and female participation.

Discussion

- The policy mapping exercise revealed the strengths and the gaps in available rules and regulations in Sri Lanka.
- Most of Animal related legislations lack rules and regulations to safeguard the poultry Industry.
- No specific laws to govern poultry slaughter and no rules and regulations imposed for poultry sector under the main legal document Animals Act in Sri Lanka.
- The draft of the poultry policy was developed after the discussions with all the stakeholders of the poultry industry.
- The draft developed by the Ministry of Agriculture with the collaboration of one health poultry hub will be available for public comments/stakeholder comments in future and after receiving the public comments and final stakeholder comments, the final draft will be presented to the National Cabinet for approval.
- The focus group discussions to study awareness of farmers on rules and regulations pertaining to poultry industry in Sri Lanka through gender lens is on going.
- The knowledge on policies and legislations were very minimal among backyard and commercial farmers.
- Majority of the participants were males and the female participation is very minimal for the focus group discussion.



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