Roll-out of the Codex code of practice on good animal feeding

The project aimed to champion the safe production and supply of animal feed globally, bringing together the feed industry, livestock producers and government agencies, particularly across Africa and Latin America.

The training manuals were published and launched by Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) and can be found on the IFIF website.

A result story on the project is available here.

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Developing and least developed countries

Implementing Entities

International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF)

Partners

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Background

For producers and the feed industry in developing countries and emerging economies, meeting safety and quality standards for export and domestic markets is a challenge. Applying the Codex code of practice on good animal feeding increases food safety and boosts trade in feed products and products of animal origin.

A "Feed Manual of Good Practices for the Feed Industry" was developed, with guidelines for producers and industry to meet the Codex code of practice and support higher feed and food safety standards.

Results

The "Manual of Good Practices for the Feed Industry" (in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish) supported the development of new feed safety regulation and standards in Argentina, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Suriname, Uganda and many other countries.

IFIF and FAO used the Manual in capacity development projects and workshops across Africa, Asia and Latin America, helping regulators and industry to increase the safety of feed and food.

The project supported the set up of the Latin American Feed Industry Association (FeedLatina) and the Southern

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African Feed Manufacturers' Association. Both help to harmonize legislation and regulations within their regions, boosting trade and creating self-regulating regional industries.

The project catalyzed the creation of the FAO-led Feed Safety Multi-Stakeholder Partnership to support capacity development and the Global Feed Safety Platform to share information and knowledge worldwide.

Recommendations

The manufacturing focus in the Manual should be matched by a focus on the regulatory management of authorized feed ingredients, the approval process, and risk management assessment for feed ingredients.

Working towards harmonization and mutual recognition will ease trade of feed and ingredients among the regions and support the goals to meet the feed and food challenges of the future.