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ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

Over the years, Canada has supported smallholder farmers' livestock. Last year, we launched the Livestock Vaccine Innovation Fund, a \$57 million initiative that supports the development, production and commercialization of innovative and affordable vaccines against neglected livestock diseases in Sub-Saharan Africa, South-East Asia and South Asia. Global Affairs Canada has committed \$15 million over 5 years (2015-2020) to this multi-donor partnership fund also supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the International Development Research Centre.

Also in 2016, Canada provided \$3 million to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to restore agricultural livelihoods and improve resilience of vulnerable farmers most affected by the armed conflict in Eastern Ukraine. This assistance includes the distribution of fodder packages to more than 4,100 vulnerable households, which are used to feed cattle and prevent families from having to cull livestock in the absence of such feed.

In humanitarian settings, Canada provides assistance to vulnerable populations, including women and girls, on the basis of needs. Canada works through experienced humanitarian partners to provide modest livestock recovery support, where appropriate. This can include the provision of agricultural and veterinary inputs and training on production techniques for food insecure households and communities; distribution of livestock shelters; provision of backyard livestock or poultry to small-scale farmers; and assistance for the rehabilitation of agricultural infrastructure. In 2016, livestock related activities have been supported in Central African Republic, Somalia, and the West Bank and Gaza.