

## **1. The contribution of research to the development of family poultry production systems.**

- Different research methods (field studies, surveys, case studies, experiments, etc.) were employed to develop family poultry in the last decades. How did these contribute to the development of the family poultry subsector in developing countries? Which of these methods has given the most significant results?
- Are methodologies and type of family poultry research of sufficiently good quality standards?
- Genetic resources, feed, animal health and economics - To which of these fields could research give the greatest contribution?
- Should research for family poultry be conducted at a global, national or regional level?
- Are findings from family poultry research well documented and easily available?
- Do the family poultry producers of specific regions of the developing world benefit from research more than others?
- How can technology be applied in family poultry production?
- Can the technology and expertise developed in the commercial poultry industry be useful for the development of family poultry production?
- Is private research contributing to family poultry development?
- Are family poultry producers keen on applying new research findings?
- How can farmers' innovations help family poultry management?
- What simple technologies which are readily available could yield improvements in family poultry production?
- What are the most effective ways of transferring research findings to family poultry producers?

## **2. The development for livelihoods through family poultry – cost and opportunities.**

- What is the socio-economic importance of family poultry production?
- Food security and conservation of poultry genetic resources: the main roles of smallholder family poultry production systems?
- Does family poultry represent a sustainable source of income?
- Does family poultry alone have the capacity of improving the livelihoods of poor households?
- Does family poultry enable the poorest households to take the first step towards breaking out of poverty?
- Why should development organizations invest in family poultry rather than in other livestock activities?
- Genetic resources, feed, and animal health - which of these areas allows the highest degree of improvement, at a lower cost?
- Is family poultry development easier to achieve than that of the other livestock species reared by smallholders?
- Will the global shift towards intensive livestock production systems reduce the resources allocated to family poultry development?
- Meat and eggs- what is their respective importance to livelihoods?
- What is the willingness of family poultry producers to take risk in innovations?

- What are the risks of innovation? Does the importance of family poultry change in rural and urban households?
- Are investments in family poultry profitable?

### **3. Competing or complementing commercial poultry production systems?**

- Household consumption vs. commercialization of family poultry - which is best?
- Can family poultry play an important role to meet the protein needs of the growing human population?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of family poultry compared to commercial poultry production?
- Can family poultry keepers be competitive on the market?
- Are higher food-safety standards achievable in family poultry production systems?
- Is family poultry consumption decreasing with rising per capita incomes, urbanization and Westernization of diets?
- Which of the following options is more promising in a developing country context: Low input / low output system (family poultry) or high input / high output (large commercials)?