

Message by the D. G. (Animal Health & Extension Services)

Livestock is one of the four major pillars of the economy of Balochistan and contributes more than 50 per cent of Balochistan's Agriculture GDP and 10 per cent of the overall Provincial GDP. This economic performance is achieved even though the livestock sector possesses great potential to grow more.

Nowadays, the Government of Balochistan acknowledges that the livestock sector can contribute much more to economic growth and development of Balochistan, that's why the Animal Health Information System is being launched. Due to joining the hub of information it is hoped that the livestock sector, its actors, and its value chains overall will step forward to be transformed into a modern and revenue generating sector.

I am delighted to launch the first ever Animal Health Information System, which is a stepping stone towards circulating the information and wellbeing for the entire livestock sector. I am confident that due to information spread through this System, the sector will advance and attract livestock keepers of Balochistan.

Message by the Secretary

The Livestock Sector, is not only a mainstay of our economy, but is also a way of life for many of our people and an essential part of our culture and tradition. Animal Health Information System is being launched with the keen participation of higher-ups and dignitaries, which speaks that if we disseminate departmental information in useful way, we can boost livestock sector that can provide employment and good income to our people.

I believe that this is possible and the Government of Balochistan is obliged to make this happen by allocating sufficient public development resources for uplifting of this sector and encourage private sector for its involvement. I would like to thank all those who have helped to launch Animal Health Information System.

The Information System is going to provide platform where the private sector, farmers, NGOs, academics, government organizations and national and international experts and investors can look and inform together about livestock related issues and the way forward.

This is the first time that such a deep and comprehensive consultative process has been undertaken in Balochistan Livestock Sector, so, the quality of outputs will surely reflect the hard work. I am glad to express that the present provincial leadership is determined to achieve "Prosperity in Balochistan through Livestock Development". Last, but not the least, I would like to congratulate entire team of this effort.

Message by the Minister for Livestock Department

Balochistan with lot of natural resources has been bestowed by Almighty Allah. Livestock in Balochistan is also God gifted which has been a leader in provincial economy. Its global approach to poverty alleviation, its emphasis on sustainability, its readiness to livelihood, and its insistence on providing useful employment without gender discrimination are what the province desperately need.

Livestock has played a pivotal role in provincial economy. That is why I am so honoured to be the part of Balochistan Livestock & Dairy Development Department. Besides having great potential, the livestock sector has ever been neglected during last decades but due to the vision of our leadership towards addressing issues related to livestock, every province and all dignitaries have become alert for development of the sector.

In this series of efforts, the Animal Health Information System is being launched which I may believe that will provide a huge platform to all stakeholders for dash-boarding of their expertise and expression of their interests. In the perspective of this Information System, the Livestock Department is eager to achieve set goals which will definitely benefit the general public as well as to livestock keepers.

All our visionary leaders, know that livestock has to be useful and it has to be inclusive. Their vision and emphasis are much important for us. It is an honour for me to witness and to be a part of the launching of this Information System. In the end I would like to say that, "Real stakeholders do not wait for chances; they create them...just like you all did. Best wishes for this new venture!