



**World Rabbit Science Association (WRSA)**  
**Guidelines for Country Reports for Presentation to the WRSA**

The essence of these country reports is to capture and monitor the trend of rabbit production and associated activities across different developing countries for inclusion at the WRSA web-site page: "Rabbits for Developing Countries".

Please feel free to modify as appropriate for the situation in your country.

Advantages of these country reports are three-fold :

- 1) help to show-case of country efforts and activities geared towards enhancing the contributions of rabbit projects to income, employment and food security,
- 2) reveal success stories and innovations about rabbit projects that other countries can emulate, and
- 3) serve as a blue print for a global agenda on rabbit project development as a tool for poverty reduction as promoted by the WRSA.

Country reports can capture a broad range of issues and topics all connected with the rabbit production and value chains. Alternatively, it can cover an event or series of events (e.g. a rabbit fairs or promotional programmes for rabbit project development), role of NGOs, innovative marketing, gender empowerment, rabbits in poverty alleviation and sustainable development goals (SDG) of the United Nations, etc.

**SUCH REPORTS WILL BE PUBLISHED, among other supports, ON THIS WEB SITE**

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- (1) Brief information about the country (latitude, longitude, climate, seasons, etc.)
- (2) General Overview of the rabbit sector
  - a. Characteristics of small-medium holder rabbits
  - b. Key stakeholders
  - c. Programmes (National, regional, local/communal programmes)
    - i. Regional Rabbit Fairs
    - ii. Promotional programmes for rabbit production and consumption
    - iii. National rabbit project development programmes for poverty alleviation
    - iv. Rabbit project development programmes for women empowerment
    - v. NGO-facilitated rabbit development project
- (3) Characterization of units
  - a. Scale of operation (small, medium, large scale)
  - b. Number of does/farm
  - c. Doe productivity indices
    - i. Kindling intervals
    - ii. Mean litter sizes per doe per annum
    - iii. Doe production lifespan (longevity)
    - iv. Weaners/doe/year
    - v. Kg Weaners/doe/year, Kg fryers/doe/year
  - d. Off-take (annual)
- (4) Situation / SWOT analysis of national or regional rabbit development project
  - a. Strengths

- b. Weaknesses
  - c. Opportunities
  - d. Threats / barriers
- (5) Key stakeholders and roles
- (a) Rabbit farmers' cooperative societies
  - (b) Governmental organizations
  - (c) NGOs/faith-based organizations (e.g. Heifer International, Catholic, Winrock International, Islamic Development Bank, etc.)
  - (d) Global bodies/Multinational (FAO, CTA, IFAD, IFPRI, World bank)
- (6) Value Chains (VC)
- a. Rabbit VC actors and players (Input suppliers/Producers/Processors/Distributors/ marketers, Consumers)
  - b. Rabbit VC mapping and analysis
  - c. Rabbit VC empowerment
- (7) Key national accomplishments of rabbit producers' associations
- (a) Rabbit Cooperative Societies
  - (b) Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission
  - (c) Producers and suppliers chain
  - (d) Contract farming
  - (e) Access to quality breeding stocks
  - (f) Cooperative marketing
- (8) Challenges and constraints
- (a) Support systems?
  - (b) National Rabbit Breeding Policy?
  - (c) Access to quality inputs (feeds, genetics, medications)
  - (d) Access to quality breeding stocks
  - (e) Markets and market access?
  - (f) Access to loans and credit facilities
  - (g) Access to technical know-how
- (9) Emerging issues
- a. Gender mainstreaming / inclusiveness
  - b. Livestock entrepreneurship through rabbit production
  - c. Rabbit for prosperity (R4P) programmes
  - d. Rabbit Cooperative Societies
    - i. Constitution
    - ii. Total membership
    - iii. Goals and objectives
    - iv. Benefits to members
  - e. Cooperative marketing of rabbits
  - f. Contract farming
  - g. ICT (Information & Telecommunication Technology) in rabbit production, processing and marketing
  - h. STI (science, technology and innovation) in rabbit production, processing and marketing
  - i. Pastured rabbit production
- (10) Miscellaneous / Other issues not covered above

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