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## Gender Research at ILRI: An Overview of Developments in the Last Decade

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### Abstract

The poster presents an overview of milestones in the development and integration of gender research at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) in the last decade. It outlines the steps undertaken by ILRI to move from a lack of gender capacity in 2002 towards the first gender efforts in 2005 when a gender audit was commissioned. Between 2006 and 2009, a gender task force was created to develop a research agenda on women and livestock issues, and between 2009 and 2011, more consistent efforts were undertaken to grow the capacity of the gender team and gender research by hiring gender scientists and focusing on resource mobilisation for gender specific research.

In the last few years, CGIAR's introduction of Research Programs (CRPs) has entailed a stronger support for engaging in integrating gender in ILRI's livestock work and also conducting gender strategic research. Gender strategies have been prepared with detailed research plans, dedicated budgets and personnel. In addition, research efforts across the CRPs and CGIAR centres have been undertaken to raise the profile of gender evidence in agricultural research for development to a global level. The poster highlights challenges encountered and effective efforts that are currently underway to further develop and implement these strategies. Ultimately, the presented poster shows the critical role gender research plays as a driver to achieving ILRI's goal of improving food security and reducing poverty in developing countries through research for better and more sustainable use of livestock.

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