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<u>Global Burden of Animal Diseases (GBADs)</u> has to be aware of the complexities of identifying who is impacted by the burden of disease and health problems in livestock and aquaculture. Expenditure on animal health can have gender impacts, diverting scarce financial resources. <u>CGIAR</u> <u>GENDER Platform</u> will support GBADs in making sense of gender impacts and making the invisible visible.

The first step in making the invisible visible is to obtain gender disaggregated data at household level. Simply put, this means interviewing both a man and a woman in a household, and not just the head of the household. Moreover, data collection needs to be sensitive to gender norms, so, if possible, the man and the woman should be interviewed separately to give each a chance to express themselves. GBADs will support the development of frameworks of data collection to make the invisible visible, highlighting the need for such exercises to be adequately funded.

After the collection of this data, making sense of gender requires analysis. The GBADs analytics platform will need to seek and encourage data that is good enough for the purpose of a gender analysis. Such data will help provide answers to a series of questions such as:

- What are the implications of ownership of livestock does asking who owns the animal actually help us?
- Are we looking at how animal disease impact disempowers women?

Gender is about power relationships – which are nuanced and very contextual; how can we explore this when working with big datasets?

At the national level it is important to have structures of analysis that can take the data on gender and animal health at the household level and **aggregate** this at the **national level**, while still being able to do an effective gender analysis.

We at the CGIAR GENDER Platform will work with GBADs to make sure these questions are asked and, more importantly, we will help answer them to ensure that the GBADs programme contributes to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal No. 5 – Gender equality.

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