Country report on the current situations of the use of antimicrobial agents as growth promoter
Current situation

➢ In 2016-2017, there are 16 million cattle, 3.6 million buffalo, 16 million pigs, 8.5 million sheep and goat and 293 million chickens in Myanmar.

➢ Improper manufacture and storage systems, importation of non-registered animal feeds, raw feed and feed additives like growth promoters appear to be leading to potential impacts of mycotoxin, production problems and reproductive problems.

➢ Human health risk by animal feed and veterinary drug
  • Introduction of residues, and contaminants in animal products (milk, egg, meat)
  • Excess of safety limit

➢ Animal health risk by animal feed and veterinary drug
  • Poor nutrition
  • Illness
  • Mycotoxins and contaminants
  • Death (animals and fish)
Legislation related to the use of antimicrobial agents in feed as growth promoter

Current legislation in Myanmar

➢ Animal Health and Development Law (17/93), existing law in Myanmar now
  • There is no obligation on animal feed producers to produce, and sell safe animal feed and label it accurately
  • Lacks sufficient powers to conduct proper inspections and investigation to the premises of producers, retailers and user

  • The current National Drugs Law requires the approval of veterinary drugs by the Food and Drug Authority
  • No inspection and investigation powers for government agencies to enforce the provisions.

➢ Finally there is a lack of clear inspection powers for the enforcement of both animal feed and veterinary drugs resulting in significant barriers to effective enforcement.

➢ As current legislations do not match livestock sector nowadays, we need to new law to focus on veterinary drugs and feed.
Way forward

How we need to implement new law?

To ensure compliance

➢ Publication of the rules (e.g. Website)
➢ Communication/ education to those who must comply
➢ Comprehensive inspection/ audit of those who must comply
➢ Enforcement for those who deliberately evade/ ignore the rules with credible penalties
➢ Complete the consultation (6 months)
➢ Finalize law drafting
➢ Animal feed and veterinary drugs are going under process by LBVD to submit to parliament currently.
➢ Animal health and livestock development law is drafted at Union parliament now.