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International Poultry Council (IPC)Â endorses principles to reduce AMR reliance on farm animals

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The International Poultry Council (IPC) has recognized eight private-sector organizations to endorse its new stewardship principles stating the significance of "responsible antimicrobial usage" in farms.

Advanced within Transformational Strategies for Farm Output Risk Mitigation (TRANSFORM), a USAID-funded activity led by Cargill, the principles guide poultry farmer actions to avoid the need for use of antimicrobials, yet when needed, ensure they are used according to stewardship principles.

These international leaders, representing over 15% percent of the global broiler production, include six associations and two companies, and together they represent a collective effort in reducing reliance on antimicrobials globally. These organizations are recognized as leaders for adopting the antimicrobial use stewardship principles and serve as an example for others that want to make a tangible impact on global health security.

- Brazilian Association of Animal Protein (ABPA)
- FederaciÃ³n Nacional de Avicultores de Colombia (FENAVI)
- Poultry Federation of India (PFI)
- Unione Nazionale Filiere Agroalimentari Carni e Uova (UNAITALIA)

- Thai Broiler Processing Exporters Association (TBA)
- Vietnam Poultry Association (VIPA)
- DABACO Group, a Vietnam-based company
- Kenchic Limited, a Kenya-based company

"Critical actions for addressing antimicrobial use start at the farm," said Robin Horel, IPC president. "We commend these organizations for acknowledging the importance of intentional antimicrobial use not only for the benefit of animals, but for the impact on human health by reducing the risk of resistant pathogens spreading around the world."

By adopting the principles, the organizations are committed to encouraging or taking action that centers around four key points. First, taking a risk-based approach to understand specific use of antimicrobials. Second, adopting management practices to reduce the need for antimicrobials. Third, using antimicrobials only in compliance with national authorizations and finally, that antimicrobials critically important for human medicine should be used for therapeutic purposes only and under a supervising veterinarian's diagnosis and oversight.