Economic Impact of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in India: An Evidence from Andhra Pradesh

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Importance of Livestock Sector in India

☐ Livestock is an important sub-sector of Indian agriculture (29% of the AgGDP and 4.11% of total GDP). ☐ India has a total livestock population of >500 million and bovine population is about 300 million (19th Livestock Census, 2012). ☐ Milk production during 2015-16 was >155 million litres, produced mostly by the smallholder farmers and consumed domestically. ☐ Meat production was **7 million tonnes**, of which 25% enters export market. ☐ The sector provides **employment to about 16 million** people and it plays a vital role in improving the socio-economic conditions of rural masses (DAHDF, 2016-17).

Livestock Health & FMD... in India

- ☐ The share of crossbred bovine is increasing over the years, due to which susceptibility to various diseases has increased. ☐ The country has a comprehensive scheme on 'Livestock Health & Disease Control' (health care against FMD, PPR, Brucellosis and CSF. ☐ The flagship programme is **FMD-CP**, being implemented in 351 districts in 13 states and 6 union territories with the funding of Rs. 170 crores (~28 million US\$) during 2015-16.
- ☐ The country accords the **highest priority for the eradication of FMD**, because it causes enormous economic losses to the millions of smallholder farmers, besides meat industry.

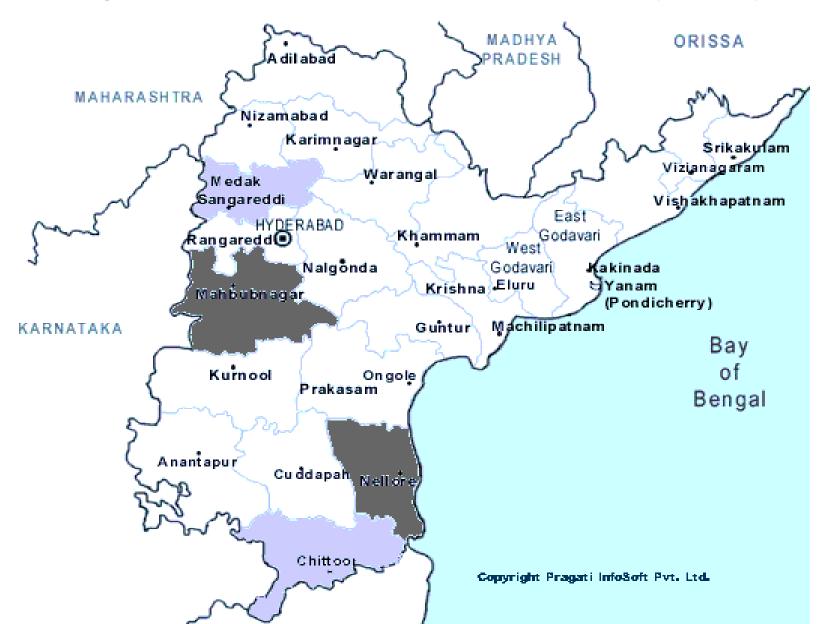
FMD-CP and its continuance

- ☐ India has established three zones as 'FMD free Zones where vaccination is practiced', as per OIE guidelines and dossier has been submitted to OIE for their recognition.
- ☐ Though the benefit of FMD-CP is widely recognized, **policy makers in our country still need empirical evidence** for continuous support.
- ☐ In this context, this study was conducted during 2009-11 in India, in order to assess the farm-level economic impact due to FMD in 2 different settings (area where FMD-CP is in operation and the area where it is not there).

Impact due to FMD

- □ It is generally **not fatal** (mature livestock), but increases the risk of **abortion** (pregnant animals) and of **mortality** (young livestock).
- □ FMD leads to **reduced productivity** and require increased expenditures on feed, medication and shelter (Rich and Winter-Nelson 2007).
- □ The economic losses caused by the disease are mainly due to losses in milk production and reduction in working capacity of work animals (Bandyopadhyay, 2003; Venkataramanan et al. 2005).
- ☐ In addition, milk and milk products, meats and hides are not accepted by the disease-free importing countries causing reduction in the export potential of the livestock industry.

Sample districts in Andhra Pradesh (India)



Direct losses due to FMD

☐ Milk yield reduction
 ☐ Draught power reduction
 ☐ Treatment costs
 ☐ Mortality
 ☐ for indigenous cattle, crossbred cattle, local buffaloes,

upgraded buffaloes

\square Loss due to milk yield reduction (L_{γ})

$$L_Y = (M_{Post}) * D * P$$

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where,
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M_{Pre} = Milk yield at pre-FMD period (Litres/day)

M_{Post} = Milk yield at post-FMD period (Litres/day)

D = Duration of infection in in-milk animals

P = Price / litre of milk (Rs.)

☐ Loss due to draught power reduction (L_D)

$$L_D = [(H_{Pre} - H_{Post})/8] * D * W$$

where,

H_{Pre} = Draught power at pre-FMD period (Hours/day)

H_{Post} = Draught power at post-FMD period (Hours/day)

D = Duration of infection in bullocks

W = Hiring charges / day (Rs.)

\square Loss due to treatment costs (L_T)

$$L_T = (C_P * N) + C_I$$
$$C_P = F + M$$

where,

C_p = Cost of professional treatment (Rs)

F = Fees for veterinarians / visit (Rs)

M = Cost of medicines / visit (Rs)

N = No. of visits to animal health services

C_I = Cost of indigenous treatment during the infected period (Rs)

\square Loss due to mortality (L_M)

$$L_M = \sum A_{ij} * V_{ij}$$

where,

- A_{ii} = Species-wise category of bovines
- V_{ii} = Average value of animals (Rs)
- = Species of animal, viz. Indigenous cattle, crossbred cattle, local buffalo and upgraded buffalo
- j = Category of animals, viz. In-milk, dry, bull, bullock, immature males, heifer, male calf and female calf

Factors influencing compliance to vaccinating the animals against FMD

Probit Model

$$Y = a_0 + \beta_1 AGE + \beta_2 EDN + \beta_3 FAMILY +$$

$$\beta_4 EXP + \beta_5 FARM + \beta_6 TINC +$$

$$\beta_7 CASTE (D_1) + \beta_8 CASTE (D_2) + \beta_9 CASTE (D_3) + U_i$$

where,

Y = Compliance to vaccination (1 for 'Yes' and 0 for 'No')

AGE = Age of the farmer

EDN = Education level of the farmer (No. of years of formal education)

FAMILY = Family size of the farm household

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EXP = Experience in dairying (No. of years)
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FARM = Farm size (No. of bovines in the farm household)

TINC = Total income of the farmer

D₁ = Dummy (Other backward caste)

D₂ = Dummy (Scheduled caste)

D₃ = Dummy (Scheduled tribe)

 U_i = Error term

FMD attacks and death in the sample farms

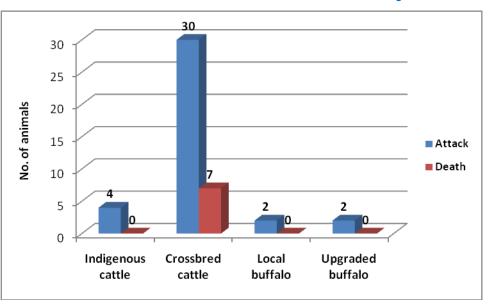
	FMD CP	districts	FMD non-CP districts		
Impact	Chittoor	Medak	Nellore	Mahbub nagar	
Total animals	203	240	482	345	
Attacles	38	80	98	122	
Attacks	(18.72)	(33.33)	(20.33)	(35.36)	
Deaths	7	8	21	27	
	(18.42)	(10.00)	(21.43)	(22.13)	

Note:

Figures in parentheses under 'attacks' indicate percentages to total no. of animals in the affected households

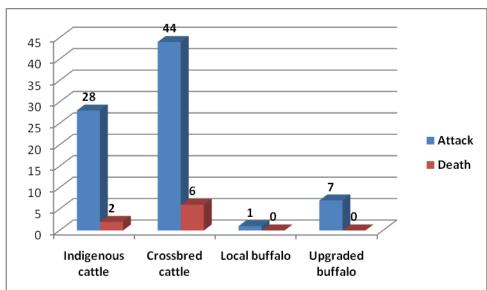
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FMD attacks and death by different species of dairy animals (FMD-CP districts)

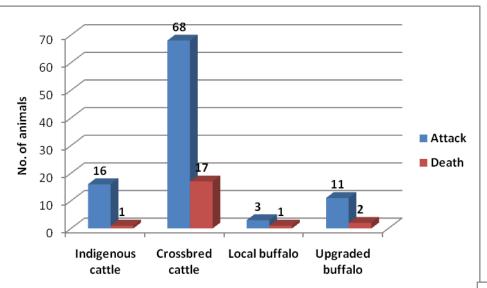


Chittoor

Medak

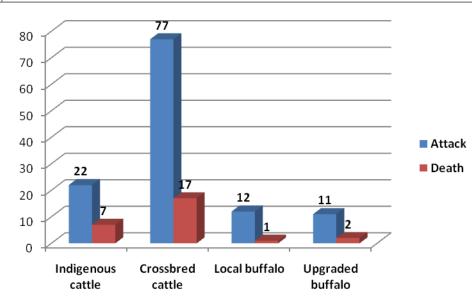


FMD attacks and death by different species of dairy animals (FMD non-CP distrits)

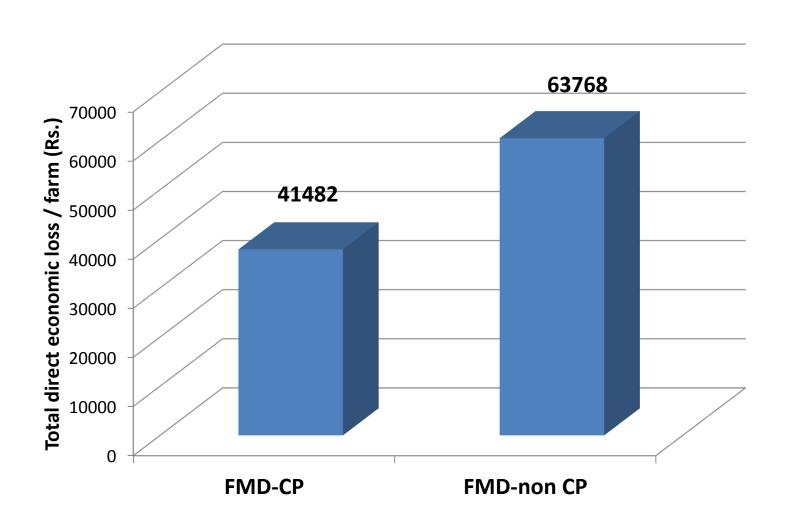


Nellore

Mahbubnagar



Total Direct Economic Impact due to FMD



Indirect losses....not quantified

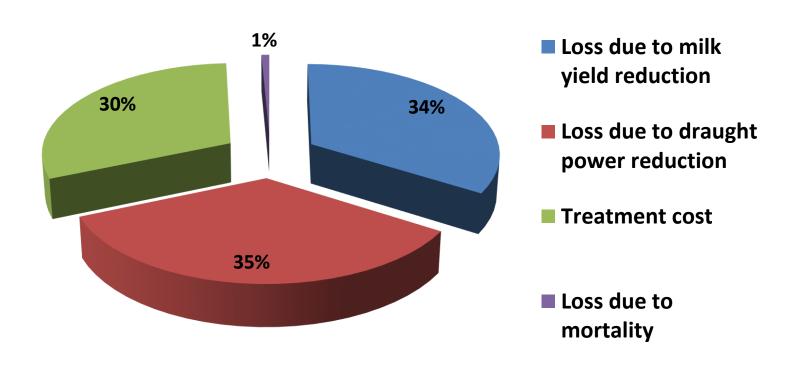
Permanent reduction in production ■ Body weight loss (feed/maintenance/) ☐ Abortion Long intercalving period / service period Permanent lameness of draught animals ■ Market and price effects ☐ Trade effects Food security and nutrition ☐ Health and environment effects Costs of inspection, monitoring and surveillance

Projections of estimated total direct loss due to FMD in Andhra Pradesh

S.No.	Impact	Loss / animal (Rs.)	Susceptible Population	Incidence rate (%)	Total loss (Rs. in crores)
1.	Loss due to milk yield reduction				
	Indigenous cattle	5085	1530651	0.09	71.98
	Crossbred cattle	9256	642362	0.23	137.92
	Buffaloes	8742	4682371	0.04	178.68
	Sub-total 388.5				
2.	2. Loss due to draught power reduction				
	Indigenous cattle	11044	3897284	0.08	361.42
	Crossbred cattle	9658	166866	0.23	37.37
				Sub-total	398.79

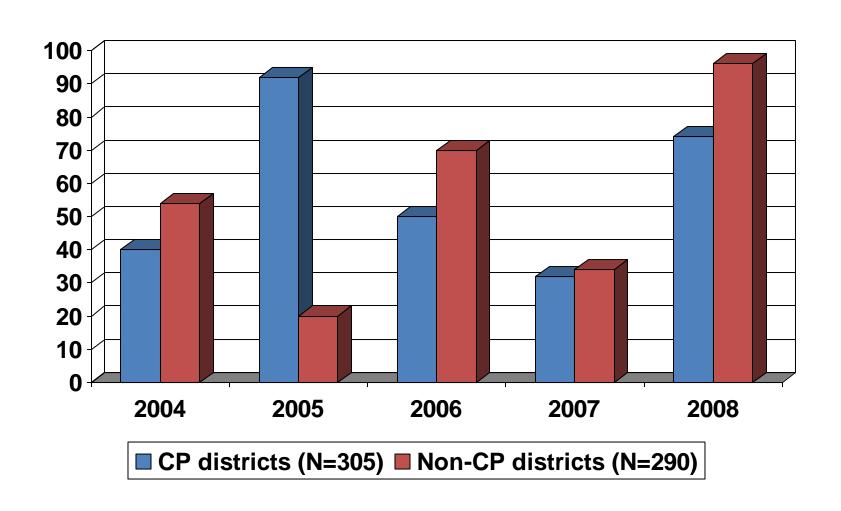
S.No.	Impact	Loss / animal (Rs.)	Susceptible Population	Incidence rate (%)	Total loss (Rs. in crores)
3.	Treatment costs				
	Indigenous cattle	2455	13850121	0.06	215.89
	Crossbred cattle	3516	1516264	0.13	102.86
	Buffaloes	1254	9614938	0.03	32.66
Sub-total					351.41
4.	. Loss due to mortality				
	Indigenous cattle	114	16338975	0.002	0.33
	Crossbred cattle	1596	2305179	0.02	7.55
	Buffaloes	191	15379360	0.002	0.65
Sub-total					8.53
Grand Total				1147.31	

Share of estimated total direct loss due to FMD in Andhra Pradesh



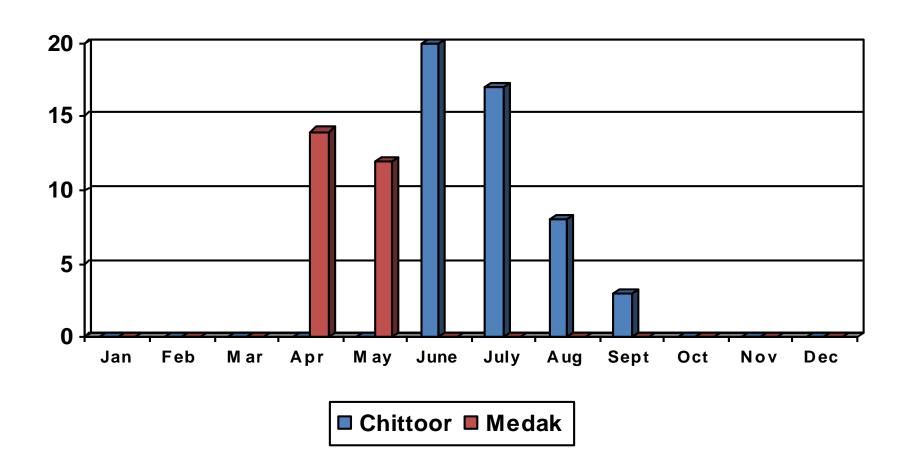
Message 1: Despite the FMD-CP, farmers report that FMD outbreaks still persist

Number of FMD outbreaks in the study area

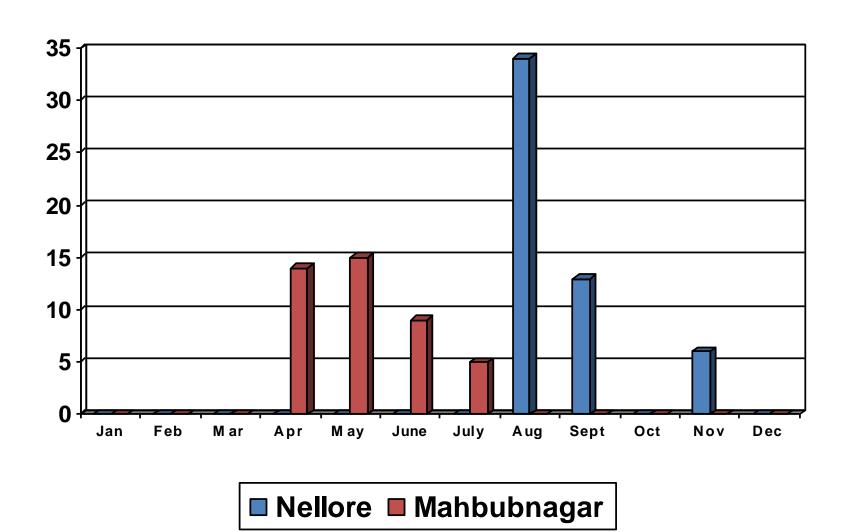


Message 2: Seasonality and spatial hotspots characterize prevalence of FMD in Andhra Pradesh

Seasonality of FMD incidences in 2008 (FMD-CP districts)



Seasonality of FMD incidences in 2008 (FMD non-CP districts)



Message 3: Use of vaccination influenced by education level, experience and income of the farmers

Factors influencing compliance to vaccinating the animals against FMD in Andhra Pradesh

Dependant variable: Vaccination in 2008 (Yes-1; No-0)

Variable	Coefficients	't' values	'p' values
Constant	-0.1886	-0.532	0.5945
Age	0.0045	0.756	0.4496
Education (No. of years)	0.0647***	4.172	0.0000
Family size	-0.0405	-1.276	0.2018
Experience in dairying (No.	0.0445***	5.255	0.0000
of years)			
Farm size	-0.0212	-1.587	0.1124
Total income (Rs.)	0.0005***	2.480	0.0131
Caste (D1): OBC	-0.5118***	-3.265	0.0011
Caste (D2): SC	-0.3158	-1.434	0.1516
Caste (D3): ST	-1.0154 ***	-3.805	0.0001

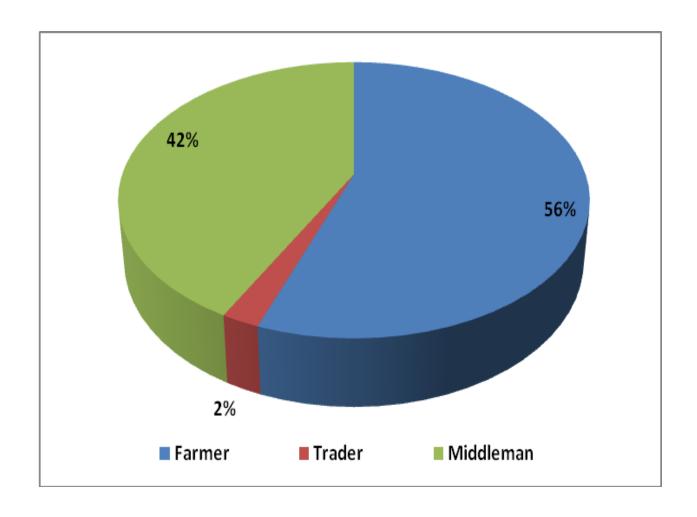
^{*} Significance at 1% level

^{**} Significance at 5% level

^{***} Significance at 10% level

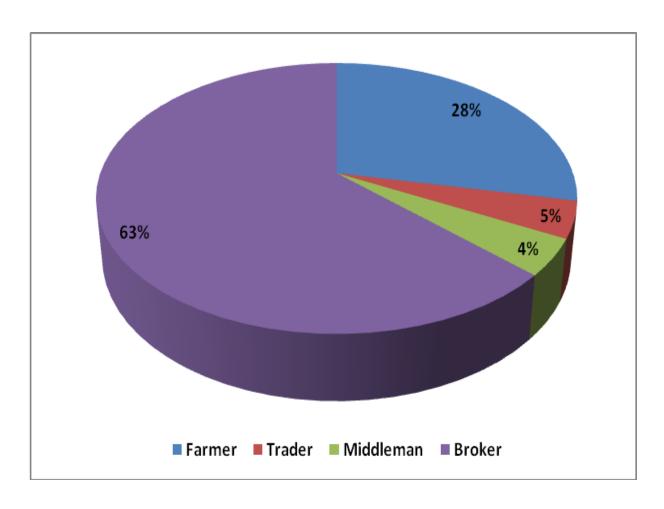
Message 4: Marketing channels and trade practices may influence the persistence of FMD in the study area

Trade of animals between farmer-farmer reduces the outbreak



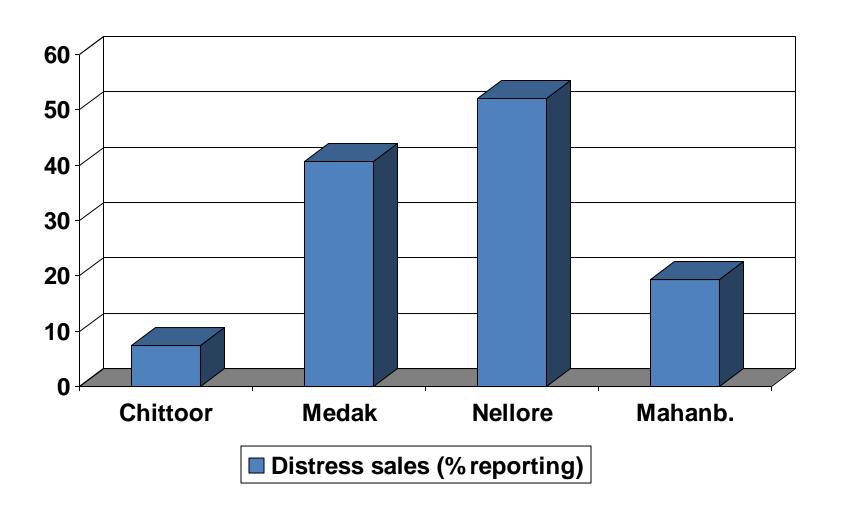
Medak district (FMD-CP distrcit)

Trade of animals through brokers increases the incidence of outbreak



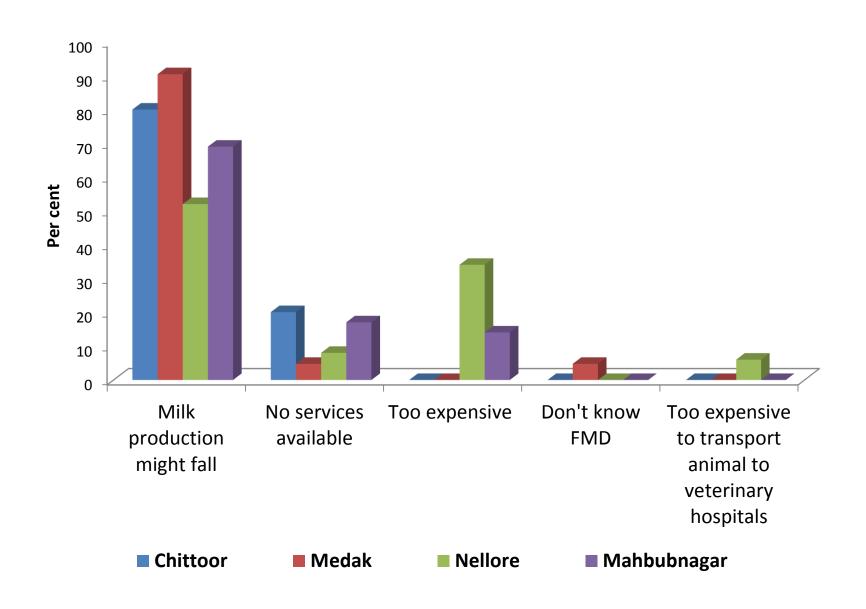
Mahbubnagar district (FMD-non CP distrcit)

Distress sale of dairy animals in Andhra Pradesh



Message 5: Perceptions about FMD vaccine partly explain why some farmers fail to vaccinate their herds for FMD

Reasons for not vaccinating against FMD



Conclusions & some Policy Implications

- ☐ FMD is still one of the major economically important diseases affecting bovines in India
 - ☐ though the country is progressing well in PCP.
- ☐ The overall financial loss at farm level due to FMD was more in non-CP districts than in CP districts
 - ☐ indicating the effectiveness of the vaccination programme.
- □ It was projected that the state of Andhra Pradesh would stand to loose Rs. 1147 crores (191 million US\$) on account of direct impcts alone , if there is no vaccination programme against FMD.
 - ☐ Similarly, the country would incur a total direct loss of Rs. 15575 crores (2.6 billion US\$).

Suggestive Policy Measures

☐ Expansion of FMD-CP to the whole country. Complete coverage of the susceptible animal population in vaccination. Ring vaccination where there is an isolated outbreak. ■ Alert animal health service system during the most likely season. ☐ Incentive system for the farmers to comply for vaccinating their animals. ☐ Increse the awareness of the farmers and traders about the implications of FMD. ☐ Regulation on the movement of animals across regions.

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