

2024 ILINA Fellowship

Animal welfare research

Over the past couple of years, thinking about animal welfare [has evolved](#), particularly in the Global South. In Africa, animal welfare concerns have taken on added significance given [projections showing the rise of intensive animal farming](#). Because of [the scale of the problem](#) and the relative ease of tracking impact, farmed animal welfare remains [one of the more impactful areas](#) you can work on.

In the next part of this document, we've listed some of the open questions we're excited about. Please note that these questions are not exact research projects we're proposing. They're just starting points which we hope prospective applicants can use to develop specific research projects.

Introductory note

In this part, 'global south countries (GS countries)' means countries (except China) in the region usually described as the global south. We expect research to focus on these countries as a group (because despite the generalisation, they do have an array of shared socio-economic realities); or certain regions (e.g. African or sub-Saharan Africa countries).

Questions we're particularly interested in

1. Research that explores other structural societal changes in GS countries that can pre-empt the trajectory of intensive animal agriculture. Along the same lines, research that maps animal agriculture's major drivers of supply and demand
2. Research on the effect of policies on animal welfare considerations and how these interact with existing socio-cultural sentiments. It would also be interesting to know if climate, health, and animal welfare intersections could drive stronger reform policies.

3. Research identifying interventions that would be relatively simpler to implement in GS countries and the attitudes and behavior that would make these kinds of interventions possible.
4. Research that establishes predominant attitudes and opinions about animals—particularly farmed animals, fish & insects—in GS countries.
5. Research that explores how animal welfare concerns intersect with other societal questions (e.g. poverty and food security) and the effect this has.
6. Research that looks into messaging and framing of animal welfare concerns in GS countries and the effect this has on the uptake of plant-based products and alt-proteins.