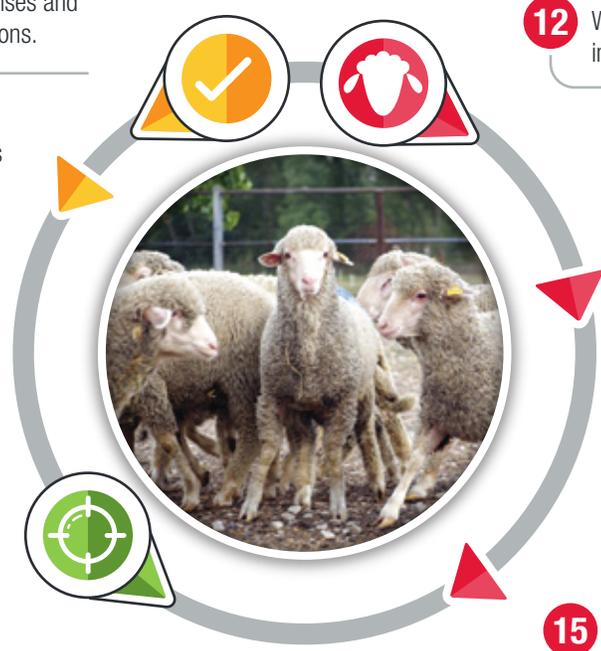


FIRST, WE IDENTIFIED THE NEED TO:

- 1** Strengthen management of the chain.
- 2** Create mechanisms for training and technical assistance, to improve sanitary conditions and herd management.
- 3** Promote a training program for producers dealing with issues such as management, technology, leadership, sheep production and management, trade and associative enterprises, among others.
- 4** Promote the concept of associative enterprises and the strengthening of smallholder organizations.
- 5** Create incentives and training mechanisms to encourage young people and promote the insertion and consolidation of new producers and leaders who promote and manage quality.
- 6** Foster and support public-private partnerships of producers' organizations, the public sector, meat packing plants, input suppliers, marketers, carriers and others chain stakeholders.

ACHIEVING THE FOLLOWING RESULTS

- 9** We developed the baseline for the chain.
- 10** We set up the coordination group for the sheep chain, with representatives of the public and private sectors, and devised a plan for the group's future development and strengthening. The work of the group got under way. We have a draft ministerial resolution officially recognizing the body.
- 11** We drew up the 2017-2021 strategic plan aimed at improving the competitiveness of the chain.
- 12** We created a registry of producers and an inventory of animals.
- 13** We implemented a sheep health program working in tandem with the National Quality and Animal Health Service (SENACSA), the Vice Ministry of Livestock (VMG) and the Paraguayan Sheep Breeders Association (APCO).
- 14** We identified the diseases that should be the object of campaigns, and the Sheep Health Team was reactivated.
- 15** We prepared and disseminated the [Manual de Buenas Prácticas para la Producción Bovina](#).



THEN WE DECIDED TO FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON:

- 7** Strengthening:
 - Management of the chain.
 - Agricultural Health and Food Safety (AHFS) issues.
 - Good production and market access practices.
- 8** Promoting technological innovation.

- 16** We carried out capacity building activities for the implementation of good practices in sheep production.
- 17** We identified cooperation actions with other entities in order to continue supporting the development of the chain once the project ends. They include the production of a guide to financing and investments for the sheep chain, remote technical assistance and the registration of all sheep producers with the registry operated by SENACSA. In addition, we reached agreement with the Paraguari Regional Office of the Rural Association of Paraguay (ARP) and the Paraguayan Agricultural Technology Institute (IPTA) to carry out a series of studies intended to support the process of technological improvement in sheep production.
- 18** We supported the preparation of project proposals and their presentation to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the European Union (EU), to continue supporting the development of this and other chains.