

VSF INTERNATIONAL'S GLOBAL STRATEGY TOWARDS 2025

Healthy people

Healthy animals

Healthy environment



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VÉTÉRINAIRES
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WHO WE ARE

Vétérinaires Sans Frontières International is a network of non-profit organisations working all over the world to support small-scale farmers and livestock keepers.

With our projects and programs, we serve the most vulnerable populations whose livelihood depend on livestock, and we act collectively to support small-scale family farming, pastoralism, animal and human health, and a healthy environment.



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VISION

Our vision is a world of healthy relationships between humans, animals and the environment.

Healthy animals are one of the conditions for improved human health, sustainable livelihood strategies, food and nutrition security and well-being of vulnerable populations.

OUR MEMBERS

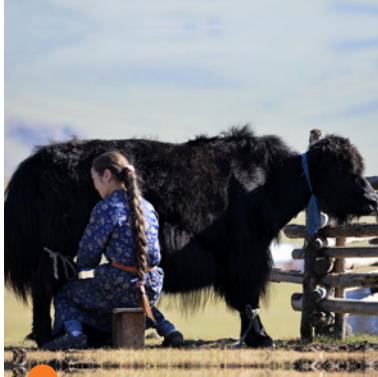


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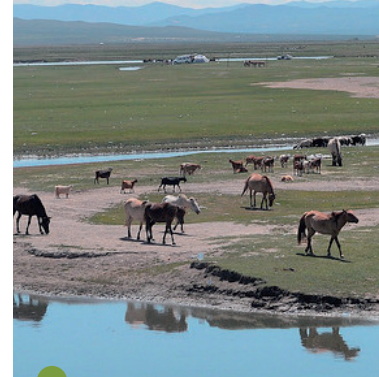
MISSION

Our mission is to reduce poverty, contribute to food and nutrition security and improve the livelihoods and well-being of vulnerable populations by supporting smallholder farmers and livestock keepers, promoting food sovereignty and implementing the One Health approach.

VSF International and its members contribute to poverty alleviation through the following interventions:



Improve human health through informed action and capacity building around zoonoses, nutrition, hygiene and through partnering with human health and environmental organisations under a One Health approach.



Promote sustainable natural resource management, agricultural and herding practices inspired by the concept of One Health and agroecology and contribute to a better environment while also mitigating climate change impacts.



Support the development of value chains for animal products (dairy, meat, leather, wool etc.) and connect smallholders to markets.

“ The health of animals, humans and the environment are intrinsically linked. A *One Health* approach is therefore needed, in order to work in a transdisciplinary manner at the interfaces between animals, humans and environmental health for sustainable impact. ”



Ensure equitable access to natural resources (water, land, pastures, forests) and services (credit, technical advice, training, etc.).



Improve animal health, welfare and productivity through strengthened public and private veterinary services, training of Community based Animal Health Workers and valorisation of traditional and local knowledge through ethnoveterinary practices.



Reduce risks of spread of zoonotic and epizootic diseases through improved epidemiology surveillance, disease control and food safety measures.



Support victims of catastrophes and improve emergency preparedness.



Raise awareness on the challenges faced by smallholder farmers, livestock keepers and pastoralists, get better recognition for the role they play in society and advocate for better policies that defend their rights.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

Through our focus on **live-stock, smallholder farming and pastoralism**, our actions directly contribute to realize the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

The SDGs should not be seen as individual goals, but as an integrated concept that requires multi-dimensional interventions. Our actions contribute especially to the following goals:



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“ The sustainable development of livestock is a key enabler for achieving the SDGs: it supports better livelihoods and therefore better dietary, educational and health choices; provides economic opportunities for men and women; and contributes protecting the environment. ”

Globally, livestock supports the livelihoods and food security of almost 1.3 billion people, among which 600 million poor farmers.

Livestock has the potential to provide affordable proteins

and micronutrients to the 800 million people suffering from undernourishment.

In many countries from the global South, livestock keeping is a multifunctional activity: besides providing food

and income, livestock are a valuable asset serving as a source of draft power and manure for crop production, transport, social status, and economic security.

OUR STRATEGY TOWARDS 2025

In order to increase our impact and our capacity to reach the SDGs, we have identified six main objectives that will guide the evolution of our network in the coming years.

1 Grow and diversify income

Our members are committed to increase their **fundraising capacity** in order to generate income that can be used to intervene where people are most in need.

The network will focus both on **unrestricted funds from private donors** and on **institutional funds** from national and international donors.

VSF International will also develop common fundraising campaigns such as **Vaccinate for Africa**, whose first global edition has been launched in 2019.

We aim to increase our donors' portfolio through **strategic partnerships**, namely under a One Health approach to deliver multi-sectoral/integrated services to the most vulnerable populations.

2 Increase our public recognition and support

We want to increase our public recognition at international and national level as the leading actor for animal health and welfare, One Health and small-scale livestock farming, acting with one voice.

For this, we will consolidate our **communication strategy** and will develop **coordinated awareness raising** activities and campaigns to induce behavioral changes at individual and society level in support of smallholder livestock farming.

3 Increase the quality and performance of our programs

We want to continue strengthening our **key technical expertise on livestock farming, animal health and welfare and One Health** and improving the quality of our work, to achieve an impact for the most deprived. In parallel, we will work to build our **humanitarian capability** and strengthen our ability to respond to humanitarian crises, adapting to changing circumstances in every environment as needed.

The members of VSF International are evolving towards more thematic coherence at national and regional level through joint Regional/Country Strategies or other innovative arrangements that reinforce the complementarities and collaborations between different members.

As well, strategic partnerships will be put in place in order to expand the scope of our interventions and their overall sustainability, under a One Health approach.

4 Strengthen advocacy and campaigning

We want to increase our capacities to led **effective advocacy** to influence policies affecting smallholder farming and pastoralism in the South.

For this, we will consolidate our joint advocacy strategy, which will be implemented by all members of VSF International leading to common goals.



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5 Become a learning organisation

We will continue developing a **learning culture** within the network and put in place a functional **knowledge management** system, with a unified database, common indicators and a common MEAL (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning) system. We will also organise regular exchanges and learning opportunities for members' staff and will strengthen collaboration with research.

6 Improve our performance, structure and governance

In order to make these changes real, we will **develop our structure and governance** and foster collaboration between members at all levels, going through a more unified work. VSF International will also remain open to integrate **new members**, also from the global South.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who works for VSF-International and for our members' organizations, to our partners, donors and friends.

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