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Our mandate and response allow us to maintain a presence in areas where security and operations are challenging

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### **Editorial**

What comes to your mind when you think about 2022? The war in Ukraine or Ethiopia? The end of the COVID-19 pandemic? The progress we have made in the area of One Health in terms of integrated health – including through the painful experience of COVID-19?

In all the crises that we go through, that afflict us and that shock us, it is important to Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany to always look at the rays of hope that are always there – everywhere in the world.

During our travels in 2022 in Sudan, we met many people who were full of hope. In Sudan's Blue Nile region, where we currently participate in 3 humanitarian projects with German and U.S. Government funding, we met shepherds and fishermen who secure food for their people and thereby also significantly advance the economic and social development of this region. We met the fishermen with their new boats and spoke to them about their business plans on how to expand the supply of fresh fish in the region. We also had the opportunity to meet women, now settled in Blue Nile, who produce locally woven bags as means for their economic development. Despite being considered a stable area of Sudan, Blue Nile state is still a region in need of humanitarian assistance.

After the beginning of the war in April 2023, Blue Nile fortunately continued to be a relatively stable region – compared to the rest of the country. The war again brought massive displacement, both internally and internationally, crushing the hopes of many people seeking a stable living in Sudan. For this reason, we decided to move our country coordination office from Khartoum to Ad-Damazin in Blue Nile. The capital city is not accessible due to insecurity. We are proud to be one of the few humanitarian organizations to be able to secure and maintain a functional country office and country program in Sudan.

Why do Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany repeatedly succeed in being present in regions and countries where security and operations are challenging? The answer is short. Our mandate and response. Our operations are designed to reflect the true local needs, and most importantly the involvement of local actors. Women's groups, community-based organizations as well as local authorities and traditional leaderships are involved as part of our mandate, enabling us to maintain a sustainable presence where we operate.

Our team in Sudan, led by our Country Director Dr. Esmael Tessema and supported by our Country Program Manager Dr. Eiman Ahmed, our Ope-

ration Manager Hatim Wadhamed, Osman Ahmed (Finance Manager), Adil Bushra (Logistics Manager) and our Program Manager Blue Nile Omer Salim, amongst others, are the people who have sustained our humanitarian work in Sudan. With their commitment, we will continue to do so at a time when hardly any other international or German organization dares to operate directly in Sudan.

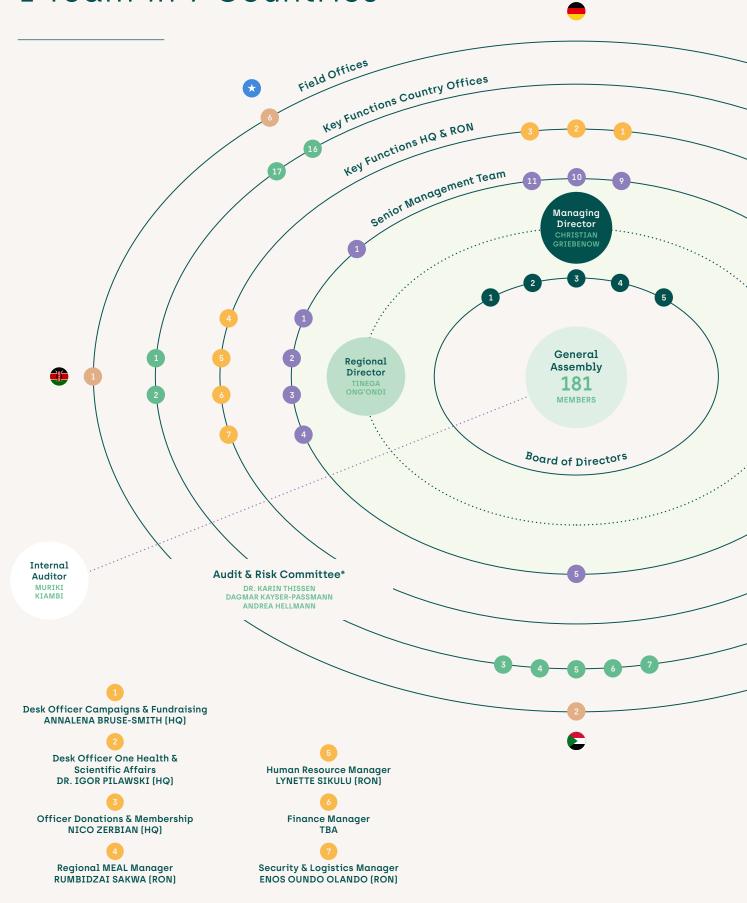
We are there – and we are staying there. We leave no one behind. We ensure the nutrition and health of 7 million animals and 2 million people. Every year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day!

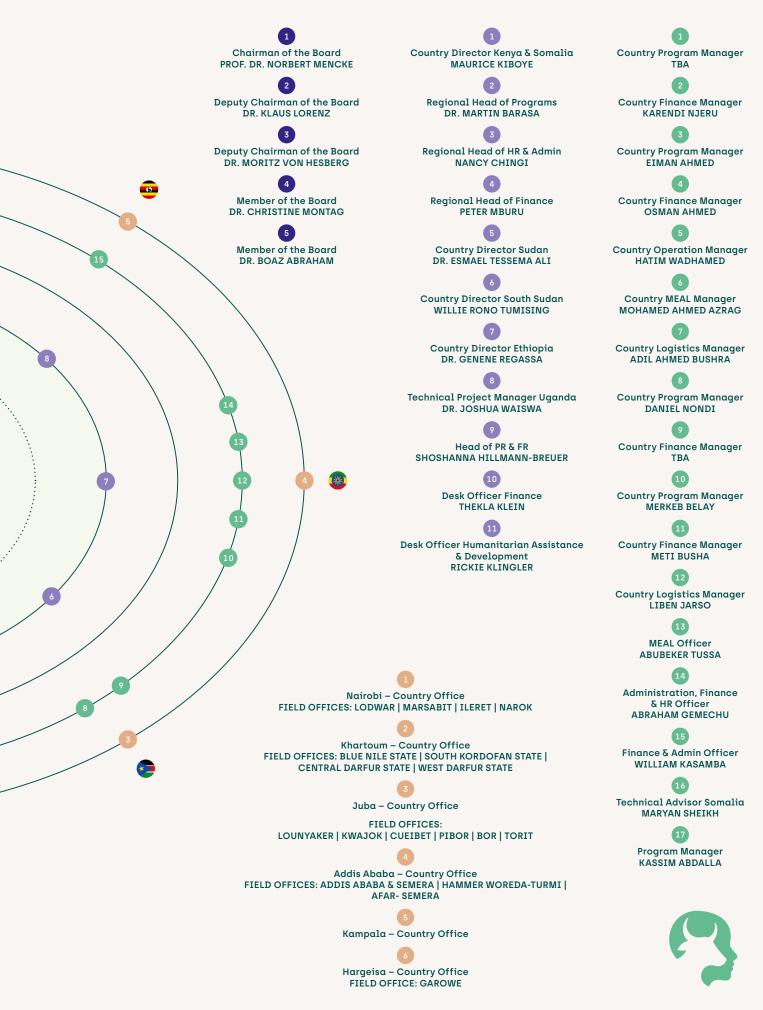
We are proud of our more than 300 employees in East Africa and Germany who make this humanitarian assistance possible. With your support, we will continue to work together for the people and the animals, where we are most needed.

Sincere greetings,
Prof. Dr. Norbert Mencke,
Tinega Ong'ondi &
Christian Griebenow

## Organization

### 1 Team in 7 Countries







# Celebrating 30+1 Years of Impact Key milestones

Since 1991, VSF Germany has become a leading NGO in the Horn of Africa, responsible for delivering life-saving humanitarian assistance and development aid. The organization now runs more than 50 projects across 6 countries, and has grown exponentially in terms of number of staff, donors and thematic sectors.

This evolution has necessitated structural and systematic changes that have served to strengthen the organization and the efficacy of its interventional measures.

#### Vision

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#### Mission

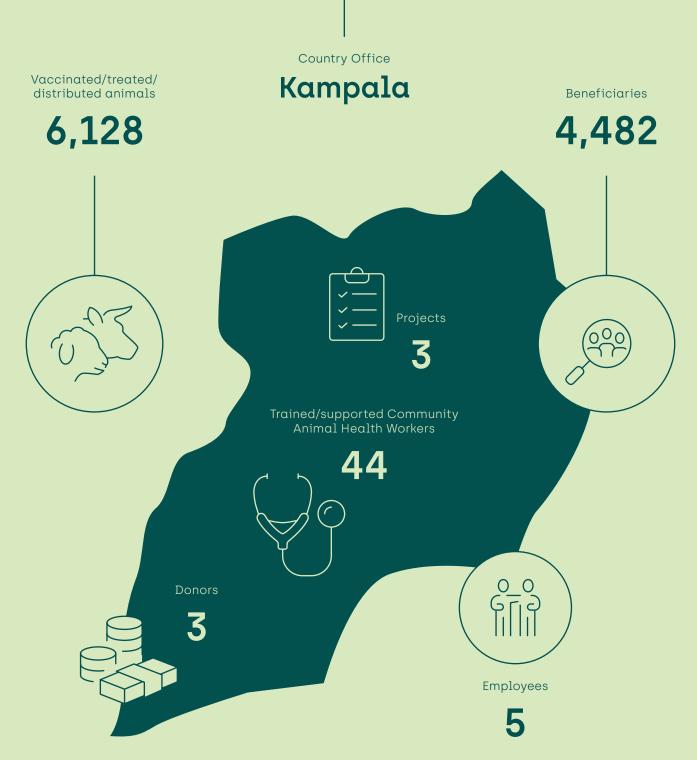
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# Uganda



#### PROJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Uganda

# The Role of Animal Welfare in Influencing Food Safety

VSF Germany implemented The Role of Animal Welfare in Influencing Food Safety [TRAWIFS] project in Uganda through funding by Welttierschutzgesellschaft [WTS] to demonstrate the impact of on-farm animal welfare practices on pork safety.

The project aimed to establish a link between on-farm pig welfare practices and the occurrence of food-borne illness in pork. To accomplish this, two vets and four animal husbandry officers were trained on how to collect sample data for laboratory testing, while an additional four laboratory technicians learned how to process and analyze such data.

The value of this project was multifold and extended well beyond the lab. Farmers gained valuable knowledge of disease control measures and the importance of maintaining good herd health. The results

provided motivation for policymakers to reinforce strategies in promoting safe meat production. Another significant outcome of the project was the establishment of a biological sample bank that can continue to support future animal welfare and food safety-related research.

The project underscored the importance of raising awareness and providing training on animal welfare in pig production systems. Bridging the knowledge gaps among farmers and animal health extension workers is crucial to promoting better animal welfare practices and ensuring food safety. By shining a spotlight on the significant role of animal welfare in influencing food safety, the project has laid the groundwork for future interventions and policy initiatives in Uganda's pork industry. →



#### Sustainable Development Goals:



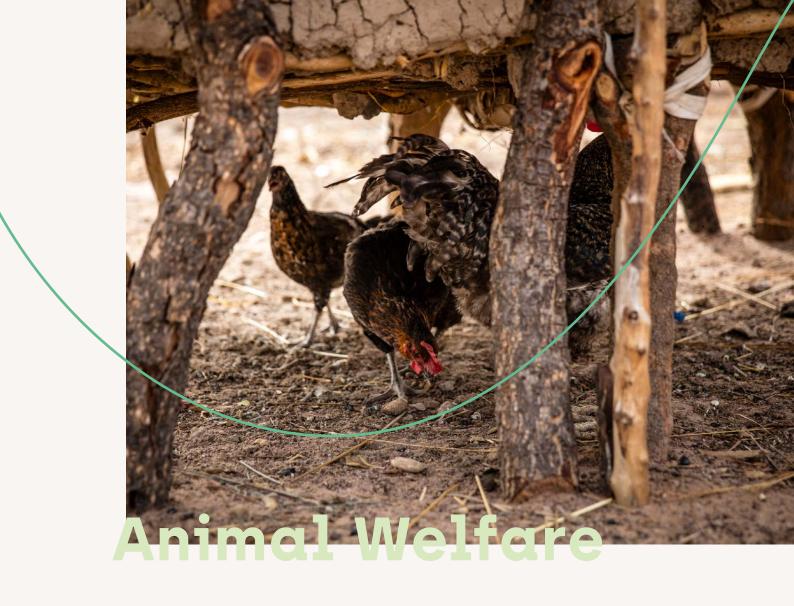


#### **Animal Welfare**

At the heart of our work is the welfare and protection of animals in our project countries.

The pastoral livestock management we promote in our projects ensures species-appropriate conditions for the farm animals.





# Animal welfare is critical in producing safe food for human consumption

Improvements in animal welfare on farms can help reduce food safety risks and increase the quality of animal products and economic output, yet are still lacking in developing countries, such as Uganda.

With a growing worldwide population, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations anticipates that an increased global demand for animal food sources will continue to take place. Meeting this demand will require an intensification of live-

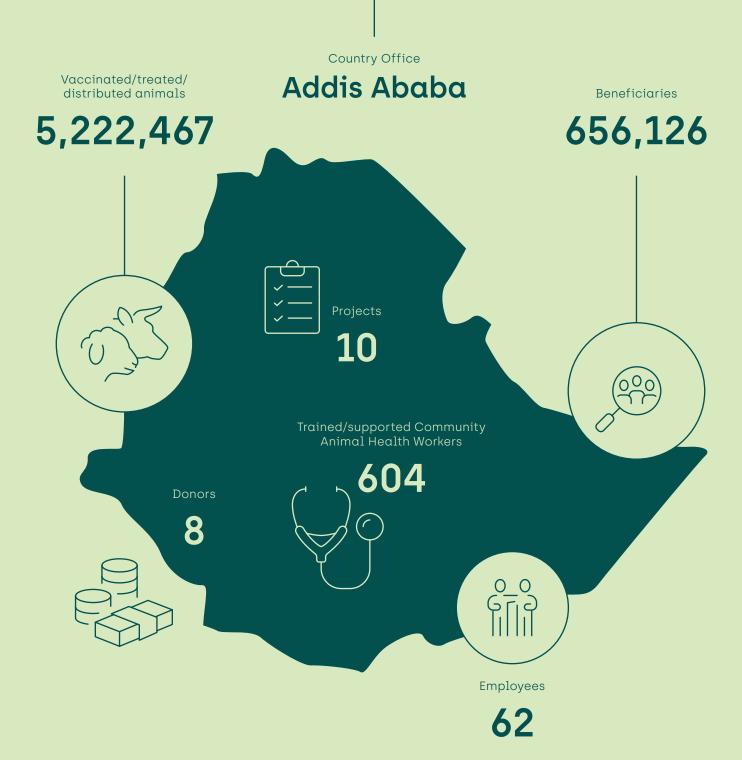
stock production systems that incorporate better strategies to eliminate barriers to food safety. Focused attention has to be set on eliminating biological, chemical and physical health hazards prevalent in animal food production systems in developing countries. Reducing stress-induced immunosuppression, antibiotic resistance and the spread of zoonotic pathogens and infectious disease is critical and will require national food safety plans that incorporate animal welfare into the production of pork, poultry and eggs.

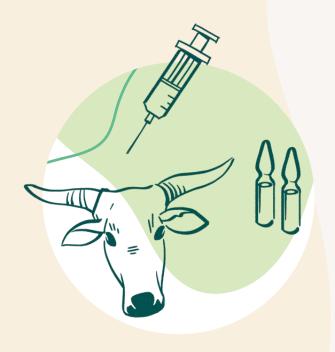
In Uganda, government support for a number of wealth creation schemes aimed at increasing the volume of animal products on the market has resulted in economic gain for farmers.

#safe environment #safe and healthy animals #safe products



# Ethiopia





#### Sustainable Development Goals:



#### **Veterinary Medicine**

Veterinary services such as vaccinations, deworming, feed management as well as treatment of sick animals form the focus of our projects. To ensure these services, the education and training of animal health workers is an important pillar of our work.

#### PROJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Ethiopia

#### VSF Germany Supported Rabies Vaccination Campaign Project in Addis Ababa

The VSF Germany-supported rabies vaccination campaign in Ethiopia's capital city, Addis Ababa, is a testament to the organization's commitment to the One Health approach and to the global effort for the eradication of human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030. Through mass vaccination of stray dogs in Addis, Ketema, and Lideta sub-cities, the project aimed to reduce the incidence of rabies as a zoonotic disease as well as human fatalities from dog-mediated rabies, creating a safer environment for city inhabitants. The project was able to exceed its target goal of 5,000 vaccinations during the 2022 calendar year and vaccinated a total of 5,174 stray dogs. This success was made possible thanks to a well-coordinated media campaign and strong strateqic plan. Awareness campaigns were carried out across print publications, radio and television talk shows - in which information about rabies prevention measures, health risks and effective disease control

were disseminated. The project's success can also be attributed to VSF Germany's commitment to engage with locals at all levels. Community members helped dog vaccination teams identify areas with large stray populations, while 55 animal health service providers were trained to carry out the vaccination campaign.

Through incorporating the One Health approach into its programming, VSF Germany aims to ensure healthy and thriving interfaces between humans, livestock, domestic and wild animals and the ecosystems in which they live. Our organization recognizes the close relationship between the health of humans, animals and the environments they share. It continuously seeks to foster interdisciplinary cooperation between human medicine, veterinary medicine and environmental science.



#### Women in Animal Health

## Women-led vaccination program improves animal health and economic well-being in pastoralist communities

Medina Mohammed holds a unique position in her pastoralist community in the Afar region. The mother of three is one of a select few chosen to provide vaccinations as part of the Thermostable Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) Vaccine Distribution and Delivery Model (VDDM): Synergy of Technical and Social Innovations for Enhancing Uptake of Business-Driven and Gender Inclusive Vaccines to Empower Women (GIVE-Women) (VDDM-GIVE Women) project - a role that enables her to empower both herself and her community. The project aims to enhance resilience among both pastoralists and non-pastoralists, improve food security and nutrition, and generate sources of income by improving animal health services. This was done through the business-oriented distribution of thermostable PPR vaccine via an innovative, women-led, community and private service delivery model.

After receiving training, equipment and financial support, Medina was able to vaccinate more than 1,230 ruminant animals against the PPR virus and 633 ruminants against ovine pasteurellosis infections. As a whole, the project is responsible for vaccinating 59,232 livestock (40,369 against PPR and 18,863 against ovine pasteurellosis), as well as training 75 animal health service providers and increasing the reporting rate to 77 percent. It impacted an impressive 19,600 households. Twenty monthly cam-

paigns were conducted to enhance community awareness about PPR and six quarterly campaigns were conducted reinforcing the role of women in service delivery.

The project's focus on empowering women and creating a sustainable business model has been critical to its success. A partnership with a private vaccine distributor ensured the availability of quality vaccines, improved animal health services and provided much-needed support to the community during challenging times.





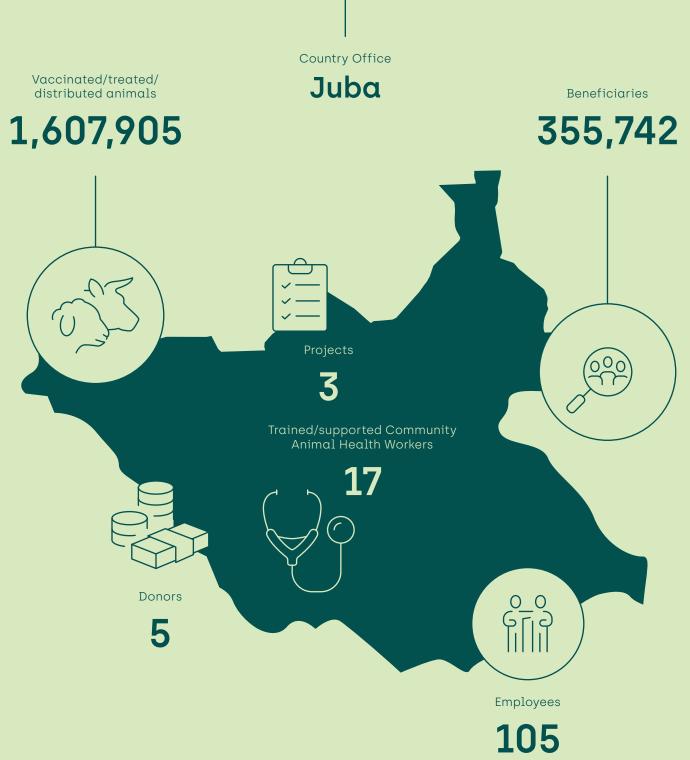
"The profit I have been making has helped meet my family's basic needs such as food, clothing and school fees. On the other

hand, the profit from the revolving fund helped my family to survive the crucial economic impact of the recent conflict in Ethiopia that resulted in food shortages and inflation in the food price,"

Medina says.



# South Sudan



#### PROJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### South Sudan

#### Reducing community violence to build resilience

In an effort to support a peace process in the sub-region of Jonglei State and the Greater Pibor Administrative Area (GPAA), areas which continue to experience communal conflict and organized violence, VSF Germany implemented the Community Violence Reduction (CVR) project with funding from the World Food Programme (WFP). The project aimed to foster long-term stability in the region by providing alternative means of livelihood to women and youth.

Through the training of Community Animal Health Workers [CAHWs], women and youth were equipped with basic veterinary care and business skills to use their acquired capacity in livestock care for income generation. Training women and youth as auxiliaries to manage the healthcare of small ruminants had enormous impact on community resilience, since small ruminants are more accessible to women as an economic resource compared to cattle, which are typically male-owned. The intervention thus served as a safety net for households during periods of extreme

hunger and flood-induced displacement. It boosted their adaptability to climate shocks and enhanced their livelihoods.

The success of the intervention became clear as livestock keepers were willing to spend resources at cattle camps for the treatment of their livestock, generating income for CAHWs and reducing the risk of loss due to endemic diseases. The project facilitated meetings between veterinary commodity vendors, providing CAHWs with better access to medicine and expanded opportunities for future market-based service delivery systems. Additionally, CAHWs were provided instruction on service marketing techniques and market scoping for the privatization of services within their community. These successes in promoting livelihoods, gender equity and peace through the CVR project demonstrated the positive impact of empowering local communities with valuable skills and resources. →

#### Sustainable Development Goals:







#### Peacebuildina

Scarce natural resources, such as pasture and water, as well as widespread poverty are major causes of violent conflict in East Africa. More frequent droughts and other climate-related disasters are increasingly worsening the situation for pastoralists. We are mitigating the potential for conflict.





### Child protection in emergencies

Maze Jowana Lothuko is a demobilized child soldier in South Sudan. His story is one of hope and resilience. When he was 12 years old, community elders forced Maze to join an armed militia group in South Sudan. They wanted him to fight a rival group and defend their community. He quickly realized the terrible reality of what that entailed. "I missed my aunt and was constantly traumatized by the violence around us. I was too afraid to leave, fearing the consequences I had seen on those who attempted to desert the cause," Maze recalls. "I was also traumatized by seeing dead people every day. I just wanted to leave."

Luckily, Maze did not have to make the dangerous decision to leave. He was one of 1,669 child soldiers released when the Greater Pimor Administrative Area (GPAA) he was defending was declared free. With the help of UNICEF and VSF Germany, he would begin a process of reintegration that would allow him to reunite with his family and help them meet their basic living needs.

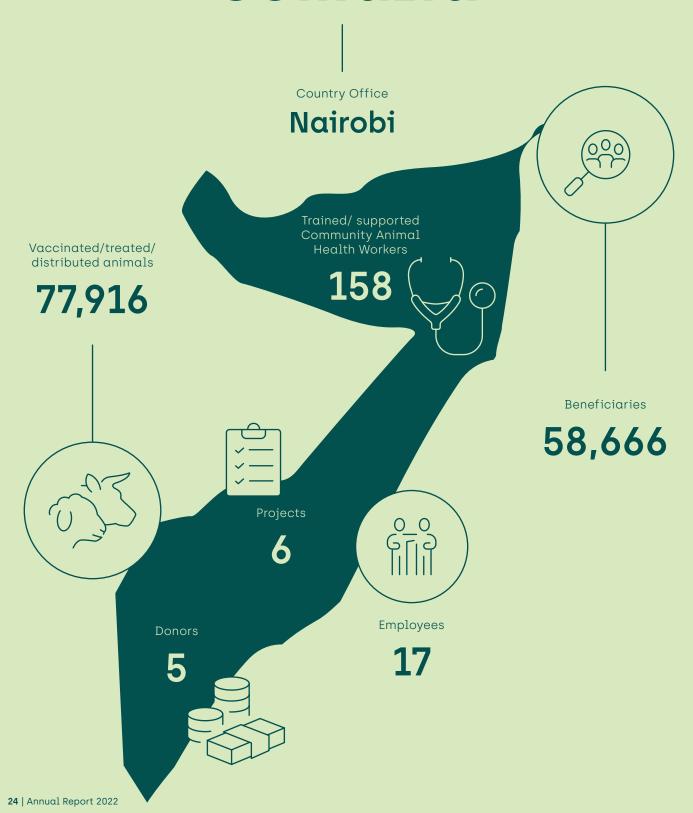
With the focus on providing food security and generation of income, VSF Germany, together under UNICEF's Integrated Child Protection in Emergency Services (ICPES) program provided Maze's aunt with the tools necessary to start a tea-kiosk business, and supplied the family with seeds and farming tools. More importantly, the provision of poultry – four hens and one cock - as well as training on poultry care and construction materials for their enclosure, played a pivotal role in the success of Maze's reintegration. Maze's chickens receive annual vaccinations thanks to Community Animal Health Workers (CAWH)

trained by VSF Germany, protecting them from disease and ensuring a stable future for him: "My chickens are healthy, reproduce consistently, and bring in a steady source of income." The family can rely on the poultry meat and eggs to feed themselves or sell in  $\alpha$ local market, using the proceeds to buy basic goods and pay for Maze's school clothing and other essential items. The new chapter in his life is a testament not only to his courage and determination, but to the power projects instituted by VSF Germany and UNICEF can have in helping transform the lives of former child soldiers in South Sudan.

#armed conflicts
#child soldiers
#disarmament and
demobilization



# Somalia





#### Sustainable Development Goals:













#### **Food Security**

We support people in acute and chronic food insecurity. Conflicts, flight, natural disasters or animal diseases are often the cause of extreme poverty and malnutrition. Here we help the affected families by providing food or feed for their animals. After crises, we are there to help with reconstruction

#### PROJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### Somalia

# Unconditional cash transfer for food access and livelihood protection in emergencies

Assisting communities in drought-stricken areas remains a key priority for VSF Germany. Households in the Somali district Buuhoodle have suffered significant loss of livestock due to severe lack of rainfall, putting their income and food sources at high risk. It is for this reason that unconditional cash transfers (UTC) were offered to 1,200 families through the "Enhancing food access and livelihood protection for vulnerable households (HH) of Buuhoodle, Toghdeer Region of Somalia" project, with funding from the Somalia Humanitarian Fund.

Selected households received 85 USD per month for three months, guaranteeing access to food sustenance during a period of crisis. The program also provided clean drinking water, animal feed and supplementary food items to families with affected livestock. The initiative

targeted households that were deemed particularly vulnerable: households that were headed by women, where children under five were at risk of malnutrition, and where persons living with disability, chronic disease and advanced age were being supported.

The project's impact was quickly evident, particularly in households that owned livestock. A 60-year old mother named Sabaad who was raising eight children was able to use her UTC for clean water and animal feed to ensure that her goats continued to produce milk, securing an important food resource and stream of income for her family. The opening of shops pointed to increases in household income and improved livelihoods. →



# From hardship to hope: Improved donkey welfare transforming lives

Mohamud Mohamed was born and raised in Wajaale, a city that sits on the border between Somaliland and Ethiopia. The 33-year old husband and father of seven children has owned donkeys for ten years and serves proudly as the deputy chairman of the Wajaale Donkey Owners Association. Conflict in Ethiopia and drought in his region can make running a business difficult, but Mohamud has been able to persist due to VSF Germany's project Improving Donkey Welfare for Economic Empowerment of Urban and Peri-Urban Households in Borama and Hargeisa Districts of Somaliland (IDOWEL), which provides care, training and resources to donkey owners like himself.

He shares one example:

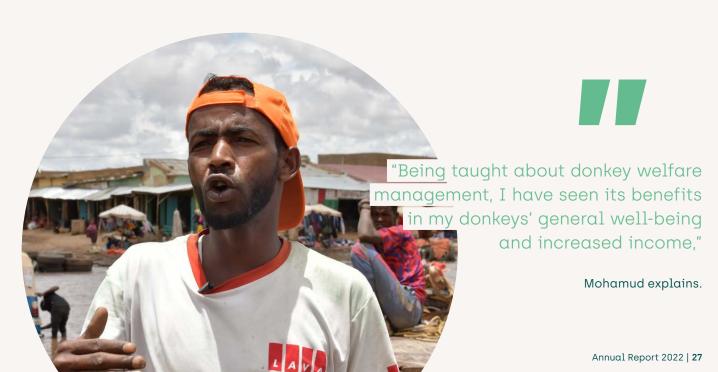
"The provision of donkey feed during the drought period experienced in 2022 as a result of failed rains was very timely as we were able to save our donkeys that are our source of income and still be able to have them fit for work."

Proper harnesses and carts, provided by the program, have also helped Mohamud increase his income. Before receiving the equipment, his donkeys suffered wounds that made it difficult to make more than one or two trips a day – earning him around 10 USD.

"These days, I make three or four return trips a day and make a profit of 25-30 USD a day. I use the money to pay school fees for my children and meet household needs like food and clothing," he says.

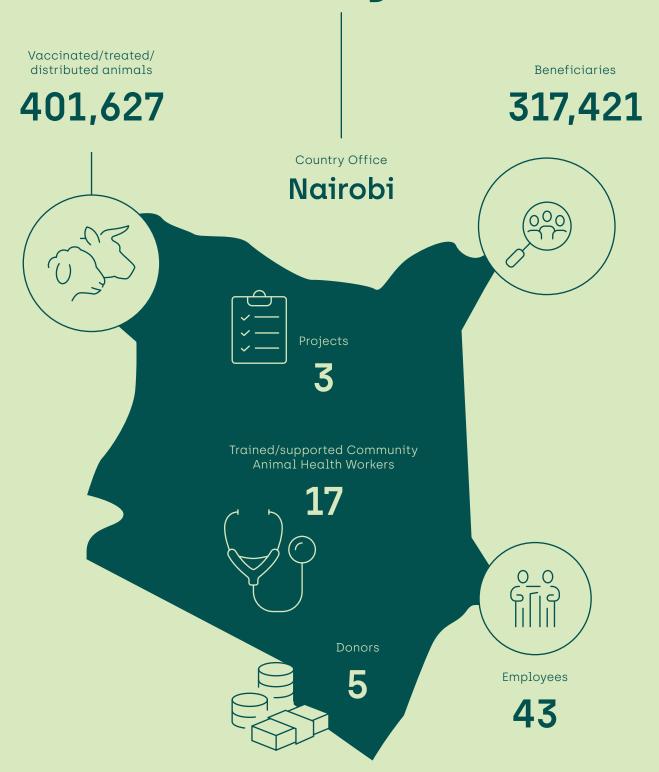
The project has also contributed to the construction of donkey training centers, provision of treatment drugs and the training of Community Animal Health Workers (CAHW). It has helped Mohamud and other donkey owners learn how to maximize efficiency while simultaneously improving animal welfare.

#working animals
#animal drought power
#animal welfare





# Kenya



#### PROJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### Kenya

## Supplementary livestock feeding, vaccination and treatment services in emergencies

Severe, prolonged drought in Kenya had made life for residents and pastoralists increasingly difficult, particularly in the counties of West Pokot and Turkana. Below-average rainfall for four consecutive seasons has resulted in the disappearance of water in primary sources like water pans and shallow wells; households that rely on these sources to sustain livestock have faced significant challenges maintaining their main productive assets, affecting not only their income but also food security and nutrition.

With funding from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, VSF Germany provided 2,000 vulnerable households in West Pokot with 99 USD for two months in order to purchase basic food items. It also provided livestock feed and vaccinations against Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia (CCPP) and Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD). This approach was necessary to ensure that livestock, the main

livelihood assets for these communities, remained healthy and productive and safeguarded against the drought's ravaging impacts.

In Turkana county, the project supported vulnerable households with supplementary livestock feed, vaccinations, and treatment. To reduce the impact of worsening food insecurity and rising malnutrition rates, especially among children and the elderly, VSF Germany conducted a slaughter-destocking exercise. Through the intervention, VSF Germany was able to purchase, inspect, slaughter and distribute meat to extremely vulnerable households for consumption for four weeks. The intervention noted great success, especially in livestock health status and productivity. Several households reported having witnessed improved milk production and body condition of the lactating livestock that fed on the supplementary feed.  $\rightarrow$ 



#### Sustainable Development Goals:



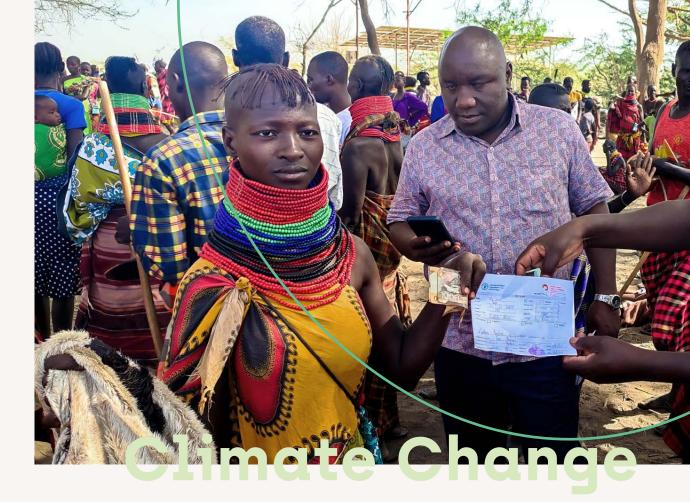




#### **Income Security**

Few people in East Africa have a secure income. However, especially in exceptional situations, such as those caused by drought or flood, but also conflict and displacement, a secure source of income is the anchor for many families. We therefore support pastoralists in diversifying their sources of income in order to be able to farm more independently of unpredictable influences.





### Case study of Marsabit county, Kenya

### Coping with cyclic droughts through alternative livelihoods

VSF Germany has been at the fore-front advocating for and supporting communities to build resilience against climate change through livelihood diversification. Severe drought, biodiversity loss and the proliferation of invasive species are just a few of the environmental threats to pastoralist life in Kenya, particularly in Marsabit county, where 80 percent of the population who subsist on pastoralist practices must reckon with ecological degradation and find new ways of subsistence.

One way VSF Germany has helped the community do this is through fishing. Along an extensive stretch of Lake Turkana, VSF Germany has provided training on establishing a productive fish industry. It has provided communities quidance on fishing techniques, infrastructure development, institutional capacity strengthening, marketing and market formation. Because of this effort, vibrant ecosystems driven by fishing activity are forming increasing incomes, securing food access and providing employment opportunities that extend to women and youth, making them ultimately more resistant to the consequences imposed by extreme shifts in climate conditions. Mr. Basil, a fisherman in Loiyangalani, is grateful for the support.

"For far too long, we lived by the lake without knowing its taste," he says. "Our minds were confined to livestock rearing, which carries a lot of risks from losses due to drought and rustling. We thank VSF Germany for opening our minds to also focus on fishing as an alternative source of livelihood."

#climate change #droughts #pastoralists



# Sudan

Country Office

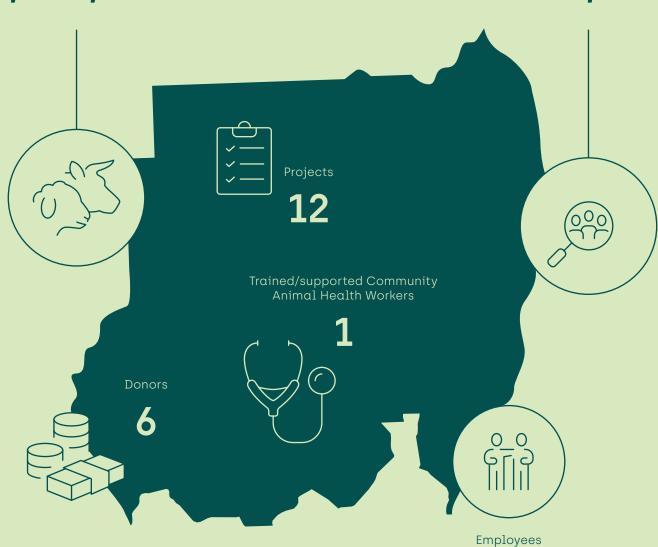
Khartoum

Vaccinated/treated/distributed animals

1,683,078

Beneficiaries

485,051



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87



#### Sustainable Development Goals:













#### WASH

The pastoral way of life is adapted to living in water-scarce areas. Water scarcity is nevertheless one of the main challenges. In addition, hygiene and inadequate sanitation are other issues that primarily affect the health of people in East Africa.

#### PROJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### Sudan

#### Integrated response for sustainable development: Enhancing water, sanitation, hygiene, and food security in conflict-affected communities

With funding from the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA), VSF Germany provided assistance through the Integrated Water & Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) and Food Security & Livelihoods (FSL) response to affected population project in the Central Darfur, West Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile states.

The project successfully reached a total of 131,784 individuals, including 53,225 internally displaced persons (IDPs). Under the WASH initiative, 29 hand pumps were rehabilitated, providing clean and safe water to a total of 22,577 people from conflict-affected communities, including IDPs and pastoralists. Ten water user committees were formed and provided with training and toolkits to ensure sustainable water management. Hygiene and sanitation training sessions were conducted for 151 hygiene promoters, who then disseminated the information to communities at schools and popular gathering points.

To enhance food security in the communities, assorted seed and tools packages were distributed to 6,800 households. These improved seedlings, sourced locally and tailored to each target area.

The improved seeds resulted in above-average harvests, improving both their food and income security and enabling them to store some seeds for the next season. Furthermore, a livestock intervention was carried out through the vaccination of 489,739 heads of livestock against peste des petits ruminants [PPR], sheep pox, anthrax, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia [CBPP] and the restocking of goats for 750 households [3,750 goats]. In addition, the 750 households received extensive training on goat feeding, breeding, and basic veterinary care, contributing to household nutrition through increased milk supply.

Overall, the Integrated WASH and FSL response successfully provided immediate humanitarian support and increased self-reliance. Through water sanitation, hygiene, and food security interventions, the projects positively impacted the lives of thousands of individuals, improving access to safe water, enhancing hygiene practices, promoting sustainable agriculture and contributing to the overall well-being of the communities.



# Empowering Women and Girls Income Generating Activities (IGAs)

In the Sudanese village of Abonaema, a tale of empowerment and success unfolds following the implementation of the Improved Access to Food Security & Livelihood (FSL) services in response to drought project by VSF Germany and funded by the Sudan Humanitarian Fund. The project sought to provide life-saving and emergency food security and livelihood services to 40,800 drought and conflict-affected people. Through comprehensive training, market engagement, and support, the Income Generating Activities (IGA) group of 20 women and girls from diverse backgrounds, including host communities, IDPs, and nomads, embarked on a transformative journey that not only enhanced their skills but also significantly improved their livelihoods. This group focused on soap-making, which proved to be a game changer for the members and their families. The IGA group embarked on a comprehensive 10-day training program encompassing theoretical and

practical knowledge. The women and girls immersed themselves in the art of soap-making, mastering techniques and honing their craft. Their remarkable dedication and determination bore fruit as they produced an impressive quantity of over 700 pieces of high-quality soap. While a substantial portion was utilized for their own households, the surplus was strategically sold in the local market, generating an impressive profit. Buoyed by their initial success, the IGA group utilized the profit to purchase raw materials for future production cycles. Additionally, the project extended support by providing materials such as perfume, further bolstering the group's capabilities. The group established a steady supply chain by procuring raw materials from the bustling Geneina market and selling the finished products within the Abonaema local market.

The impact of the IGA group's soapmaking venture extended beyond financial gains. Their products quickly gained popularity in the village, earning them a reputation for quality and reliability. As word spread about their exceptional soaps, the group experienced overwhelming demand and their third production sold out. The enthusiastic response from customers highlighted the trust and confidence the community placed in their products. Notably, the group's soap became so sought-after that they no longer needed to rely solely on the local market to sell their goods. The economic empowerment experienced by the group members was extraordinary, with their income skyrocketing by over 30 percent. This substantial increase significantly improved their livelihoods and transformed the economic landscape of their households. Equipped with newfound skills and a burgeoning enterprise, these women and girls became architects of their own futures, providing for their families and inspiring others within the community.

The success story of the IGA group in Abonaema village stands as a testament to the power of empowerment and opportunity. Through the art of soap-making, these women and girls transcended societal barriers, surmounted economic challenges and emerged as beacons of change within their community.



#### Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany



Only if the animals with which people live are healthy, and only if this coexistence takes place in harmony with the environment, does One Health have a chance. Since 1991, Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany has been campaigning for HEALTHY ANIMALS, HEALTHY PEOPLE and a HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT. The association's humanitarian aid and development cooperation work focuses equally on animals and humans.





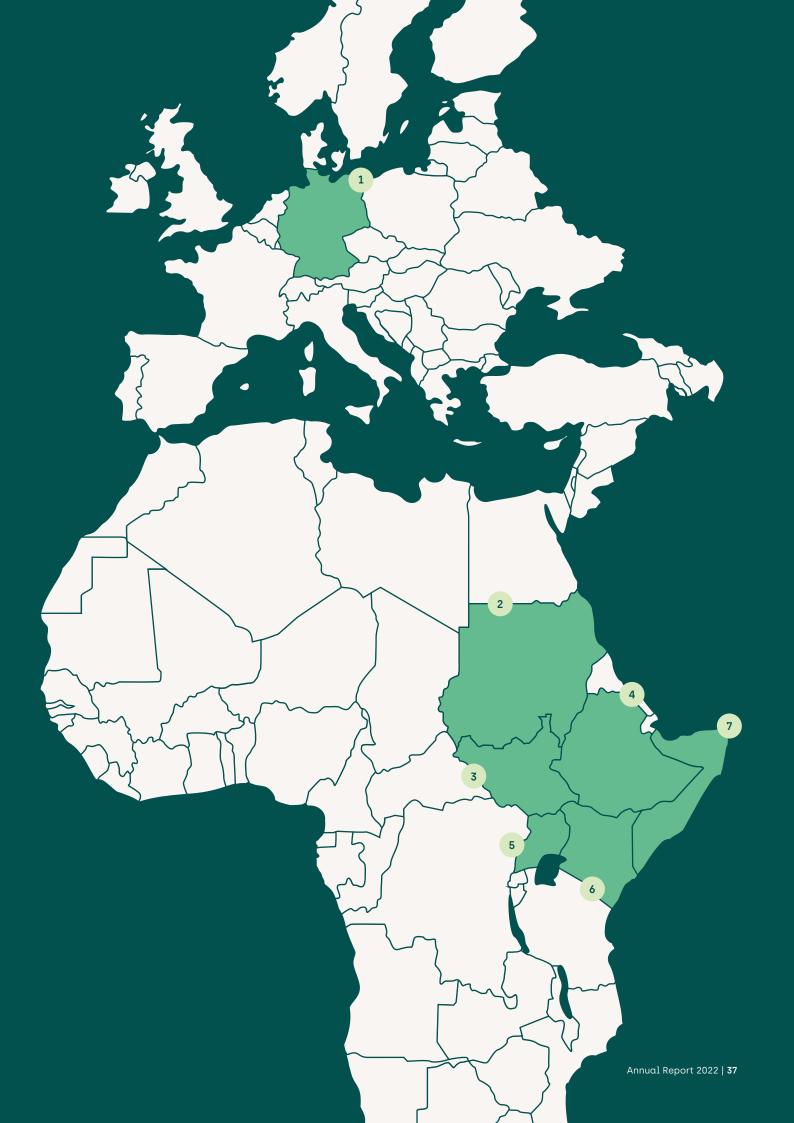














at a glance

EMPLOYEES

1 A
INSTITUTIONAL
DONORS



1,877,488

Beneficiaries



19.9 M Budget





1,134
Trained/supported
Community Animal
Health Workers



Distributed animals



Vet pharmacies



**WASH infrastructures** 

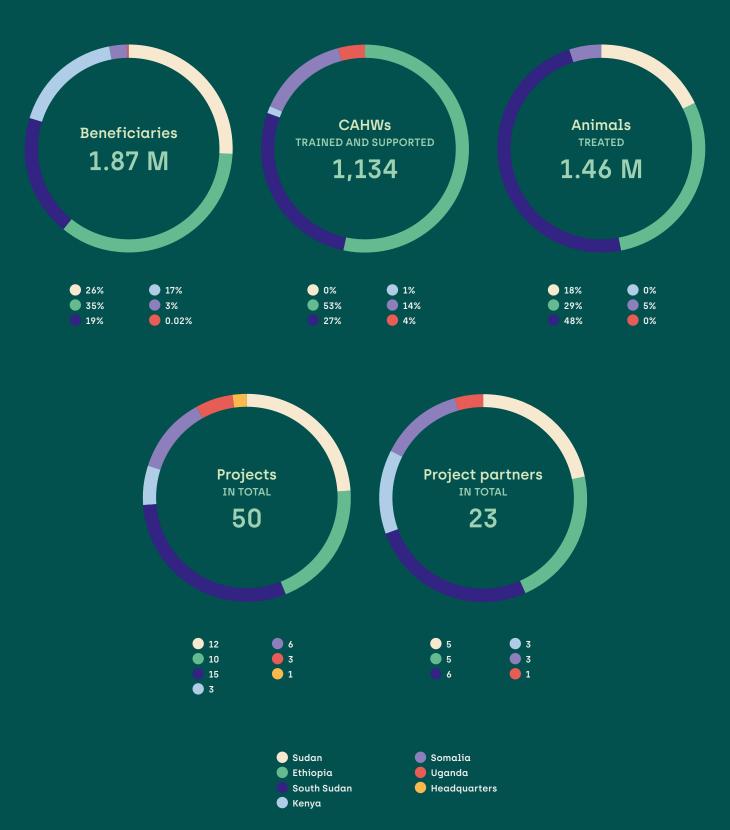
23
PARTNERS

7,522,760

Vaccinated animals

130
Income
Generating
Activities





## Realized Projects in 2022

## Projects Sudan

No.	Project Title	Project Acronym	Donor	Budget	Timeline	Status
1	Strengthening the resilience of the conflict- affected population in South Kordofan and Blue Nile through integrated, multi-sectoral and One Health interventions	21 SUD IDRI BNSK BMZ	BMZ	€6,500,000	07/15/2021 - 06/30/2025	Ongoing
2	Food For Assets (FFA) Project	21 SUD FFA WFP WD	WFP	\$968,081	01/01/2021 - 01/15/2022	Completed
3	Integrated WASH and FSL Response to Affected Population in Central Darfur, West Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile States, Sudan	21 SUD IFSL II CWD	USAID/ BHA	\$1,725,000	01/01/2021- 06/30/2022	Completed
4	Integrated Life-saving and DRR Initiatives in Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya (ILDRR)	21 SUD ILDRR FO	FO	€1,500,000	08/15/2021 - 12/31/2023	Ongoing
5	Livelihood Based Emergency Response Project in the aftermath of the main clashes in the West Dar- fur State of Genene, Sirba and Kreinik Localities	21 SUD LBER WD SHF	SHF	\$500,000	12/01/2021- 08/31/2022	Completed
6	Multi-Sector and Integrated Health, WASH, FSL, Shelter/NFIs and Protection in Geneina, Habila, Jebel-Moon Localities of West Darfur	21 SUD MISP WD OCHA	ОСНА	\$659,824	11/15/2021 - 11/15/2022	Completed
7	Post-Harvest Loss Project	21 SUD PHL WD WFP	WFP	\$303,111	12/01/2021- 08/31/2022	Completed
8	Food For Assets (FFA) Project	22 SUD FFA WFP WD	WFP	\$835,163	02/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	Completed
9	Improved access to FSL services in response to drought in Mukjar, North Jabel Marra (Rokero), and Azoum Localities of Central Darfur State	22 SUD REF CD SHF	SHF	\$600,000	05/15/2022 - 03/31/2023	Ongoing
10	Integrated and Multi-Sectoral (FSL, WASH and Protection) Intervention to Support Conflict-Affected Communities in Blue Nile, South Kordofan, West Darfur and Central Darfur States	22 SUD BSCWD BHA	ВНА	\$1,725,000	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2023	Ongoing
11	Multi-sectoral and intersectoral actions for improved FSL, health, nutrition, WASH and protection services for conflict-affected and food insecure communities in West Darfur (Kereneik, Kulbus, Foro Baranga and Beida) localities	22 SUD HNW FSL SHF WD	SHF	\$446,484	08/15/2022 - 08/14/2023	Ongoing
12	Multi-sectoral interventions for Health, WASH, Protection and FSL in Bendisi, Wadi Salih and Nertiti of Central Darfur state	22 SUD HW-FSL SHF CD	SHF	\$414,497	08/15/2022 - 08/14/2023	Ongoing



## Projects South Sudan

No.	Project Title	Project Acronym	Donor	Budget	Timeline	Status	
1	Reducing hunger and malnutrition and promoting resilient food production in Cueibet County, South Sudan	16 SS DKH PROMISE	BMZ-DKH	€6,060,000	09/01/2016 - 08/30/2023	Ongoing	
2	Farm Enterprise Development through inputs and services	18 SS FEDIS EU	EU	€3,333,333	01/01/2019 - 06/30/2022	Completed	
3	Conflict & Climatic Emergency Livestock Response Program in Greater Upper Nile States	20 SS CCLERP BHA	USAID/ BHA	\$2,164,501	08/01/2020 - 07/31/2022	Completed	
4	Emergency Food Aid for Malnourished School Children in Cueibet County, South Sudan	21 SS EFAM III DKH	ДКН	€410,000	04/01/2021 - 01/31/2023	Ongoing	
5	Resilience Livelihoods and Food Systems: IFAD response to COVID-19 in South Sudan	21 SS STIMULUS1 IFAD	IFAD	€1,429,548	03/15/2021- 12/31/2022	Completed	
6	Community Violence Reduction (CVR) in Central Southern Jonglei and the Greater Pibor	21 SS CVR UNMRS	WFP	€703,015	01/01/2021 - 12/31/2022	Completed	
7	Pathway to Resilience in South Sudan	21 SS P2R USAID	USAID	€1,800,000	02/01/2021 - 09/30/2023	Ongoing	
8	Integrated Child Protection in Emergency Services in Pibor, Tonj North and Cueibet Counties, South Sudan	21 SS ICPES	UNICEF	€232,440	05/01/2021- 07/10/2022	Completed	
9	Flood Emergency Response in Jonglei	20 SS FERJ DKH	DKH	€845,000	11/15/2020 - 02/14/2022	Completed	
10	Rabies control through vaccination of domestic dogs and cats in South Sudan [2021]	21 SS RABIES CF	VSFG	€20,000	05/03/2021 - 12/31/2022	Completed	
11	Integrated Life-saving and DRR Initiatives in Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya (ILDRR)	21 SSD ILDRR FO	FO	€1,500,000	08/15/2021- 12/31/2023	Ongoing	
12	Distribution of Livelihood Kits and Trainings to Support 1900 HHs in Pibor County, Jonglei State	21 SS ELRP VI FAO	FAO	€100,618	06/29/2021- 02/15/2022	Completed	
13	Food & Nutrition Security Resilience Program	22 SS ELRP VII FAO	FAO	\$105,059	06/03/2022 - 02/28/2023	Ongoing	
14	Conflict and Climatic Emergency Livestock Response Program in Greater Upper Nile States of South Sudan Phase II (CCLERP II)	22 SS CCLERP-II BHA	вна	\$1,600,000	08/01/2022 - 07/31/2023	Ongoing	
15	South Sudan Livelihoods and Resilience Project [SSLRP]	21 SS SSLRP IFAD	IFAD	\$1,817,740	08/08/2022 - 06/27/2027	Ongoing	
16	East Africa Hunger Crisis Response Project	22 SS HCR DKH	DKH	€490,000	09/01/2022 - 05/31/2023	Ongoing	



## Projects Ethiopia

No.	Project Title	Project Acronym	roject Acronym Donor		Timeline	Status	
1	Thermostable PPR Vaccine Distribution and Delivery Model (VDDM)	20 ETH RESET EC	EU €215,776		11/12/2020 - 01/31/2023	Ongoing	
2	Rapid Emergency Response in Dubti and Dulessa districts of Afar Region	21 ETH RERDDA OCHA	ОСНА	€950,000	07/01/2021 - 12/31/2022	Completed	
3	Integrated Emergency Livelihood, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Response (EL-WASH) in Afar Region, Ethiopia	20 ETH EL WASH BHA	USAID/ BHA	\$1,261,001	07/20/2020 - 05/31/2022	Completed	
4	Integrated Life-saving and DRR Initiatives in Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya (ILDRR)	21 ETH ILDRR FO	FO	€2,150,000	08/15/2021 - 12/31/2023	Ongoing	
5	Omo Delta Project: Expanding the Rangeland to achieve Growth & Transformation in Kenya and Ethiopia	18 ETH EUTF EU	EU	€2,165,028	01/01/2018 - 04/30/2022	Completed	
6	Field Level Implementation for Emergency Support to mitigate the impact of conflict on lives and liveli- hoods of vulnerable communities in the Afar region, Ethiopia	22 ETH FLIES FAO	UN FAO	\$199,999	03/01/2022 - 07/31/2022	Completed	
7	VSF Germany Supported Rabies Vaccination Project in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	22 ETH RABIES CF	VSFG	\$10,000	04/15/2022 - 12/31/2022	Completed	
8	Integrated Response to Complex Emergency (IRCE) in Afar and South Omo	22 ETH IRCE BHA	ВНА	\$4,600,000	07/08/2022 - 10/07/2023	Ongoing	
9	Implementation of Animal Health Intervention in selected woredas of SNNP region	22 ETH IAHI SNNP FAO	FAO	\$243,877	07/01/2022 - 11/30/2022	Completed	
10	Improving Livelihood Support for Mobile and Host Communities in the Cross Border Areas in Ethiopia and Kenya	22 ETH LSCC IGAD-GIZ	GIZ	€99,925	07/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	Completed	



## Projects Kenya

No.	Project Title	Project Acronym	Donor	Budget	Timeline	Status
1	OMO Delta Project: Expanding the Rangelands to achieve Growth and Transformation	18 KE EUTF	EU	€2,018,508	01/01/2018 - 04/30/2022	Completed
2	One Health Regional Project to Combat NTDs, AMR EIDs and Address Food Safety in Uganda and Kenya	21 KE OHRECA BMZ	вмг	€650,000	06/01/2021- 05/31/2025	Ongoing
3	Integrated Life-saving and DRR Initiatives in Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya (ILDRR)	21 KE ILDRR FO	BMZ	€1,500,000	08/15/2021- 12/31/2023	Ongoing
4	Rabies Control Activities in Narok County, Kenya	22 KE RABIES CF	VSFG	€30,000	04/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	Ongoing
5	Improving livelihood support for mobile and host communities in cross-border areas in Ethiopia and Kenya	22 KE LCSS GIZ	GIZ	€20,507	07/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	Completed
6	Safeguarding livelihoods of drought-affected households in Turkana and Safeguarding liveli- hoods in Kenya ASALs in West Pokot	22 KE SLOPDAP FAO	FAO	€105,735	10/11/2022 - 02/11/2023	Ongoing

## Projects Somalia

Project Title	Project Acronym	Donor	Budget	Timeline	Status
Food Security and Sustainability in Fragile Situations (FSSFs)	19 SOM IFAD FSSFS	IFAD	€1,317,437	04/18/2019 - 06/30/2023	Ongoing
Improving Donkey Welfare for Economic Empowerment of Urban and Peri-Urban Households in Borama and Hargeisa Districts, Somaliland	21 SOM IDOWEL BROOKE	BROOKE EA	\$96,500	04/01/2021- 03/31/2022	Completed
Integrated humanitarian assistance – in kind and in cash – and disaster preparedness for populations affected by climate change in Awdal Region, Somaliland	20 SOM INTAKE FO	FO	€753,597	04/01/2019 - 04/30/2022	Completed
Multi-sectoral Intervention to Strengthen Liveli- hoods and Resilience of Crisis-Affected Communi- ties in Puntland and Jubaland	21 SOM MISLIRECA BMZ	BMZ	€2,500,000	06/23/2021- 05/31/2024	Ongoing
Improving Donkey Welfare for Economic Empowerment of Urban and Peri-Urban Households in Borama and Hargeisa Districts, Somaliland	22 SOM IDOWEL BROOKE	BROOKE EA	€79,225	04/01/2022 - 03/31/2023	Ongoing
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## Projects Uganda

No.	Project Title	Project Acronym Donor		Budget	Timeline	Status
1	Boosting Uganda's Investment in Livestock Development	19-UG-BUILD-BMZ	вмг	€1,547,235	01/01/2019 - 11/30/2023	Ongoing
2	One Health Regional Project to Combat NTDs, AMR EIDs and Address Food Safety in Uganda and Kenya	21 UG OHRECA BMZ	вмг	€350,000	06/01/2021- 05/31/2025	Ongoing
3	The Role of Animal Welfare in Influencing Food Safety (TRAWIFS)	22 UG TRAWIFS WTG	WTG	€10,000	02/01/2022 - 10/31/2022	Completed
4	VSF Germany Funded Project to Support Rabies Vaccination Campaigns in Uganda	23 UG RABIES CF	VSFG	€10,000	04/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	Completed

### Headquarters

No.	Project Title	Project Acronym Donor		Budget	Timeline	Status
1	Consultancy Services for Livestock Project Technical Support	22 HQ-CONSULT- HELP	HELP	€8,568	03/30/2022 - 08/31/2022	Completed



## Public Relations and Fundraising

## Our donors and permanent members are the backbone of our organization.

As a civil organization, we rely on donations to be able to carry out our humanitarian and development projects in East Africa. Donations allow us to maintain a financial security that enables us to apply for institutional funding and henceforth have a higher impact on our work.

Despite challenging years as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to increase our support base for another consecutive year. Our humanitarian work is based on solidarity coupled with financial support. The reliable support from our private donors plays a very important role in enabling us to carry out humanitarian and development projects in East Africa, supporting at-risk and vulnerable communities to lead a self-determined life and to protect and promote their traditional way of life in unison with their animals and environment.



## Your donation has an impact!

Your donation enables VSF Germany to apply for public funding to be able to implement its many project ideas. Once funding is awarded, your donation will have a bigger impact, as we are able to multiply it through institutional awarded funding. Here is how it works:



#### Your donation of 10 euros

VSF Germany successfully applies for institutional funds and is awarded €287, so €297 is then available for our projects.

#### Apply for public funding

E.g. from the Federal Foreign Office (FO), the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the European Union (EU) or the United Nations.







## How your donation and institutional funds have been invested:\*

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Projects: 97.3%

Administrative Costs: 1.90% Fundraising and Communications: 0.80%

1.877 M beneficiaries 8.999 M animals treated, vaccinated and distributed

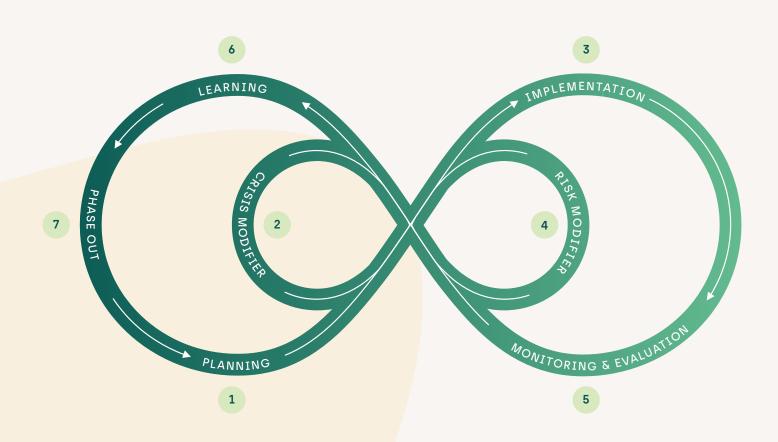




#### MONITORING AND EVALUATION

## How VSF Germany Guarantees a Sustainable Impact

Monitoring and evaluation play a pivotal role for a sustainable impact in the planning and implementation of our projects at VSF Germany.



### Planning

This involves baseline and feasibility studies, identification of local structures, resources and capacities in order to design and build partnerships for project diversification as well as participatory workshops to assess priorities and emerging needs.

This is followed by partnership agreements, the definition of focus areas, scope of work, services and resource allocation. Moreover, consultations with government regulatory bodies and line ministries are key to plan and synergize interventions for humanitarian assistance.

#### <sup>2</sup> Crisis Modifier

Implementation can be interrupted by the occurrence of emergencies that require responses to mitigate their potential negative impacts on the beneficiaries. Such emergencies include floods and droughts, disease epidemics e.g. COVID-19, cholera or ebola. Crisis modifier is integrated within the framework of project budgets as a contingency to be triggered in times of need to respond to such critical emergencies.

#### 3 Implementation

Full swing of activities. This involves e.g. the distribution of small ruminants (goats and sheep) as economic value. While cattle are primarily reserved for marriage and as social status by men, goats are qualified to be owned by women, thus having a stronger potential for their empowerment.

Protection measures are also key. Protection can be achieved through advocacy using existing structures, such as local authorities and line ministries. They advocate against customary practices and traditional law that tend to demean women.

#### <sup>4</sup> Risk Modifier

Unforeseen circumstances can delay or hinder smooth implementation and timely completion of activities, thus creating a risk to the achievement of project objectives. Risk modifier is a flexible window of opportunity to negotiate with the donors and partners a reasonable time extension to allow for the completion of activities to achieve the desired impact for the beneficiaries.

### Monitoring & Evaluation

Evaluation of activities and results achieved: Identification of opportunities, challenges, shortcomings and learning points.

### 6 Learning

Outcomes of project activity implementation form good learning benchmarks for good practices with the different implementation approaches and modalities that can be scaled up and or replicated. The learning helps to validate the assumptions made and to refine and re-test failed actions.

#### Phase Out

Phase out activities, handover of activities and process to respective beneficiaries, final reporting.

## Public and Private Partnership in Rabies Control

Rabies is a viral, life-threatening zoonotic disease that affects human and animals and is spread primarily through dog bites. Death from rabies is completely preventable, yet it remains a significant challenge in the Kenyan county of Narok. It continues to claim human lives due to a lack of vaccinations and awareness. Eradicating the disease requires the attention and resources of both the public and private sectors. In the quest for an effective solution to this public health crisis, in Narok county, Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany (VSF Germany) and partners have embraced an innovative approach: public-private partnerships (PPP). This collaborative initiative has proven to be a game-changer, resulting in improved public health outcomes and demonstrating the effectiveness of PPP in the provision of critical public services, particularly in the sphere of One Health.

#### The power of collaboration

The county government of Narok, in collaboration with private entities such as local organizations (e.g. Enonkishu Conservancy), regional organizations (e.g. Serengeti Health Initiative), and international NGOs (e.g. VSF Germany, Kenya Red Cross), has developed an effective public-private partnership strategy to combat rabies. This PPP operates based on shared responsibilities and benefits, with the government providing policy support, logistical support through their vehicles, infrastructure for storing rabies vaccines, and manpower, while private entities provide financial resources, expertise and technological innovation. VSF Germany, an organization that specializes in One Health in the Horn of Africa, supports community

rabies education by creating awareness on rabies through radios, posters, and banners about rabies prevention and responsible pet ownership. The organization also provides training to local veterinarians, para-vets, and community health workers on proper vaccination techniques, logistical facilitation to the vaccination teams, rabies vaccination, deworming, and treatment of minor ailments in dogs and cats. VSF Germany further supports rabies surveillance through data collection using the GARC app for monitoring and evaluation purposes, and supervision is provided by the county vets.

VSF Germany works closely with Talek Veterinary Services and Vet Aid East Africa to ensure The Serengeti Health Initiative provides the necessary rabies vaccines at no cost. Kenva Red Cross has implemented an innovative and accessible solution for community engagement, providing a free mobile platform that allows community members to promptly report doq bite cases or suspected cases of rabies via an SMS short code. Upon receipt of such reports, this interactive platform triggers an immediate alert to county surveillance teams, thereby activating a rapid response protocol and facilitating the deployment of investigation teams to assess the reported cases. This proactive system not only mitigates the spread of rabies but also empowers the community to actively participate in the health surveillance process.

Enonkishu Conservancy, a conservation organization dedicated to sustainable rangeland management that allows space for wildlife in Kenya's Mara ecosystem, has played a significant role in combating the rabies menace in the region.

In collaboration with the Kenya Wildlife Trust (KWT), Enonkishu Conservancy organizes an expansive rabies vaccination campaign in Narok county involving Enonkishu Conservancy, Ol Chorro Conservancy and Lamek Conservancy, thus ensuring a broader coverage and increased impact. The campaigns feature teams of professionals and volunteers going from house to house, providing vaccinations for dogs, the primary reservoir and vector of rabies. Simultaneously, there's an educational aspect to these campaigns where they raise awareness among the local communities about the risks of rabies and the importance of vaccination, responsible pet ownership, and prompt reporting of dog bites or suspected rabies cases. The Serengeti Health Initiative's contribution is crucial as it ensures the availability of vaccines, which is fundamental to the effectiveness of these campaigns. By providing the vaccines used during the vaccination campaigns, they're not just supporting the immediate cause but are also investing in the long-term health and welfare of the community, wildlife, and the overall ecosystem. This noble cause significantly drives the region closer to the goal of rabies eradication.

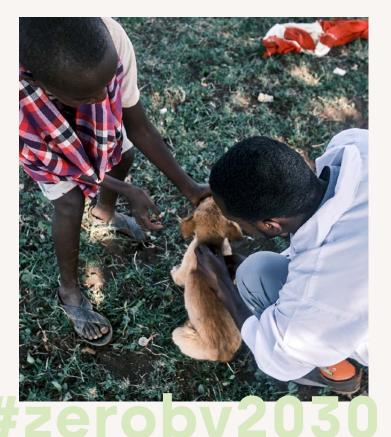
This PPP initiative has shown remarkable results. Since its inception, there has been a significant reduction in the number of reported rabies cases in Narok county. The population of vaccinated dogs has substantially increased, edging the county closer to the World Health Organization's [WHO] target of 70% immunization coverage required to break the cycle of rabies transmission.

#### Lessons and the way forward

The success of this PPP model offers valuable lessons for similar initiatives. It underscores the importance of shared responsibility and cooperation in addressing public health challenges. Through this approach, resources and expertise are pooled together, enabling the delivery of essential services that would be difficult for a single entity to provide.

#### Implementation and impact

The PPP strategy involves comprehensive vaccination drives that target all dogs in Narok county. Teams of trained professionals and volunteers go door-to-door, ensuring that every dog receives a vaccination and that each vaccinated dog owner receives a vaccination certificate. They also collect data on the number of dogs vaccinated, facilitating the monitoring of progress towards achieving herd immunity. Awareness creation campaigns have been vital in creating public awareness about the importance of dog vaccination and the dangers of rabies. Local communities are now more informed about how to handle dog bites, the necessity of seeking immediate medical help, and the importance of responsible pet ownership.



Because eliminating rabies is a model for One Health collaboration

## The Burden of Conflicts in the Horn of Africa

The Horn of Africa has faced complex security challenges stemming from political instability, inter- and intra-ethnic resource-based conflicts, religious tension, extremism, border disputes, terrorism and economic collapse. These challenges have had significant consequences for the region's communities, leading to humanitarian crises, violent conflicts and human rights abuses that have hindered development. Some of the key contributors include:

#### Political instability:

The region has been marred by persistent political instability, fragile governance structures and weak state institutions, which have contributed to security challenges in the region affecting many communities and interventions.

#### Ethnic and resource-based conflicts:

Competition for scarce natural resources has led to violent clashes and fatalities.



#### Religious tension and extremism:

Deep-rooted ethnic and religious divisions have led to intercommunal conflicts and heightened tensions in countries including Sudan, South Sudan and Ethiopia, adversely straining the already strained resources.

#### **Border disputes:**

Border disputes between countries like Ethiopia and Eritrea, as well as Sudan and South Sudan, have been a significant cause of conflict in the region.

#### Terrorism:

The presence of extremist groups such as Al-Shabaab in Somalia and other regional terrorist networks have destabilized the region's security and government services, impacting communities.

Economic factors: Poverty, unemployment and lack of economic opportunity have exacerbated the security situation, rendering youths more vulnerable to radicalization and criminal activities. Conflict in the region has also affected access to aid and humanitarian care, impeding the ability to fulfill the needs of the community.

Humanitarian crises: Security challenges in the Horn of Africa have resulted in significant humanitarian crises, including internal displacement, refugee flows, hindered socio-economic development, food security and access to education, healthcare, and basic services.



#### Human rights abuses:

Communities have faced human rights abuses, including extrajudicial killings and sexual violence. Aid workers have continuously faced violence or obstruction, leading to death and injuries and thus affecting humanitarian interventions in the region. Development and non-state actors have continuously worked together to support governmental efforts by addressing the emerging needs of the community through the following interventions:

**Peacebuilding initiatives:** Investing in peace-building programs to promote intercommunal dialogue, reconciliation and dispute resolution mechanisms in order to reduce conflict and promote social cohesion.

#### Humanitarian aid and development assistance:

Increased funding for emergency humanitarian aid and development projects – targeting education, livelihoods, healthcare and infrastructure in order to address the immediate and long-term needs of affected communities, and creating economic opportunities, job training and entrepreneurship programs to help address the root causes of insecurity by reducing poverty and unemployment in the communities we serve.

Increased collaboration: NGOs and donors should strive to prioritize collaboration, coordination and knowledge-sharing to maximize the impact of interventions. Strengthened partnerships with local communities, civil society organizations and government entities is key in addressing community needs triggered by cyclic violent conflict.

## Anticipatory Action in Humanitarian Assistance

Anticipatory humanitarian assistance holds great significance in today's world, particularly in the context of humanitarian crises in East Africa. The countries VSF Germany works within face recurring and protracted challenges – droughts, floods, conflicts, food insecurity, malnutrition and epidemics and pandemics – affecting both human and animals.

Anticipatory action entails taking steps ahead of predicted hazards to prevent or reduce acute humanitarian impacts before they fully unfold. It works best if activities (the delivery), as well as triggers and decision-making rules (the model) are pre-agreed upon, guaranteeing the fast release of pre-arranged financing (the funds). Anticipatory humanitarian assistance plays a crucial role in addressing these challenges head-on by establishing early warning systems to monitor environmental conditions, animal health and socio-economic indicators so that we can better anticipate and prepare for potential crises.

Here, the expertise of VSF Germany and our field experts is instrumental, particularly when it comes to addressing animal diseases and their far-reaching consequences on animal health and the well-being of communities. Implementing anticipatory measures requires collaboration with local communities and stakeholders on the ground. Localization is a key approach of VSF Germany, where knowledge and experiences of the affected communities and the capacities of community-based organizations to intervene and deliver appropriate services are taken into account. By empowering communities and enhancing their capacities in animal health and production, they can better prepare for potential crises and respond effectively. We actively support this capacity development, aiming to foster sustainable resilience within the communities.

One notable example of anticipatory humanitarian assistance is the planning and implementation of vaccination campaigns. Through targeted vaccinations, we contribute to preventing and controlling animal diseases, such as foot-and-mouth disease and Rift Valley fever, which is crucial as the loss of livestock significantly impacts food security and income generation of pastoralist communities. The joint effort and expertise of VSF Germany and local partners in implementing these vaccination programs is vital for ensuring animal health, preventing the spread of diseases and safequarding livelihoods.

The consideration of gender equality in anticipatory humanitarian assistance is also an important factor in the success of our programs. VSF Germany actively promotes the involvement and participation of women in animal healthcare interventions to ensure gender equity in our humanitarian programming. By empowering women through training as community animal health workers, we can foster sustainable development and strengthen community resilience, particularly during times of crisis. By equipping community health workers with essential veterinary skills and knowledge, they create a network of support that can provide ongoing care and early intervention for animals, ensuring their health and well-being.

VSF Germany understands the significance of timely and accurate information in addressing animal diseases effectively. To strengthen disease surveillance and response, we have established a network of animal disease reporters. These dedicated individuals actively monitor and report disease outbreaks, helping

to identify and respond to potential threats swiftly. By establishing this reporting system, VSF Germany enhances the ability to detect and contain diseases, ultimately protecting animal populations and the livelihoods of communities. For us, anticipatory humanitarian assistance plays a pivotal role in mitigating the impact of

crises in our countries of implementation. Through expertise, collaboration and a focus on the future, we contribute to building resilient communities and promoting sustainable development.



Ailo Keni, center, is a Community Animal Health Worker who provides animal treatment and services in her community in the Hamer district in Ethiopia.

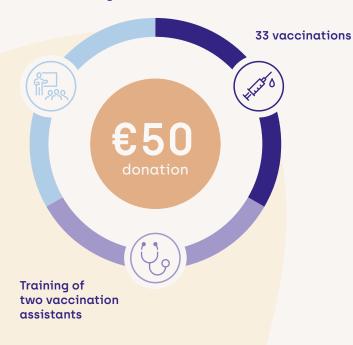
Anticipatory action entails taking steps ahead of predicted issues before they fully unfold.



This was another successful year for our Vaccination for Africa campaign. Since 2003, over 1,400 Veterinarian practices have supported our campaign to eradicate rabies by 2030 in East Africa. In 2022 alone, we were able to fundraise over €175,000 and vaccinate over 77,000 dogs and 4,500 cats against this disease.

In 2022, we were able to begin a new way of fighting this disease by introducing vaccination of stray dogs and cats in Ethiopia. The campaign was a complete success, as we were able to overachieve our planned objectives and vaccinate more than 5,000 stray dogs from the streets of Addis Ketema and Lideta, subcities of Addis Ababa.

### Co-funding of educational work, including in schools



## How do we use these donations for the successful implementation of the program?

Rabies is an NTD that is now at an endemic level in parts of East Africa. To be able to access the people most vulnerable to the disease and protect them against the disease, we carry out awareness-raising campaigns to educate people about rabies and how to protect themselves: basically through the vaccination of their dogs and cats. For this reason, with the donations received we embark on a threefold intervention to be able to tackle all aspects we believe necessary to be successful in our fight against rabies.

Here is an example of how we do this: with €50 we are able to provide 33 vaccinations, educate people about this disease and train two vaccinators to support us in the campaigns.

For another consecutive year, Happy Dog/Happy Cat was an official partner and sponsor of the Vaccination for Africa campaign. Thanks to support such as this, we are able to make our projects possible and continue our fight to eradicate rabies by 2030.

Are you a company interested in the eradication of rabies by 2030 and do you wish to support our vaccination campaign? Contact us to speak about how you can support us.



## Engagements with German Networks

## One Health: The interdisciplinary and holistic approach being used in organizational networks

One Health is an integrative approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals and ecosystems. This is the corresponding definition presented by the One Health High-Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP) in 2022. As this definition shows, One Health can only be thought of and implemented jointly and interdisciplinarily. This is exactly what VSF Germany has been implementing in different networks and working groups. For example, in the German network against neglected tropical diseases (DNTDs), we work transdisciplinarily with scientists, representatives of the pharmaceutical industry and civil society to combat neglected and poverty-associated tropical diseases holistically, effectively and sustainably.

We are also involved in the international NGO NTD Network (NNN), working together with a wide range of disciplines to combat neglected tropical diseases. In various working groups (including humanitarian aid, global health and gender) of the German umbrella organization of development and humanitarian non-governmental organizations (VENRO), we actively push the One Health perspective and advise and work closely with ministries and various political committees in this association. We are convinced that only consortial and transdisciplinary approaches, networks and working groups can successfully address the complex challenges of global health.

The One Health approach is anchored on the understanding that there are close links between the health of humans, animals and the environment.





Welcome to VSF Germany's anonymous reporting hotline

VSF Germany is committed to a culture of zero tolerance towards corruption and irregular behavior, including sexual exploitation and discrimination.

You can help us to achieve this. Use this channel to report alleged irregularities and unethical conduct when normal channels have proven ineffective or not practical. Whistleblowers are the most effective weapon against any form of corruption and irregular behavior. Your knowledge prevents harm and protects this organization.

You do not have to be a VSF Germany employee to use this hotline. This channel is available to anyone affected by a decision taken by our organization.

The hotline operates 24/7/365 and is run by an independent, third-party provider. It is designed to protect your confidentiality and anonymity. After sending a tip via the hotline, do not forget to write down the password allowing you access to an encrypted inbox dedicated to your case.

#### Last but not least:

VSF Germany prohibits retaliation against anyone who reports a possible violation in good faith.



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**HELP CASE STUDY** 

## Consultancy Services in Humanitarian Aid

Veterinarians Without Borders gGmbH (Limited) was founded in 2019 and is a 100% subsidiary of VSF Germany. Through this entity, VSF Germany was able to forge a collaborative partnership in 2022 with Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe e.V. (Help – Germany) to offer technical support to their field teams in Syria under a consultancy agreement. The technical support was based on the requested package of deliverables related to an emergency livestock intervention project. It is foreseen that the engagement will be ex-

tended and expanded in 2023 to a longer-term Framework Agreement that will provide technical consultancy services to Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe e.V. across their different countries of operation, including Syria, Afghanistan, Lebanon and Zimbabwe. VSF Germany and Help are also exploring opportunities for longer-term collaboration on projects in South Sudan funded by German and other institutional donors in the years to come.

## **Donors and Supporters**

## Thank you for what you have made possible

VSF Germany is profoundly grateful for the contributions and support in 2022. Because of the generosity and unfaltering belief of institutions and individuals in our mission, we have made tangible differences in the lives of those we serve. Thanks to donations, we were able to carry out 50 projects in six countries, responsible for treating 1.4 million animals, vaccinating 7.5 million animals and reaching 1.8 million beneficiaries. This support helped us achieve our goal of improving the lives of humans under the concept of One Health, championing healthy people, healthy animals and a healthy environment. By working together, we are making significant strides toward creating more resilient communities and building a brighter future for all.

On behalf of VSF Germany, implementing partners, and all project beneficiaries, we THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT.







































#### COOPERATION

## **Networks and Partner Organizations**

#### Our network

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Koordinierungsausschuss Humanitäre Hilfe

#### National NGO partners























#### **International NGO partners**

































#### **TRANSPARENCY**

### Certifications

VENRO is the umbrella organization of development and humanitarian NGOs in Germany. As a member of the VENRO, VSF Germany is committed to the VENRO code of conduct and its values of transparency, organizational management and control as well as protection of children from abuse and exploitation in development cooperation and humanitarian aid. In 2010, VSF Germany also committed to the voluntary declaration of commitment of the transparent civil society initiative.

On the initiative of **Transparency International Deutschland e.V.**, various actors from civil society and science defined ten points that every civil society organization should make public, including their articles of association, the names of the essential decision-makers, information on the sources and use of funds as well as their personnel structure.

Since 2005, VSF Germany has held the "Spendensiegel des **Deutschen Zentralinstituts für Soziale Fragen (DZI)**", a quality seal for reputable charitable organizations. The DZI certifies statutory and economical use of donated funds.







#### **FINANCES**

## **Statement of Financial Situation**

### Balance sheet as per 12/31/2022

Ass	ets (in euro)	2022	Prior Year	Equ	ity and liabilities (in euro)	2022	Prior Year
Α.	Fixed Assets			Α.	Equity		
I.	Intangible fixed assets			I.	Association capital	92,926.65	92,926.65
	Acquired industrial and similar rights and assets as well as licenses in such			II.	Currency adjustment item	282,094.45	282,094.45
	rights and assets	97,487.91	134,406.37	III.	Net accumulated losses/ net retained profits	200,229.76	-105,932.70
II.	Property, plant and equipment Other equipment, operating	15,694.60	25,083.73		Total Equity	575,250.86	269,088.40
	and office equipment			В.	Provisions		
III.	Long-term financial assets Shares in affiliated	25,000.00	25,000.00		Other provisions	178,890.20	276,757.86
	companies  Total Fixed Assets	170 100 51	194 400 10		Total Provisions	178,890.20	276,757.86
	- — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	138,182.51	184,490.10	C.	Liabilities		
В.	Current Assets  Receivables and other				Liabilities to funding parties for payments made in advance		
1. 1.	current assets Receivables from funding parties	2,752,533.25	1,500,835.57	1.	- thereof with a residual term of up to one year: EUR 4,659,588.18 [EUR 4.320 M]	4,659,588.18	4,320,256.27
2.	Receivables from affiliated companies	398,337.38	63,933.14		Trade payables		
3.	Other assets	723,015.25	209,740.86	2.	- thereof with a residual term of up to one year:	868,293.68	1,099,427.11
		3,873,885.88	1,774,509.57		EUR 868,293.68 (EUR 1.099 M)		
II.	Cash-in-hand, bank balances	2,321,895.77	4,037,237.35		Other liabilities		
	Total Current Assets	6,195,781.65	5,811,746.92	3.	- thereof with a residual term of up to one year: EUR 77,959.07 (EUR 76 K)	77,959.07	75,766.93
C.	Prepaid Expenses	26,017.83	45,059.55		Total Liabilities	5,605,840.93	5,495,450.31
	Total Prepaid Expenses	26,017.83	45,059.55		. ———		
	Assets	6,359,981.99	6,041,296.57		Equity and Liabilities	6,359,981.99	6,041,296.57

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT 2022**

## Financial Stability in Turbulent Times

Despite turbulent times, VSF Germany continued to uphold its financial stability throughout 2022.

In this regard, the annual result increased by €564k compared to the previous year. In terms of operations, the organization's performance increased by €5,737k compared to the previous year, whereas operating expenses increased proportionately by €5,173k in comparison with 2021 – resulting in a net surplus of €306k. Income from institutional grants increased by €5,493k, while

other operating income decreased by €358k. Income from donations and membership fees, as well as allocated fines, increased by €225k. Transfers to consortium partners decreased by €313k. Personnel expenses increased by €1,174. In these terms, shareholders' equity experienced a boost of €306k due to registered surplus/profit in 2022 to reach €575k.



#### **FINANCES**

## Income and Expenditure Report for 2022

The table below, which has been derived from the statement of profit and loss, presents the components of the loss for the reporting period as a percentage of the operating income.

		2022	Prior Year			2022	Prior Year
	Income from grants	EUR	EUR (k)	6.	Other operating expenses		
1.	& donations			A	Project equipment and services	11,295,150.31	7,179
А	Institutional grants VSF Germany and consortium partners	18,825,735.58	13,490	В	Sundry other operating expenses	523,517.26	434
В	Income from project management	430,306.80	366			11,818,667.57	7,613
	Donations, membership				Total Expenditures	19,632,038.75	14,567
С	fees and assigned fees	656,301.63	431	7.	Profit for the year	306,162.46	-258
		19,912,344.01	14,287		Net retained profits/net		
2.	Other operating income	25,767.20	22	8.	accumulated losses brought forward	-105,932.70	258
	Total Income	19,938,111.21	14,309	9.	Addition to reserves (-)/	0.00	152
3.	Expenses for grants passed on to consortium partners	2,414,107.36	2,726	10.	withdrawal from reserves  Net retained profits/		-106
4.	Personnel expenses				net accumulated losses (-)	200,229.76	-106
А	Wages and salaries	4,859,837.97	3,539				
В	Social security	84,651.01	254				
С	Other personnel expenses	406,848.41	384	Eco	nomic Business Operations	s 2022	Prior Year
		5,351,337.39	4,177				
	Amortization and write-			Inco	me	7,695.38	5,726.05
5.	downs of intangible fixed assets and depreciation and	47,926.43	51	Expe	nses	1,336.52	2,204.33
	write-downs of property, plant and equipment					6,358.86	3,521.72



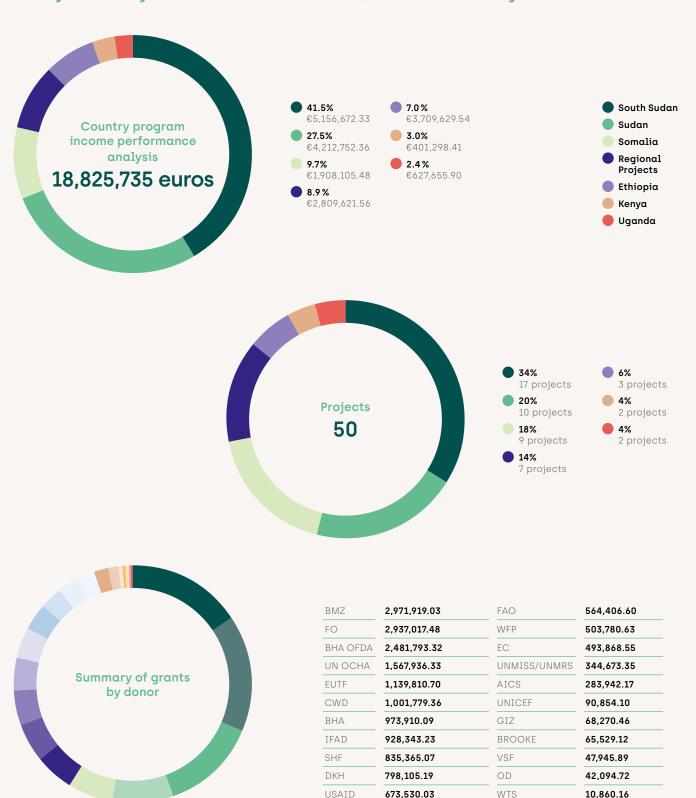
#### Excerpt from the internal auditor's report

In accordance with Section 322 [3] sentence 1 of the German Commercial Code (HGB), we declare that our audit has not led to any reservations concerning the correctness of the annual financial statements and the management report.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT 2022**

## **Summary of Financial Report**

by Country Income Performance, Number of Projects and Donor





# Outlook: 2023 and Beyond

**Dr. Martin Barasa**PROGRAM DIRECTOR

2022 was a particularly challenging year for VSF Germany, as many of our programs across the different countries we operate in were threatened to end as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite being able to overcome the remnants of the pandemic, a combination of localized resource based conflicts, political tensions, climate change induced hazards (floods and drought) and poor macro and micro-economic conditions have remained as the primary triggers of extended and even prolonged humanitarian crises. This conjuncture calls for sustained interventions to be addressed by humanitarian actors in the year 2023 and beyond.

The proportion of populations in need is projected to increase across all the countries, while at the same time we face a decline in funding perspectives, making the fundraising environment highly competitive for humanitarian assistance and development interventions. To enable effective responses to these needs, VSF Germany needs to foster future-focused and collaborative approaches among development, non-state and government actors,

to implement effective, context-specific, comprehensive and coordinated interventions. There is a need for long-term investment in peace-building, governance, economic development, and social inclusion to achieve sustainable and long-lasting change. Utilizing innovative approaches, technology, and data-driven solutions can enhance the effectiveness of interventions being deployed by the different actors on the ever-changing emerging needs. VSF Germany will lobby donors through evidence-based and durable solution oriented program design approaches to enable them to prioritize flexible funding mechanisms that allow us to respond quickly and adapt to evolving humanitarian needs in the region and at country levels. VSF Germany is progressively scaling up its emergency life-saving and development projects in its countries of operations in the Horn of Africa, supporting collective efforts of other NGOs, donors, governments, and regional actors to meet the emerging needs of communities.

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#### **Abbreviation List**

вна	Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance	FSL	Food Security and Livelihoods	SHF	Sudan Humanitarian Fund
BMZ	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development	GIZ	German Governmental Development	UCT	Unconditional Cash Transfers
CAHWs	· ·	GPAA	Greater Pibor Administrative Area	UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
ССРР	Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia	IDPs	Internally Displaced Persons	VDDM	Vaccine Distribution and Delivery Model
CVR	Community Violence Reduction	IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development	VSFG	Vétérinaires sans Frontières Germany
DKH	Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe		'	WASH	Integrated Water and Sanitation Hygiene
EU	European Union	LSD	Lumpy Skin Disease	WFP	World Food Programme
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization	ОСНА	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	WTG	Welttierschutzgesellschaft
FO	Foreign Office Germany	PPR	Peste des Petits Ruminants	WTS	Welttierschutzstiftung



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