



VSF Europa

International association

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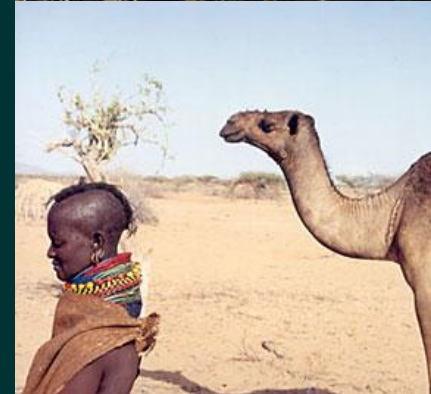
Alessandro Broglia – VSF Europa meeting Lisbon, 2008

VSF vision

Three quarters of the world's poor depend on livestock for their survival

improving livelihoods \longleftrightarrow improving livestock condition

>>> reducing poverty by increasing food sovereignty on the planet.



VSF vision

- Food sovereignty is a human right
- International solidarity is of primary importance.
- The earth, livestock and people are inextricably linked.



VSF Europa structure

- international non-profit association
- Members: Development Organisations based in Europe
- Governing Body = General Assembly of its members administered by a Board
- Headquarter: Brussels, Belgium



History

- established 1983 in France
- 1983 – 1991: other VSFs developed in Europe
- VSF – Europa idea started in 1991
- Legalised as an International Association in 2002



VSF Europa tasks

- To strengthen and support VSF members
- To gather and share information regarding results and experience in the field (KM)
- To sensitize the wider public on the role of the livestock as key factor for sustainable development.
- Worldwide advocacy based mostly on our local partners demand.

Members

Vetaid (UK)

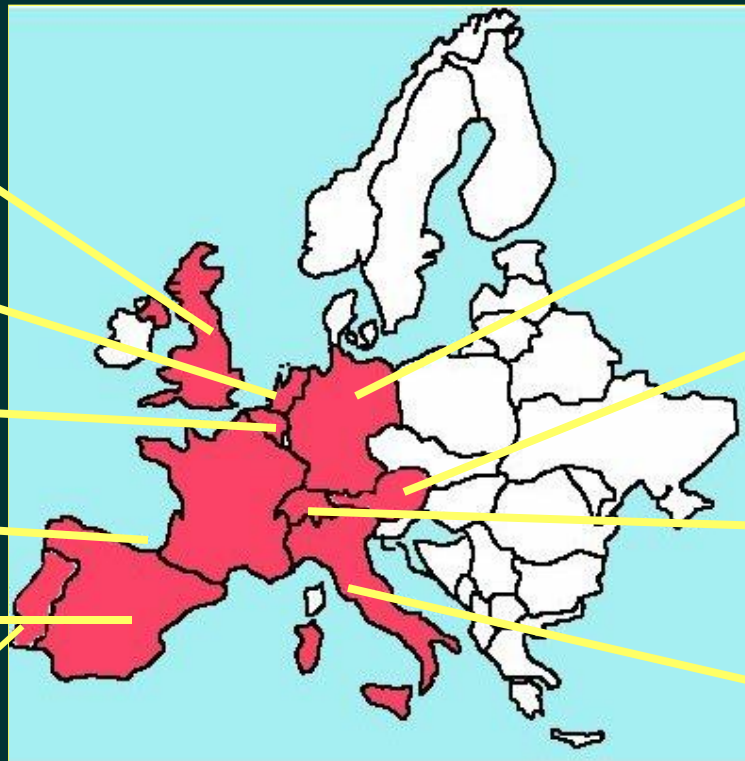
DIO (NL)

VSF - Belgium

AVSF - France

Vetermon - Spain

VSF Portugal



TOG Germany

VSF - Austria

VSF - Suisse

SIVtro VSF Italy

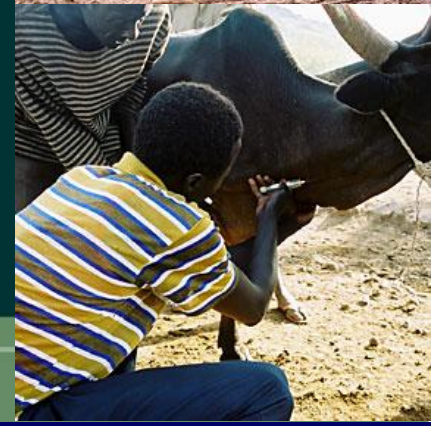
Projects magnitude

- > more than 100 projects in over 40 countries
- > > annual budget for these projects is above 20 million Euros



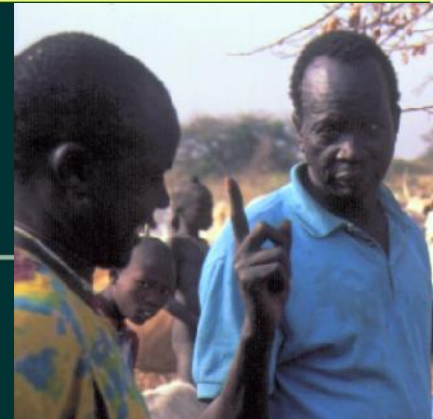
Areas of expertise of VSF members

- Institutional capacity building
- Empowerment through training in livestock sector
- Access to animal health services
- Sustainable improvement of livestock production
- Marketing of livestock and livestock products
- Forage production and conservation
- Natural resources management
- Emergency preparedness



VSF projects milestones:

- Livelihood oriented
- Sustainable development
- Participatory approach
- Raising awareness



Future plans:

- Extend the network > Endogenous Livestock Development
- Coordination of common action >>
 - Submitted project:
 - *Networking for impact in poverty alleviation through livestock related activities (VSF-B, SIVtro, DIO, AVSF, Vetaid)*

International Seminar
EU-AFRICA CHALLENGES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ANIMAL HEALTH CONTROL
Veterinarios Sem Fronteiras Portugal

Projects on rural development – VSF session

- DANIELE DE MENEGHI, SIVtro VSF Italia
 - Objectives, activities and results of the development project in Mali "Opération N'Dama coopération pour l'amélioration de la race bovine N'Dama dans la Préfecture de Yanfolila"
- ISABELLE TOURETTE – AVSF France
 - Projects on rural development in Madagascar
- ROBERT ALLPORT, VSF Belgium
 - Presentation of Livestock in Emergency Guidelines