112 MILLION
WORKING HORSES, DONKEYS AND MULES
IN THE WORLD TODAY...

HIGHEST POPULATIONS OF WORKING EQUINE ANIMALS:

- **15m** CHINA
- **12.9m** MEXICO
- **9m** ETHIOPIA
- **1.5m** INDIA
- **5.5m** PAKISTAN

The numbers of working equine animals are increasing in Pakistan, South Asia, Africa & Latin America.

People **depend** on the labour and income their animals provide.

**600m**

MONEY EARNING ROLES OF WORKING HORSES, DONKEYS & MULES:

- Agriculture
- Construction
- Tourism
- Mining
- Public transport
- Transport (of people & goods)

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: REDUCE WORKLOAD AND STRAIN BY CARRYING:

- Water
- Food
- Firewood
- Feed
- Manure

SAVE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME AND MONEY FOR THEIR OWNERS.

and CONNECTING:

- People
- Communities
- Markets

WORKING EQUINE ANIMALS CONTRIBUTE TO THE FOLLOWING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:

1. **POVERTY**
2. **ZERO HUNGER**
3. **GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**
4. **QUALITY EDUCATION**
5. **GENDER EQUALITY**
6. **CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**
7. **DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**
8. **INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**
9. **REDUCED INEQUALITIES**
10. **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**
HOW WORKING EQUINE ANIMALS
CONTRIBUTE TO PEOPLE’S LIVELIHOODS

HUMAN CAPITAL
Access to healthcare and school
Reduction in workload and physical strain
Time saved leading to more time for childcare

NATURAL CAPITAL
Working equine animal is a natural resource
Draught powered tillage (ploughing, harrowing, weeding)
Providing manure
Supporting other natural resources (e.g., livestock) by transporting feed and water and transporting small stock animals to animal health posts
Providing easier access to water

PHYSICAL CAPITAL
Cart and pack use to transport goods and people (at household and national level)
Enabling physical access to places
Key element of agriculture and other industries’ value chain (e.g., construction industry)

FINANCIAL CAPITAL
Working equine animal is a financial asset (can be sold)
Generates direct income (regular and disposable) through direct use or hire
Indirect income through transporting produced goods (including animal products such as milk and meat) to and from market
Savings (time, labour and money)
Facilitating access to loan/credit

SOCIAL CAPITAL
Supporting women in carrying out social functions
Lending to relatives and neighbours in times of need
Increasing social status in community
Facilitating access to social groups
Increasing community engagement (e.g., building a school)

THE MONEY & TIME
THAT HAVING A WORKING EQUINE ANIMAL BRINGS
ARE USED FOR:
- Buying medicine, food and schooling & spending more time with children.

INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK POLICY
RECOGNISES
- Pig
- Cow
- Sheep
- Ox
- Horse
- Donkey
- Mule

ANIMAL WELFARE AND HUMAN WELL-BEING WORK TOGETHER
A working equine animal supports their owner and the owner supports their working equine animal

THE ROLE OF WORKING EQUINE ANIMALS
IN FOOD SECURITY
- Keeps donkey & family fed
- Donkeys carry feed and water to livestock
- Earn money for the owner
- Carry produce to market
- Earn money for the owner
- Large scale food security supported
- Carry produce to collection point to join food supply chain
- PLOUGH THE FIELDS
- Carry seeds for planting
- Owner buys food
- Earn money for the owner

DON’T NEGLECT A VITAL ASSET.
RECOGNISE WORKING HORSES, DONKEYS & MULES IN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK POLICY.

HORSES, DONKEYS & MULES ARE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER LIVESTOCK
- We don’t eat them
- They don’t produce food like milk & eggs
- They don’t produce fibres like wool
- = horses, donkeys & mules are different from other livestock

THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD NEED WORKING EQUINE ANIMALS
TO SUSTAIN THEM
- Plough the fields
- Carry produce to market
- Earn money for the owner
- Large scale food security supported
- Carry produce to collection point to join food supply chain

Healthy working animals for the world’s poorest communities

INCLUSION IN VACCINATION PROGRAMMES, TRAINED VETS, INSURANCE COVER AND BETTER CARE

TANGIBLE OUTPUTS EQUALS
Better Recognition

Inclusion