



Linking Animal Welfare and Human Survival

Protecting Human Livelihoods Through Animal Welfare



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UN – Challenge & Opportunity

**The United Nations is About People.
To get the attention of the UN and
its partners,
Animal Welfare Must:**

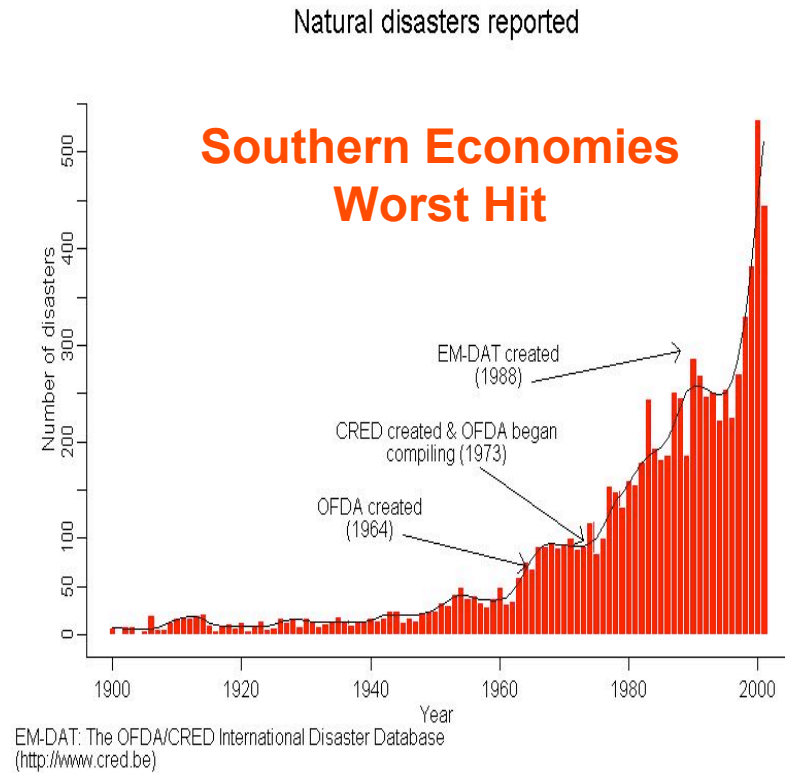
1. Help people,
2. Advance sustainable development,
3. Foster Public Health.
4. Have a focus on Southern Economies



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Disasters are on the Rise – Animals are at Risk



Risks to animals threatens the ecology, the economy, food security and disease prevention,



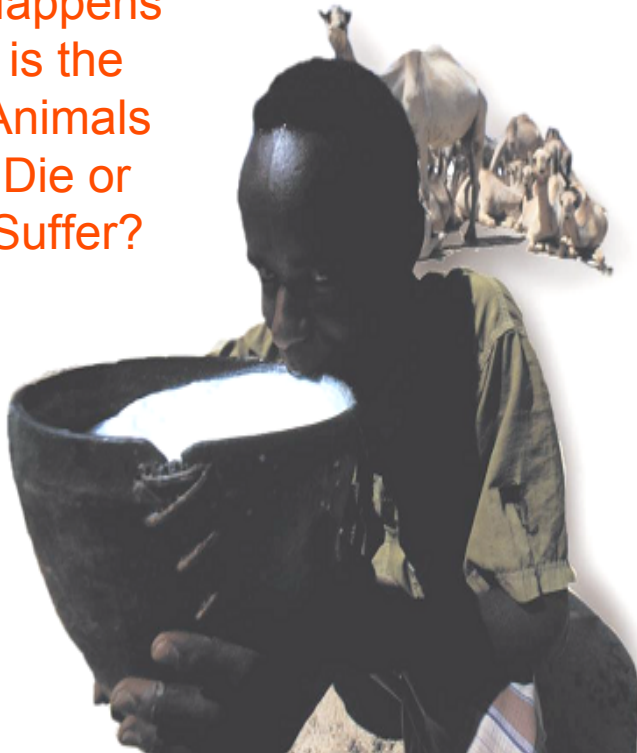
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Food Security and Jobs

Over 600 million of the poorest people in the world depend on animals for food or jobs.

What
Happens
is the
Animals
Die or
Suffer?



In the Philippines 70% of the population is rural.

Half the labor force depends on agriculture.

Agriculture makes up 23% of the gross domestic product and grows at an annual rate of 3.3% in 1995.

Growth mainly due to the expansion of the poultry (chicken, ducks) and livestock.

Farmers won't leave in disasters without their animals.



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Rural People Know Animals Are Important



Photo: IRIN

Livestock losses can reduce income and food security for five years or more while flocks and herds are being restocked

- "A pastoralist loves his animals even more than himself"
- "A pastoralist will use his last shilling to save his animal before buying medicine for his children."
- He knows that if the animal dies, the family will not live."
- [Source: UN/IRIN Nairobi](#)



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How to integrate:

- Animal welfare;
- Sustainable development;
- Disaster management



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Animal Welfare is About Security

- WSPA and its partners reduced equine deaths in Jalalabad by 80%
- What if we hadn't done that?
- **To whom would the poor have turned?**



There are ninety million equines in the world, mostly working animals.

What Happens to People if they suffer?



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Protecting Animals Can be Simple, Inexpensive and Effective.



This approach allows poultry to be free range and live a normal life,
while also preventing the spread of avian flu



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Wars kills Animals Needed by People

- An estimated 600,000 animals and 25,000 people are killed or injured by mines each year.



Impact of War on Animals – an example from Angola

- Nearly 100,000 elephants were killed in Angola during 25 years of civil war, many by landmines
- Ivory was sold to finance the war
- Cape buffalo were killed for food and almost eliminated



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Livelihood Protection Through Animal Welfare



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Meeting of the
**International Working Group on
Animals in Disasters (IWGAID)**

held on 28 June 2006,
UNESCO Headquarters

Linking experts from governments, the
UN system and international
organizations outside the UN

Co-chaired by WSPA and UNESCO



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Members involved:

- **WSPA: (World Society for the Protection of Animals)**
- **UNESCO: (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)**
- **FAO: (UN Food and Agriculture Organization)**
- **IFRC: (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies)**
- **ISDR: (UN International Strategy on Disaster Reduction)**
- **OECD: (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development)**
- **OIE: (World Organization for Animal Health)**
- **UNHCR: (UN High Commissioner for Refugees)**
- **WHO: (World Health Organization)**
- **USDA: (US Department of Agriculture)**



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We need your help

- Animal Welfare is a form of humanitarian relief.
- Food Security is bolstered.
- Jobs Are protected.
- Zoonotic Diseases are controlled.

Help us spread this message.
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