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Healthy animals. Healthy people. Healthy environment.

MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

This past year marked a significant period of growth at Veterinarians Without Borders/Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VWB/VSF). Guided by our One Health pillars — local ownership, global community, partnership, respect, knowledge sharing, and integrity — we remained committed to building a healthier world by integrating solutions that prioritize the health of animals, people, and the environment. Globally, we are facing increasing conflicts and climate crises, which has elevated the need for holistic interventions that offer real, long-term solutions.

From swift action to support on-the-ground partners in Ukraine, where people like you helped our partners deliver 1,180 tonnes of pet food, to mobilizing a veterinary team in Türkiye that provided 1,136 veterinary assessments following the deadly earthquakes, and our incredible VETS volunteers in six countries who donated nearly 56,000 hours of their time, along with 23 veterinary professionals who volunteered in Canada's remote North — you, our incredible supporters, are making a world of difference for animals and people.

Whether you're a donor, volunteer, partner, or another valued member of the VWB/VSF community, thank you for showing up for animals and communities in need. You are truly helping to build a healthier future.

Sincerely,



Charmaine Brett,
Executive Director



Dr. Jennifer Ogeer,
Chair, Board of Directors



HELPING UKRAINIANS ACCESS REMOTE VETERINARY CARE

Telehealth program participant, Kateryna Zharikova, with her dog.

Over 1,000 virtual veterinary appointments completed

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

The war in Ukraine continues to have a devastating impact on Ukrainians, their animals, and the animal welfare system across the country. Pet owners and volunteers who run small animal shelters lack access to veterinary care, especially in remote communities. In addition, Ukrainian veterinarians and community animal health workers are dealing with many external stressors, including lack of necessary equipment and supplies, along with a shortage in veterinary professionals due to animal healthcare workers who have left the country due to the war, or relocated to Ukraine's western regions.

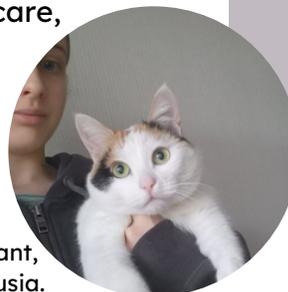
To help address this lack of care, VWB/VSF has joined on-the-ground partners in Ukraine to provide virtual veterinary appointments for Ukrainians who, otherwise, would be unable to access veterinarians. Since the program's launch, over 1,000 Ukrainians and their animals have received virtual care, including recommended treatments.

"We have a difficult situation in Ukraine... even daily, routine things have become difficult, including access to vets... there are more stray animals here; some people left or are injured and can't take care of their animals... it's amazing to have this service and knowledge to help animals..."

Olena, telehealth program participant

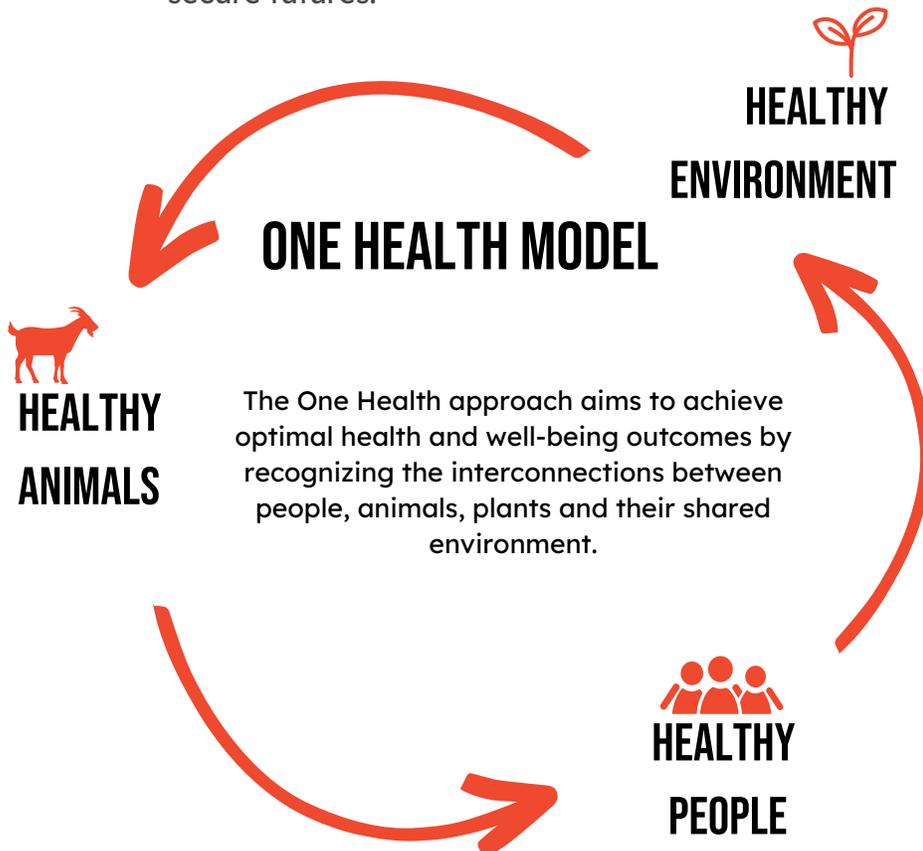
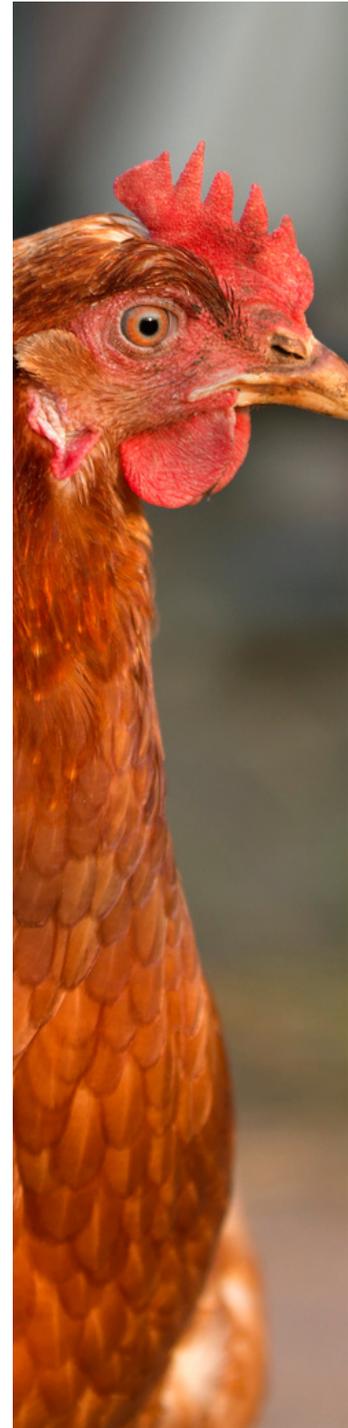


Telehealth care participant, Nelya Biletska & her cat, Lyusia.



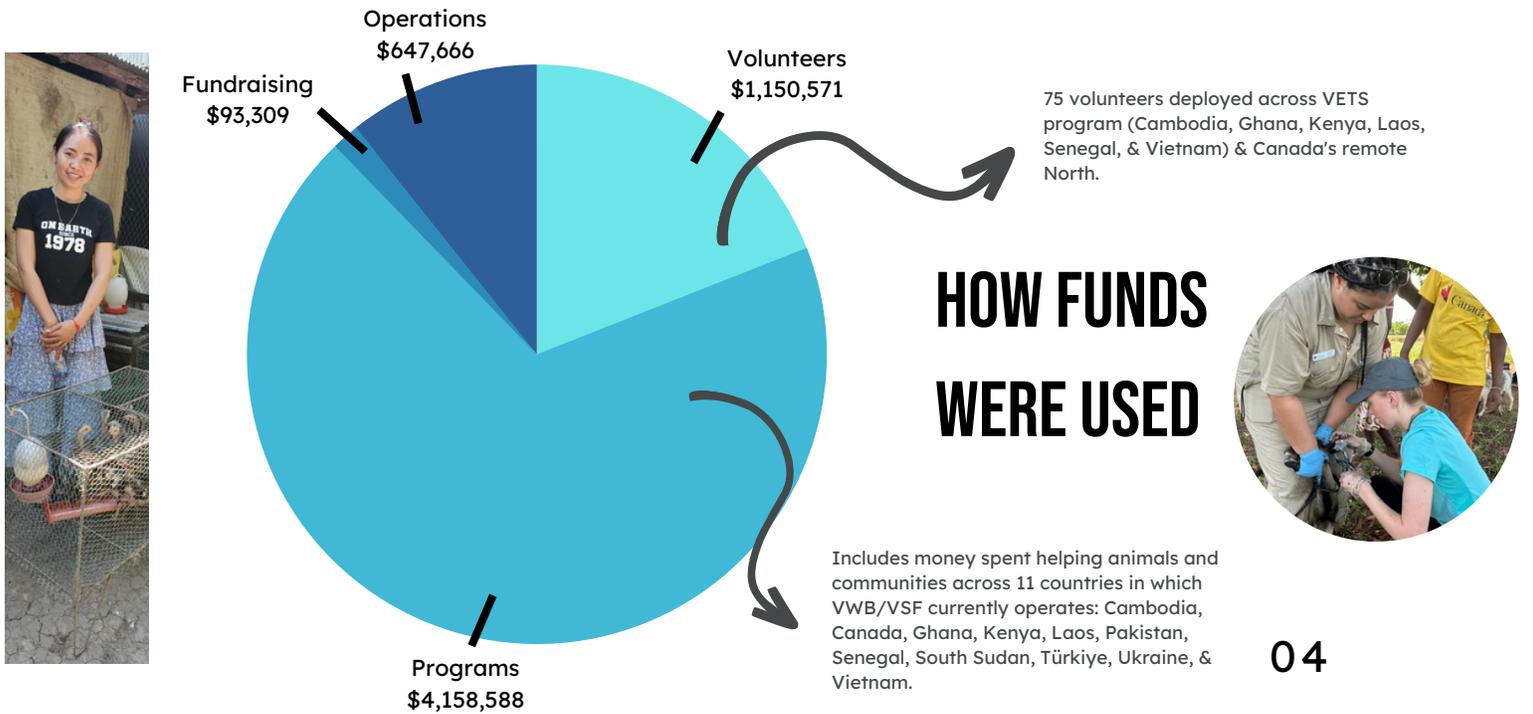
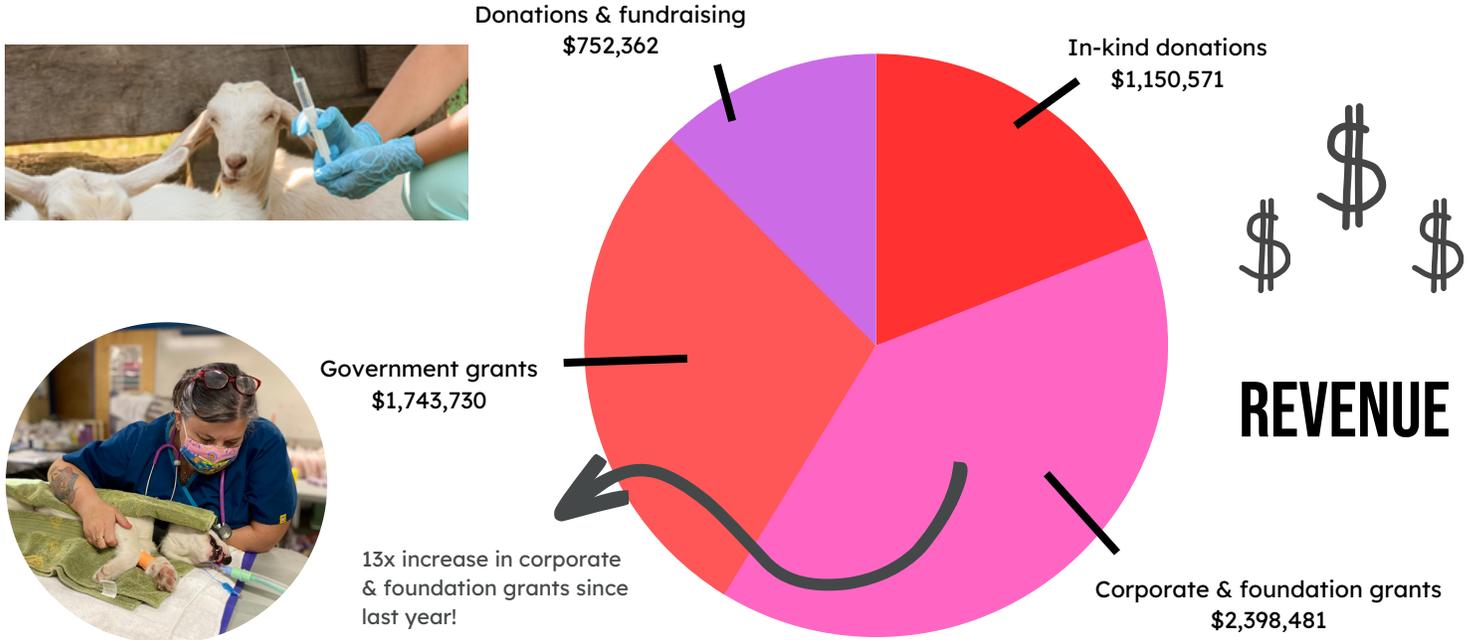
WHO WE ARE

Since our humble beginnings in 2005, VWB/VSF has strived to enhance the well-being of animals, individuals, and the environment on a global scale. VWB/VSF is a member of VSF International, which includes 13 national members that are working to raise awareness about the holistic connection between healthy animals and healthy, financially stable communities. Currently, VWB/VSF is operating in 11 countries, and is connected with local partners in each location to ensure solutions are being designed and implemented locally. Through the provision of mobile veterinary clinics, educational initiatives, and critical emergency aid - including vaccinations, animal evacuations, access to nourishment, and more - we are actively ensuring that both people and the animals they rely upon can pave the way towards healthier and more secure futures.



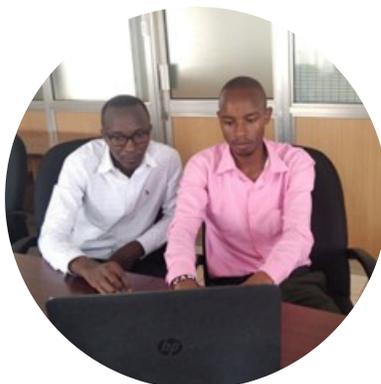
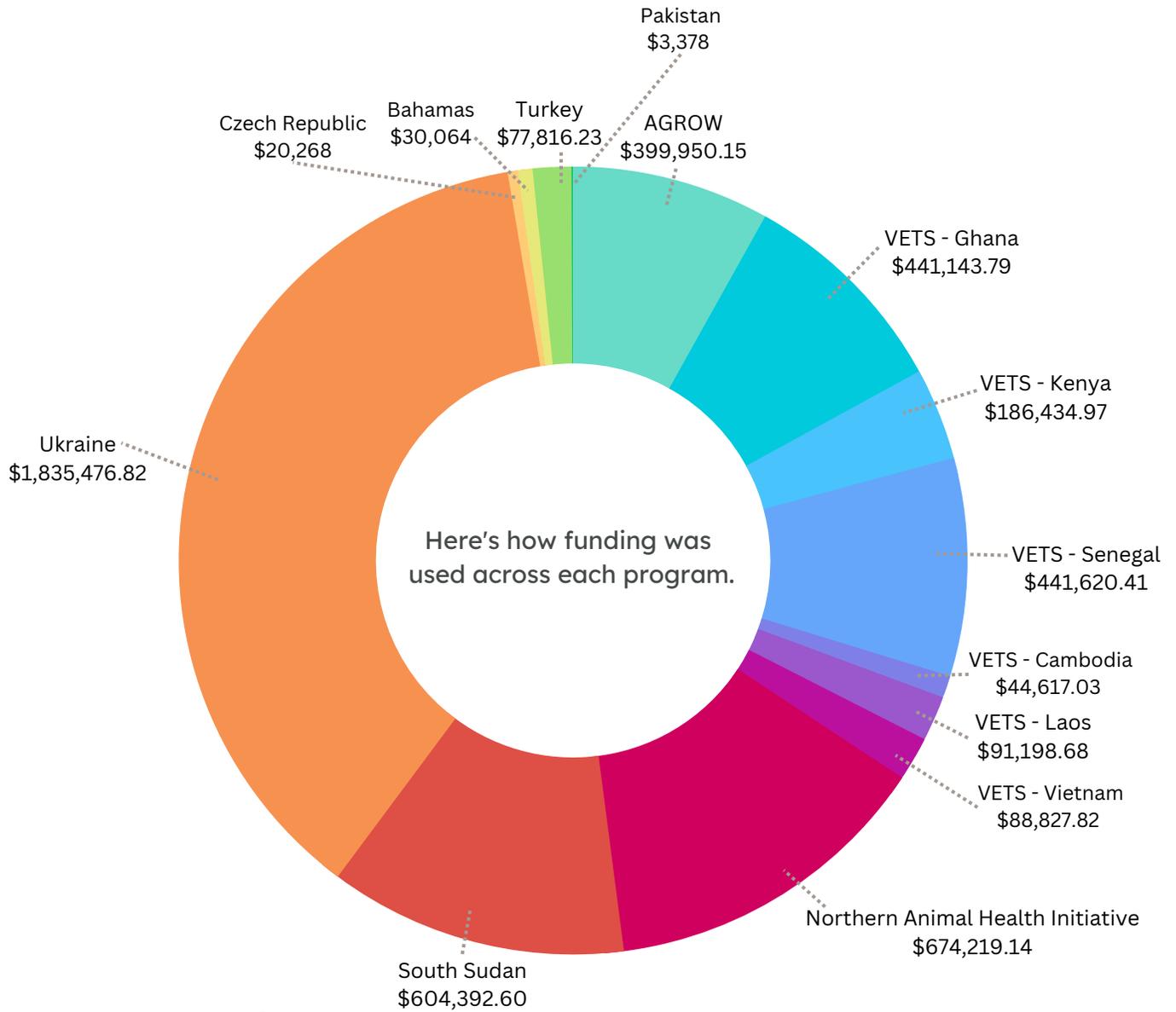
YOUR DOLLARS IN ACTION

Here's how you made a difference for animals and communities.



*Revenue generated and funds used during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

PROGRAM FUNDING



*Funds used during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE

This past year, your support made a significant impact on the lives of animals and communities in need across the globe. Here are some incredible milestones you helped VWB/VSF achieve.



- 1,180 tonnes of pet food delivered in Ukraine



- 41,000 animals vaccinated in South Sudan



- 54,786 small holder farmers benefitted from animal health training in Kenya



- 271 animals reunited with their owners in Turkey after earthquakes



- 151 community animal health workers trained in Senegal



- 767 dogs treated in NWT and NU



- 100 beneficiaries of animal feed, vaccinations, replacement farm animals and more in Pakistan following unprecedented floods



Northern Animal Health Initiative
volunteer, Kyla

VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED IN GENDER-RESPONSIVE TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS (VETS)

Our VETS program, generously funded by Global Affairs Canada, wrapped up its third year across Cambodia, Ghana, Kenya, Laos, Senegal, and Vietnam. With over 56,000 volunteer hours donated by 52 volunteers, working in partnership with our local partners, program beneficiaries received one-on-one support and training to ensure their agricultural practices, farms, and farm animals were as healthy and productive as possible—ensuring the nutritional and financial well-being of communities that depend on them.

FROM 2022-2023, OUR VETS VOLUNTEERS FACILITATED...

118	Hygiene/biosecurity sessions in Kenya
876	Gender-responsive training sessions in Ghana
1,392	Volunteer training hours in Cambodia
10	Gender-responsive training sessions in Laos
151	Community animal health workers training in Senegal
53,786	Beneficiaries to receive support in Kenya
20	Community animal health workers training sessions in Vietnam

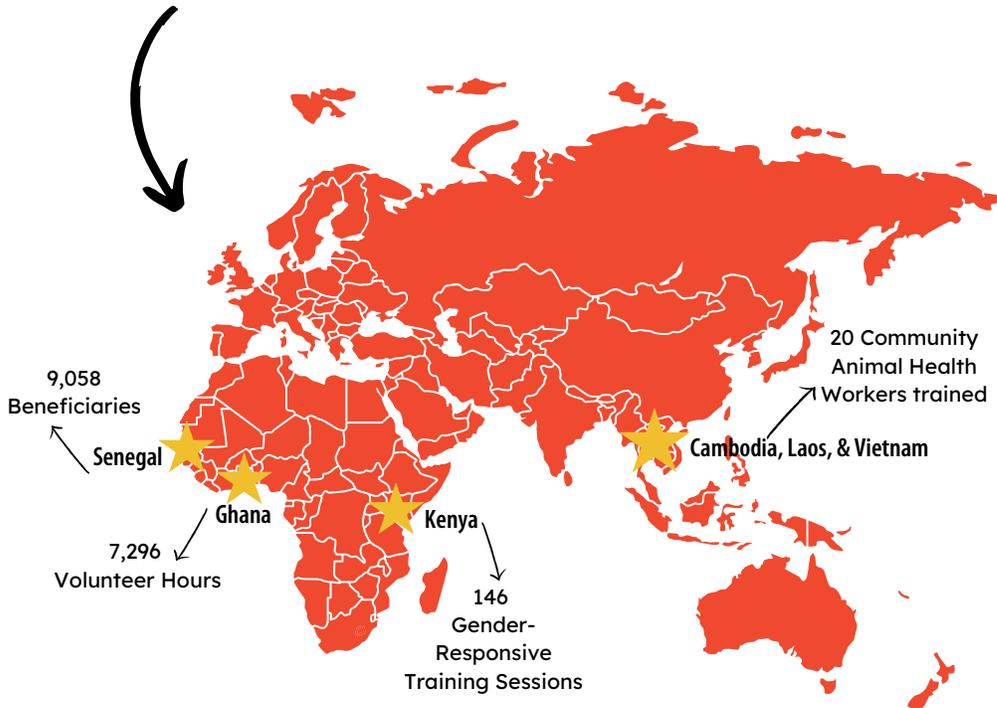
"The impact of pesticides on human and animal health, and on the environment, is known to all. The type of production system that exists in the department of Vélingara is too dependent on pesticides, and we must continue this work to move towards a change in behaviour."



VETS volunteer, Younoussa, in Senegal

VETS volunteer,
Younoussa Barry

WHERE ARE VWB/VSF'S VETS PROGRAMS?



BUILDING SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES IN KENYA

VWB/VSF's work in Kenya aims to ensure that farming is done in a sustainable way that deliberately protects the environment and involves everyone, particularly women and girls who are also farmers. One of these women is Ann Njeri Mwangi, a mother who, during her time with the VETS program, had three mature cows. Ann had one acre of land where she grew fodder for these cows. The yield from the land has been very little, causing her to buy much of the fodder that her cows would eat.

After receiving VETS training, Ann saw her increase her milk production to 32 litres of milk in one day.

"It was like a dream," said Ann. "I could not believe my cow gave me 30 litres of milk. Although the trainings were really time consuming, I cannot complain now because I have seen the benefits. I now know how to make good maize silage, and how much dairy meal to give to my cows for them to produce a lot of milk. This silage will help me a lot because the other two cows will be calving down soon," Ann added.



VETS program participant, Ann Mwangi

SOUTH SUDAN



South Sudan is facing a state of emergency around food security and livelihoods due to longstanding violent political conflicts and the effects of climate change that are causing both increased flooding and severe dry periods. With the generous support of Global Affairs Canada and the Zoetis Foundation, VWB/VSF is helping to implement programs that are supporting the food and, subsequently, the financial security of people living in the region.

3,270 Beneficiaries helped in South Sudan

41,103 Animals vaccinated

100 Community animal health workers trained

10 Edible insects training sessions

200 Edible insects training beneficiaries

"We were given modern equipment for harvesting flying termites. Before the project, we were using local materials (grass) to light at night to harvest the flying termites. It was very risky in the bush and also the harvest contained lots of unwanted materials. Cleaning was also very tedious to get the harvest ready for use."



Lemia Alice, a recipient of insect harvesting training.

UKRAINE



Over the past year, VWB/VSF has been working with on-the-ground partners in Ukraine. These partnerships are focused on ensuring the delivery of pet food and medicine, providing preventative veterinary care (spay/neuter programs, vaccinations, and parasite treatments), and offering online veterinary services.

This support targets war-affected shelters and households, including internally displaced families, families who have lost their homes, and those who care for animals in volunteer and home boarding situations.

1,180

Tonnes of pet food delivered

10

Local partners

5,524

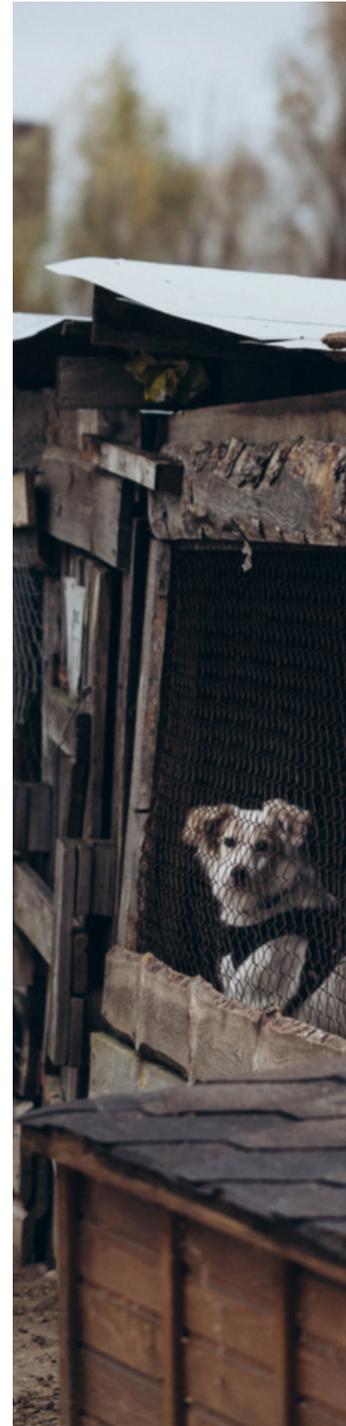
Spay/neuter surgeries

445

Community animal health workers trained

20

Generators supplied to animal shelters



NORTHERN ANIMAL HEALTH INITIATIVE



VWB/VSF develops partnerships with remote communities in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, upon their invitation. We work with them to identify needs and develop plans with community representatives to build local capacity to address animal care needs year-round. This includes offering temporary veterinary clinics with a team of volunteers. Our goal is to build a sustainable framework that will create the conditions for lasting, community-driven animal health.

718

Animals vaccinated

799

Animals treated

23

Volunteers deployed

11

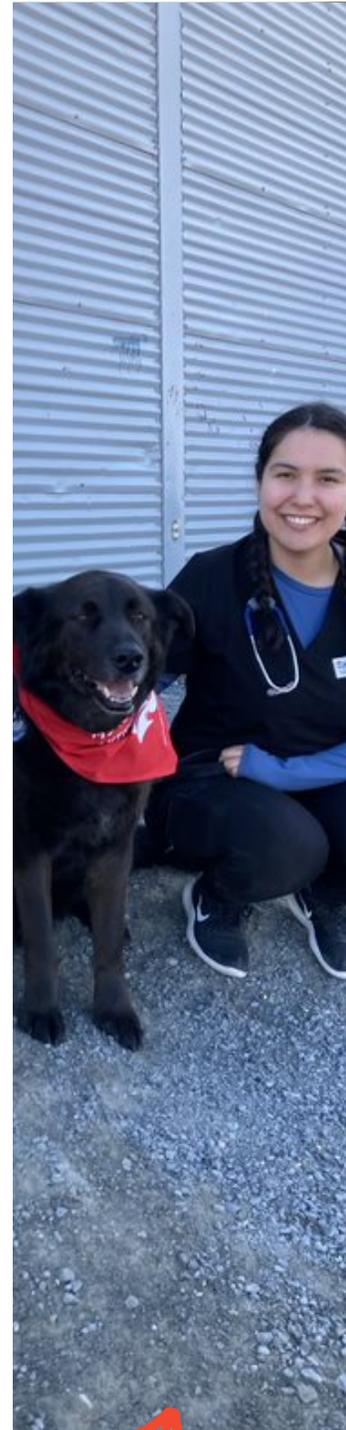
Communities visited

4

Lay vaccinators trained

"I hope to inspire other young Indigenous, Inuit, and Metis students who want to become veterinarians and show them that it is possible for them to pursue their dreams and that it's worth it!"

Tannicka Reeves, recipient of Access to Care scholarship and volunteer at northern clinic.



TÜRKIYE



Following the devastating earthquakes in Türkiye (Turkey), VWB/VSF has partnered with on-the-ground civil society and government organizations to ensure emergency veterinary care is available for dogs, cats, and more, along with support for pet owners who have lost everything. Since the quakes, efforts are underway to rebuild entire communities, and VWB/VSF remains providing local support, through our partner Humane Society International (HSI), to fill the gap for animals in need.

1,136 Emergency veterinary assessments

2,041 Cats found and cared for

1,671 Dogs found and cared for

271 Pets reunited with their owners



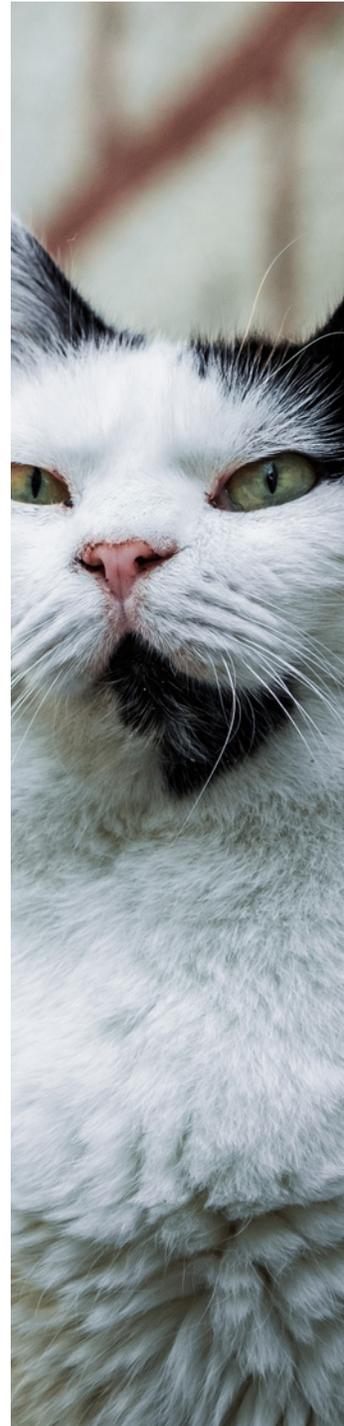
GLOBAL PROGRAMS

SAUDI ARABIA

The Saudi Arabian Royal Commission for AIULa (RCU) selected VWB/VSF to partner with them to develop a comprehensive suite of animal health and animal welfare programs, as well as related facilities and policies, as a part of its commitment to adopt global best practices and become an animal friendly city. We have assembled a team of scientists, veterinarians, animal population experts, animal sheltering professionals, field services experts, and more to work with local stakeholders to document the current status of animals and develop a path forward. Our team has completed a detailed baseline report and is now working with the RCU to build a road map for future programming and to help with the implementation of a stray animal management program in the region. The goal of this project is to build a strong one-health foundation in AIULa before expanding into other areas of Saudi Arabia.

CZECH REPUBLIC

VWB/VSF has partnered with Veterináři bez hranic ČR, o.p.s./Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Czech Republic (VSF CZ) to help senior people in financial need access veterinary care for their pets. The program, "Aging Together", focused on three cities within the Czech Republic — Brno, Liberec, and Praha. After the outbreak of COVID-19, and the start of the war in Ukraine, the program experienced an influx in applicants due to increased need for seniors in isolation and newly arrived Ukrainian refugees and their pets in the Czech Republic.



GLOBAL PROGRAMS

CZECH REPUBLIC (CON'T)

- 97** Applicants
- 270** Grants
- 24** Partner veterinarians

BAARK!

BAARK!'s mission is to provide spay/neuter surgeries and educational training and information to help reduce the homeless animal population of dogs and cats in The Bahamas. VWB/VSF partnered with BAARK! to help ensure animals can live healthy, happy lives. Program support included pet food, surgical tools and equipment, personal protective equipment, fuel for transports, the cost of veterinary technicians, and surgeries at local veterinary clinics.

- 3,639** Animals spayed/neutered
- 188** Additional animal surgeries
- 16** Live traps acquired to help with spay/neuters
- 12** Sunday spay days, in partnership with Bahamas Humane Society
- 5** Mobile animal sterilization hospitals



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