



## PROJECT BRIEF:

# 1-SHOP: Strengthening One Health Systems for the Protection of Health & Livelihoods in South Sudan

March 2024 - March 2026

**LOCATION:** Torit County, Eastern Equatoria State, South Sudan

**OBJECTIVES:** To enhance the resilience of pastoralist communities by:

- Strengthening One Health systems to prevent and mitigate the risks of zoonotic diseases and AMR.
- Establishing community-led disease surveillance and response mechanisms.
- Improving livestock productivity and livelihoods through sustainable animal health practices.

**TARGET GROUPS:** Pastoralist communities, women, and Community Animal Health Workers

**FUNDING PARTNER:** Zoetis Foundation

## BACKGROUND:

South Sudan faces severe food insecurity, with 62% of the population experiencing acute hunger, driven by climate shocks, conflict, economic instability, and limited access to veterinary and health services. Pastoralist communities in Torit County, Eastern Equatoria State, depend on livestock for their livelihoods but are highly vulnerable to livestock diseases, zoonotic outbreaks, and antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Weak veterinary services, poor animal husbandry practices, and gender disparities in access to livestock extension services further compound these challenges, leaving communities with few tools to prevent, detect, or respond to animal and public health threats.

Building on the success of the **2023–2024 Building Livelihood Resilience for Income Security and Dignified Life** project, VWB launched 1-SHOP in March 2024 to expand and deepen these gains. The previous project strengthened community-led animal health systems, increased livestock productivity, and improved access to veterinary services, laying the foundation for this next phase.

**By integrating community-based surveillance, disease prevention, and sustainable livestock management, 1-SHOP enhanced food security, public health, and economic stability in South Sudan's most vulnerable regions.**



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

From March 2024 to March 2026, VWB, with support from the Zoetis Foundation, implemented the Strengthening One Health Systems for the Protection of Health and Livelihoods (1-SHOP) project in Torit County, Eastern Equatoria State, South Sudan.

Using a One Health approach, the project worked to strengthen community resilience by improving animal health services, reducing the risks posed by zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and supporting sustainable livestock-based livelihoods. Working alongside Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs), healthcare workers, government partners, and local communities, 1-SHOP strengthened disease prevention and surveillance systems, expanded access to veterinary services, and promoted safer livestock management practices.

The project also supported community awareness and behaviour change initiatives and promoted sustainable livelihood opportunities. By investing in local leadership and community-based systems, 1-SHOP helped build the capacity of communities to protect animal health, improve livelihoods, and respond to future health and economic challenges.



## KEY ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

### Strengthening One Health Systems:

- 4 One Health Teams established and trained.
- Participatory health risk assessments conducted across four payams.
- Community disease surveillance and response systems strengthened.
- 6,151 community members reached through awareness campaigns on zoonotic diseases and AMR.
- 100 participants trained in food safety, livestock product handling, and WASH practices.



### Expanding Animal Health Services:

- 20 Community Animal Health Workers trained and equipped.
- Torit Para-Vet Working Group established.
- Revolving fund and business linkages created for CAHW sustainability.
- 47,730 animals vaccinated.
- 573 animals treated.

### Strengthening Livelihoods and Resilience:

- 10 Village Livestock Groups established.
- 800 goats distributed to 200 households.
- 683 goat kids passed to 195 second-line beneficiary households.
- 400 goat farmers supported through livestock management training and resources.
- Women represented 65.5% of livestock keepers reached.



For a detailed breakdown of project outcomes and impact, see the infographic on the next page >>>

# 1-SHOP PROGRAM IMPACT 2024-2026



**94%**

**of livestock keepers** adopted resilient livestock management practices

**91%**

**of households** accessed services from Community Animal Health Workers

**77%**

**of households** adopted One Health recommendations



## 20 Community Animal Health Workers

trained & equipped to deliver veterinary services

## 4 One Health Teams

established to strengthen disease monitoring & response

## 400 goat farmers

supported with livestock management training & resources



**47,730**

**livestock vaccinated** against priority diseases



## 800 goats

distributed, leading to **683** goat kids passed on to **195** additional households

## 6,151 people

reached through One Health & disease prevention awareness campaigns

## 12,185 livestock keepers

(**65.5% women**) reached through project activities & services

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