

Invest in women's empowerment through livestock enterprises

Women who access and control livestock assets improve the health, education and food security of their households.

FACTS

Developing-country women channel most of the income under their control back into their households or local communities (women channel 90%, men 30–40%).

Social norms often dictate that men have greater control over household income than women.

Across the developing world, livestock are often the first stepping stone towards women's economic empowerment.

ACTIONS

Recognize and protect women's ownership of livestock in both policies and laws.

Invest in gendered livestock development programs that empower women to own and manage livestock and their economic benefits.

Enhance more equitable household sharing between women and men of the benefits accruing from livestock enterprises.