



Advice from a Wise Woman:

I support myself, my family, and my community with livestock!



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I see you have many chickens and goats.
I am thinking about keeping livestock myself,
but are the benefits worth the
effort and cost?

I began raising chickens and goats
many years ago. I started with only three chickens
and two goats. Now I have 15 chickens and 20 goats.
I was even able to sell some goats to buy a cow. I also bought
this land, built a house, and paid for my son's education with
my livestock. Owning livestock not only benefits me,
it benefits my whole family as well.





I bought four chickens, but one died.
I'm worried about the others getting sick.
What should I do?



One of the best ways to keep your chickens healthy is to vaccinate them against diseases like Newcastle Disease, Marek's Disease, and Coccidiosis. Make sure that they have enough water and feed. Plastic waterers are easy to disinfect. If there is not enough feed, chickens can eat food scraps like banana peels. House them in an enclosed area to keep them safe and keep the space clear from feces.





I bought three goats, but one died.
I'm worried about the others getting sick.
What should I do?



It is important to vaccinate your goats
against diseases such as Rift Valley Fever and
Peste des Petits Ruminants. Providing goats with salt licks
as well as feed can help their health and keep them from seeking
out poisonous plants. House them in an enclosed area to keep
them safe. Placing the pen on a hill allows for
rain and urine drainage.

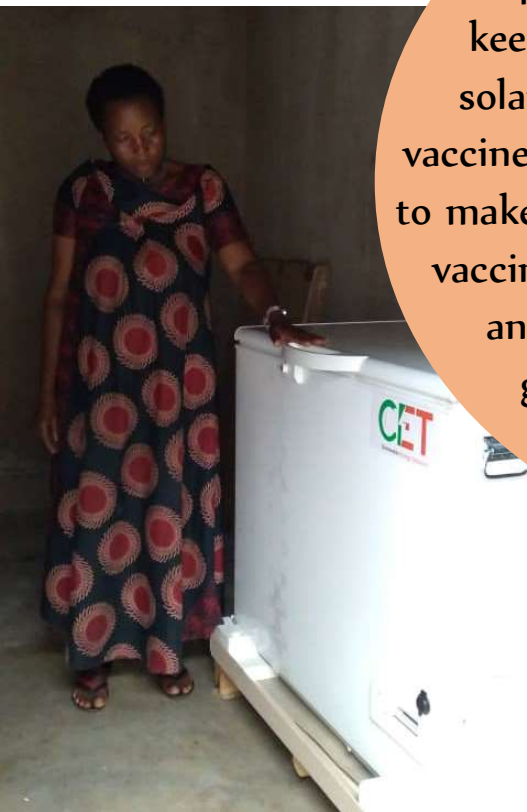




I know that vaccines are important for maintaining the health of my livestock. How do I obtain the necessary vaccines for my chickens and goats?



One of the difficulties in providing vaccines is the need to keep them cold. SheVax+ has provided solar fridges to make it easier to obtain vaccines for your livestock. It's also important to make sure your animals get all the required vaccine doses. To keep track of when your animal has been vaccinated, and if it gets sick, you can use one of the calendars that SheVax+ made.





I'm afraid I won't be able to manage caring for chickens or goats along with my household duties. How do you do it?

Raising livestock does not have to take away from your other obligations. However, caring for livestock should be the responsibility of the whole family, not just women. If everyone in the household also helps with caring for the animals as well as household chores, it'll be easier to manage both. This benefits the entire family!





My wife started raising livestock and I want her to be successful since her hard work helps me too.
How do I support her?

You can help by directly feeding her goats and chickens, making sure that they are not sick, and supporting her with other livestock needs as necessary.
You can also help her by assisting with household chores so that she has more time to devote to caring for her goats and chickens.





When the entire community supports the efforts of small livestock holders, who are often women, the entire community benefits. Small herds can be housed together for safety purposes. Communities can work together to vaccinate all of their animals.

