

# Lady Livestock Workers

## Livestock training and services in Pakistan

### Training women in livestock management and veterinary services

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In September 2006, UNDP partnered with Nestle Pakistan and Engro Foods for the implementation of a development project benefitting Lady Livestock workers in the Punjab Province of Pakistan.

Prior to partnering with the UNDP, Nestle Pakistan had already initiated a women livestock extension workers programme that supported women in livestock development and educated communities in Livestock Management. Women dominate livestock management in Pakistan and are involved in almost all aspects of animal health and production. However, their role has been underestimated, undervalued, and widely ignored.

A three-year, \$6 million USD project was launched in August 2006 to provide enhanced income and employment for women in rural areas of Pakistan. The specific objectives of the project are:

- Provide services to 4,000 rural women
- Establish training programs to educate women in livestock skills
- Improve living conditions at household and community level through advocacy and employment

With assistance and training from the University of Veterinary & Animal Services, 850 Lady Livestock Workers have graduated from the program of which 60% are earning livelihoods amounting of approximately Rs. 1.2 million per month. On average, Rs. 3,000 per month is being earned by each Lady Livestock Worker in her village.

- **Country:** Pakistan
- **Launched:** 2006
- **Partners:** Nestle Pakistan, Engro Foods, UNDP
- **Program Highlights:** Rs. 3,000 earned by each lady livestock worker in her village, 850 workers have graduated from training, workers are extending veterinary services in 280 villages, 5,000 households have been reached with eventual reach for 150,000



Women comprise a majority of the livestock management workforce in Pakistan. Thus far, 4,000 women have been reached through the partnership's training programs which have expanded into 280 new villages.

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Lady Livestock Workers are extending veterinary services in 280 villages. The workers are also linked to groups like pharmaceutical companies for the supply of medicines at a competitive price. Furthermore, institutionalized collateral-free credit and savings facilities have allowed the project to reach 5,000 households with eventual reach to some 150,000 households with similar services. The project is currently manifested with personal interest by high-level Government officials in Pakistan.