

# Thriving Together: Linking animal welfare to meaningful development strategies

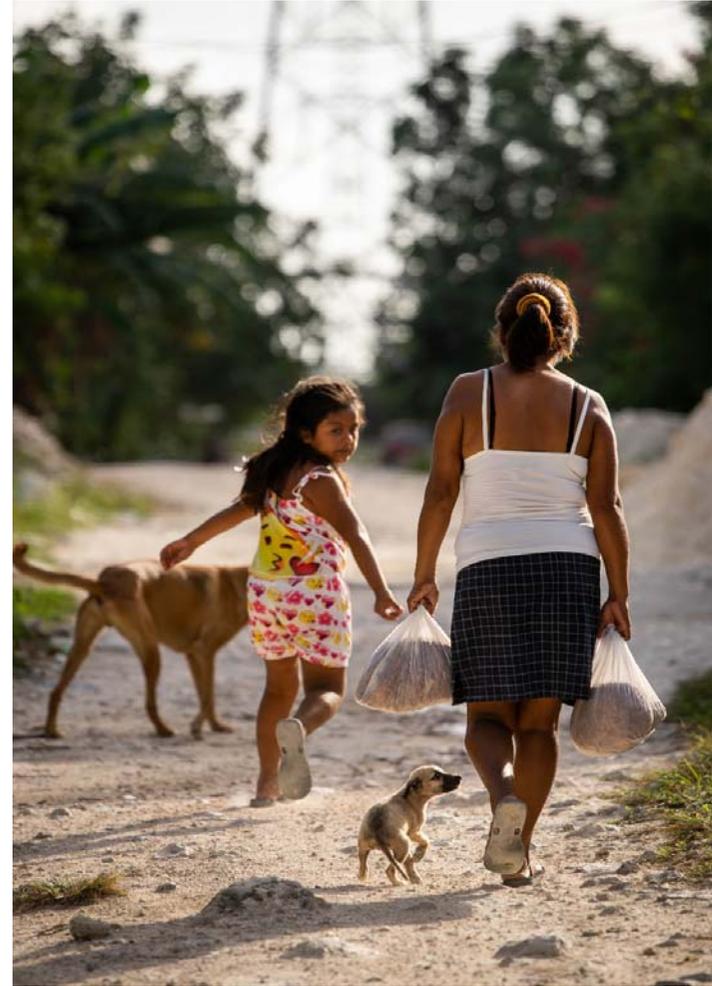


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# Going Beyond GDP

Safeguarding the welfare of animals leads to positive human outcomes.

- Companion animals contribute to physical and mental health.
- Healthy farm animals are linked to higher productivity and quality.
- Nature and wildlife strengthen the vitality and resilience of communities.



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# Achieving the SDGS and Increasing Well-being for Animals and People

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# Key Findings:



- Animals are a valuable mechanism to improve the long-term success and sustainability of development projects and improve the lives of people in a holistic manner.
- Effective animal welfare and conservation can contribute significantly to the achievement of the SDGs.

**When animals and their habitats are healthy and cared for, everyone benefits.**

# Case Study: Safeland Disaster Risk Reduction in Myanmar



# Safeland Impacts



- Total of 6 Safelands nationwide



- Animal deaths and economic losses
- Animal feed costs

# Case Study: the ifaw Amboseli Project

- The Amboseli Ecosystem Management Plan (AEMP) separates land use areas for conservation, livestock grazing, farming, and settlement.

**By mapping wildlife corridors, settlement areas, and potential wildlife threats, the project secures animal wellbeing and wildlife migratory routes and corridors as well as dispersal areas for the benefit of people and wildlife in Amboseli.**



# Impacted SDG and targets met through the management plan:



## SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

- Protecting cultural and natural heritage
- Supporting positive economic, social, and environmental links through planning
- Building sustainable and resilient buildings with local materials

# Preliminary Recommendations

- Safeguard communities, including mitigating human-wildlife conflict, securing livelihoods compatible with non-consumptive uses of wildlife, building resilience and promoting human wellbeing linked with coexistence of wildlife
- Build a bottom-up, country led implementation of animal wellbeing within development projects
- Improve agricultural, environmental, animal welfare and development policies





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