

# POST DISTRIBUTION VETERINARY SUPPORT

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# Livestock and Livelihood Support

Chickens distributed by FAO, all grown up and already laying



The beneficiary of 3 female and 1 male Sahel goats is all smiles



# How did we get there?

- Full engagement and coordination with vendors
- Providing advice and support to vendors wherever required
- Ensuring that technical specifications are met
- Quality assurance maintained for all certified livestock
- Post Distribution Veterinary Support (PDVS)

# VETERINARY SUPPORT



Beneficiaries were guided on how to administer prescribed treatment provided for their chickens

# Background of livestock restocking

- Livestock constitutes an important asset and play a significant role in the livelihoods of many people affected by disasters
- Livestock owners assisted to restock and rebuild their livestock assets
- Done in the context of technical intervention during the recovery phase in emergency
- Planned and targeted livelihood support
- One of the key pillars for successful livestock restocking outcomes
- Fully described in the Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS)

## PDVS Activities

- Cattle, sheep, goats, and chickens
- Success depends on the quality of animals supplied, quality assurance measures, and beneficiary interest
- Commences immediately after the distribution
- Information by IPs and prior sensitization of beneficiaries by IPs increases access and coverage of beneficiaries
- Community leaders receive reports and inform IPs, FAQ staff or directly contact Field Veterinarians already assigned to their communities by VTH

# Quality Assurance

- Weighing of birds as one of the indicators of quality



- Collection of blood samples for monitoring of vaccination status





## **Supervision of transport of birds to beneficiaries**

Well reared birds need to be transported properly



# Sample Collection in Goats

Faecal Sample



Nasal swab



Health examination and weighing of  
goats for certification

# Post-Distribution Veterinary Support

Extending support to beneficiaries where they live



Veterinary Personnel are always welcomed into their homes



# Observing beneficiary management methods

Poultry coop innovated by the beneficiary



Visual inspection of animals and their environments

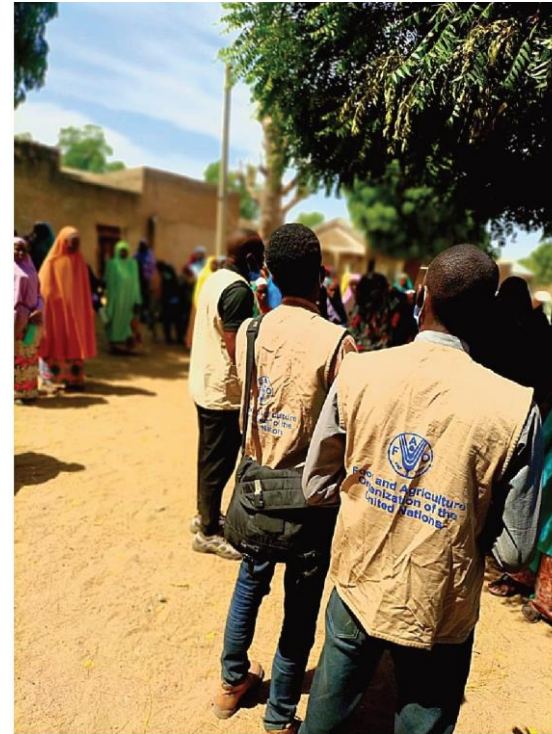


# Beneficiaries accessing Veterinary Support

Consultation and interaction in Khaddamari, Jere Local Govt Area



High Demand for Veterinary Support in Barna town



# Types of Veterinary Support

**On-site preparation of a vaccine for administration**



**Previously fasted chickens taking medication or vaccine as indicated**



# Types of Veterinary Support

All forms of clinical support is available



Consultations, advice and guidance is made available



# PDVS E xperiences

- Most diseases encountered were associated with poor management practices
- Poor housing and method of feeding stood out in the poultry PDVS
- Poor and improper feeding was a cause of most issues seen in the goats
- All other health conditions affecting the respiratory and digestive systems handled by trained Veterinarians and their support staff



# PDVS Challenges

- A few beneficiaries might sell off some of their feed or animals and later complained that they died
- Failure to properly utilize the feed provided to them by FAQ despite previous training
- Some beneficiaries might have missed the training
- Over-crowded birds in poorly constructed poultry houses
- Poor hygienic practices predispose to significant health challenges
- Bad practices by beneficiaries observed:

Mixing of old and new stock as well as different poultry species

Late reporting of cases

# Conclusion/Recommendation

- Beneficiaries appreciate the PDVS activity and gives them confidence to keep their animals
- Beneficiary training on animal husbandry practices be intensified
- PDVS should be continued and expanded

Thank you for  
listening

