



## Animal Banks Support Food Security

**Animal Banks supply animals - pigs, goats, chickens or cows - so that poor families can improve their lives by generating an income.**

When the animals reproduce, the family has to give one of the animals to another family in the community so the help continues.

The animals can be used to sell at the market, but more importantly, they provide manure to make food crops grow strong and healthy and produce as much food for the family as possible.

When animals are given, Lutheran partners also provide families with training in raising the animals so they look after them well.

In many communities, families or groups of women band together to raise a number of animals and share the workload to look after them. The best animals are the ones that do not require a lot of food to keep them alive and who have lots of babies!

It's a simple solution that really works—time and time again—for the whole community!



In Burundi, many families like Pascal's are part of community animal banks. Goat banks are the most popular in Burundi, as the goats grow quickly and they produce many kids.

Each community group is given seven goats to start their goat-raising adventure.

The poor families most need the manure to keep their food crops producing plentifully. In order to get as much manure as possible, Pascal's group keeps the goats in a pen at the back of his house so it is very easy for them to collect every bit of manure. Pascal's crops look healthy and are producing well!



Jamua lives in Nepal, and needed support to raise her family. The Lutheran team offered to help her through an Animal Bank. She was given twelve hens. Each of her hens produce up to eight chickens each year that Jamua can sell at the markets. She says, "I use the profits to take care of the health costs of the children and to give them food and clothes."



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