



Better Lives through livestock

Behavioral obstacles to vaccinations in livestock – examples from sub-Saharan Africa

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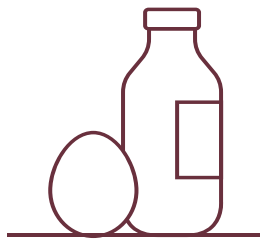
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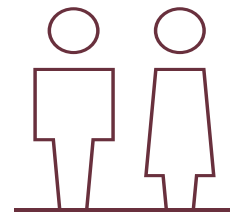
A livestock farmer in rural Mali waiting for his lamb to get vaccinated



Roles of livestock



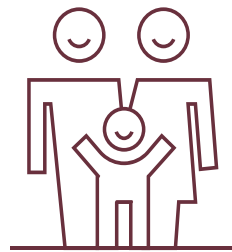
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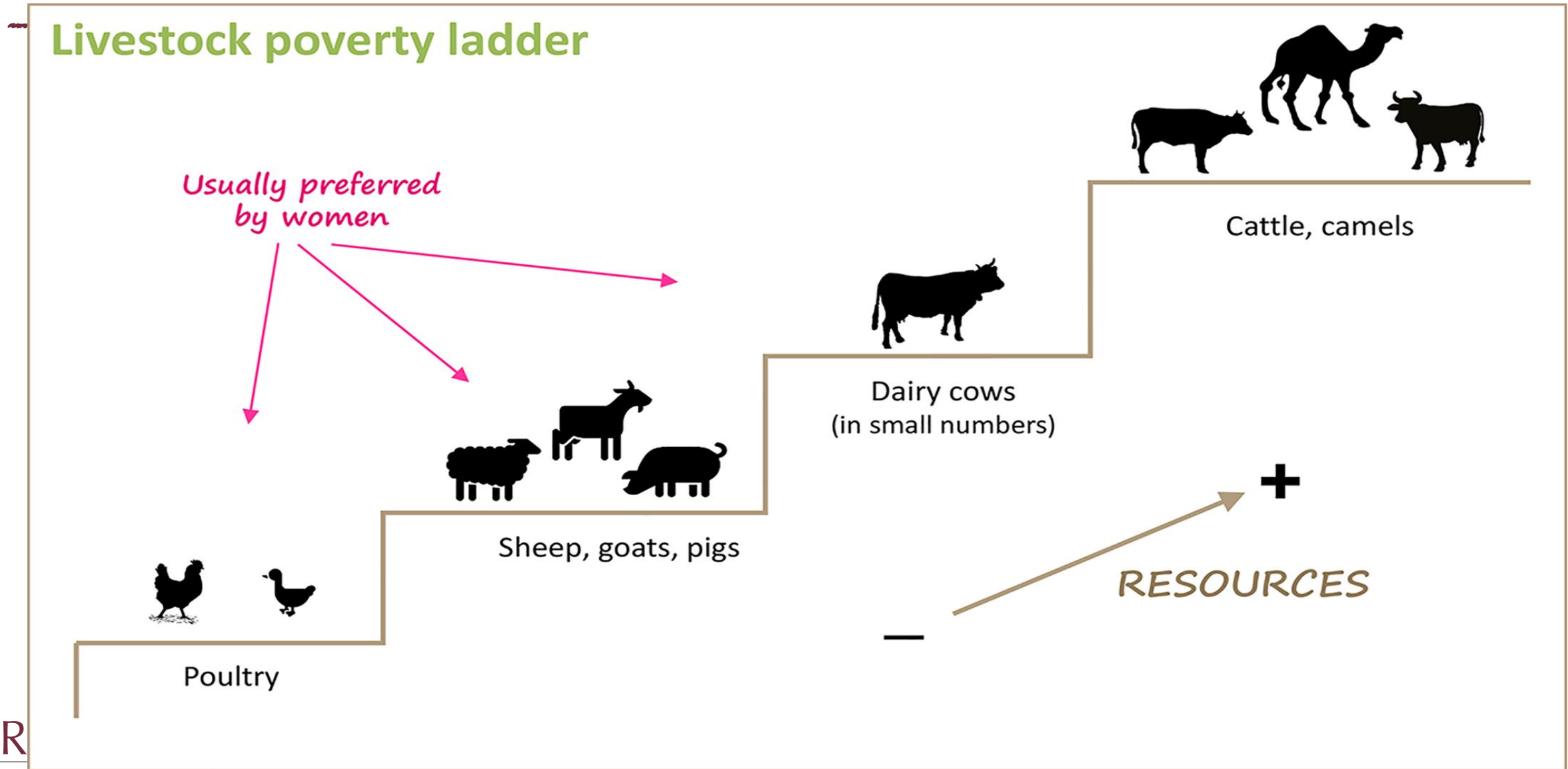


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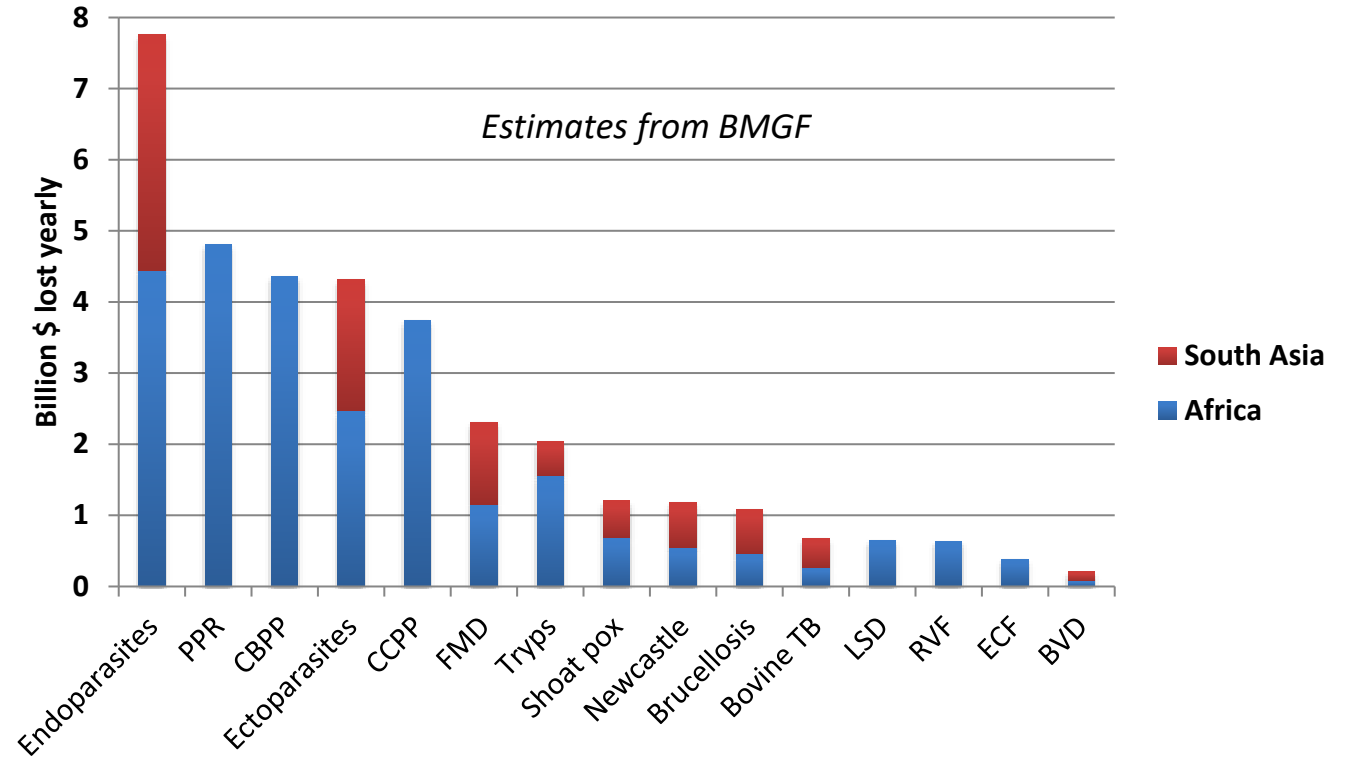
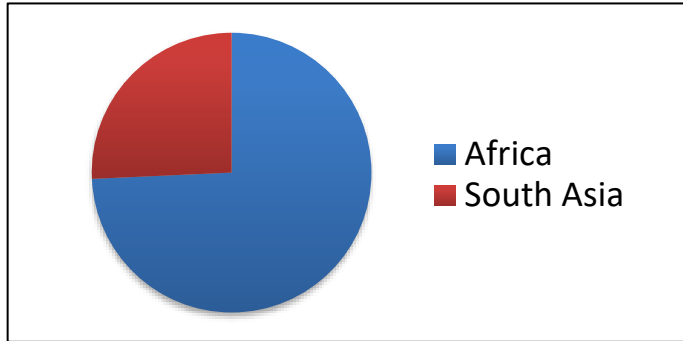


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The livestock poverty ladder



Burden of animal diseases



Annual mortality of African livestock

	Young	Adult
Cattle	22%	6%
Shoat	28%	11%
Poultry	70%	30%

Source: Otte & Chilonda; IAEA

Access to veterinary inputs (ex. drugs and vaccines)

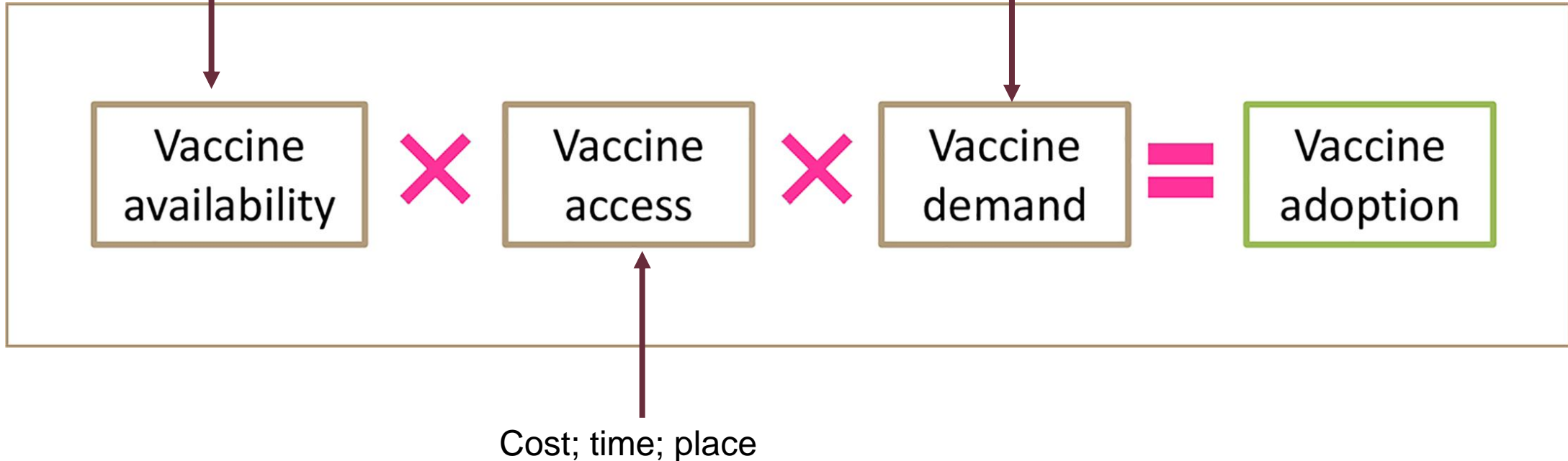
- Most of the livestock keepers have small scale enterprises
- These people are poor and, in many situations, have poor access to veterinary services and veterinary technologies
- The inadequate distribution of animal health systems is a market failure which needs societal intervention



Determinants of vaccine adoption

Effective; safe; good quality;
produced at a large scale;

Awareness and willingness to use it because they value the potential benefits of using the vaccine.
Acceptability: Perception;
Belief; knowledge; trust; side effects (ex. CBPP)



Understanding the importance of people

The People

their decisions and trade offs
how do we align the decision

Livestock owners

Why is this important for disease management and build back better?

- Low input production system
- Limited political power
- Often a woman (for small livestock)



Behavioral challenges to vaccination

Awareness and knowledge

- Willingness to vaccinate study in Mali (304 cattle and small ruminant farmers interviewed)

✓ Positive factors

- Information on the campaign calendar (faster if from places of worship)
- Awareness of the benefits of vaccination.
- A recognition of the vital importance of vaccines
- Farmer able to recognize a vaccine of good quality

Behavioral challenges to vaccination

Awareness and knowledge (Cont.)

Willingness to vaccinate (Mali- n = 304 cattle and SR farmers), 89% of respondents vaccinated their herds during official vaccination campaigns.

✓ Negative factors

- Ignorance of roles of vaccination
- Concerns about vaccine side-effects.

Behavioral challenges to vaccination

Beliefs and perceptions

“ Before livestock keeping provided social status, it was necessary to have as many heads as possible but was not profitable. The tendency was to buy more heads, without even worrying about the health of the animals, today it is no longer important to have so much, it is no longer the quantity that counts, but the quality. ”

(Farmer in Farakala, Sikasso, Mali)

The gender dimension in livestock keeping

▪ Division of roles

- ✓ In mixed crop-livestock systems of Ethiopia, women are dominant in livestock management and husbandry practices compared to men and other household members
- ✓ Men tend to have a larger role in activities related to animal health.

▪ Decision making

▪ Livestock ownership



Behavioral challenges to vaccination (cont.)

Communication and transparency

“We cannot declare the number of livestock we own because the government will impose taxation on us and we don’t know where the money go” (Farmer, Sikasso, Mali).

“Why should we pay the same price to vaccinate shoats and cattle?” (Farmer, Mopti, Mali).

Behavioral challenges to vaccination (cont.)

Trust between parties

“Veterinarians have lost credibility and their service is no more respected by the farmers; the vets have no authority nowadays, compared to before privatization of the veterinary profession”

(Farmer in Mopti, Mali)



Behavioral challenges to vaccination (cont.)



Policy enforcement

“If the animal keeper is intimidated or threaten by the vaccination controller of the area, then he/she can comply with vaccination easily”
(Veterinarian, Sikasso, Mali).

Behavioral challenges to vaccination (cont.)

Perception of disease risk and their impact

What is important to the farmer?

Which disease is a priority to the farmer?

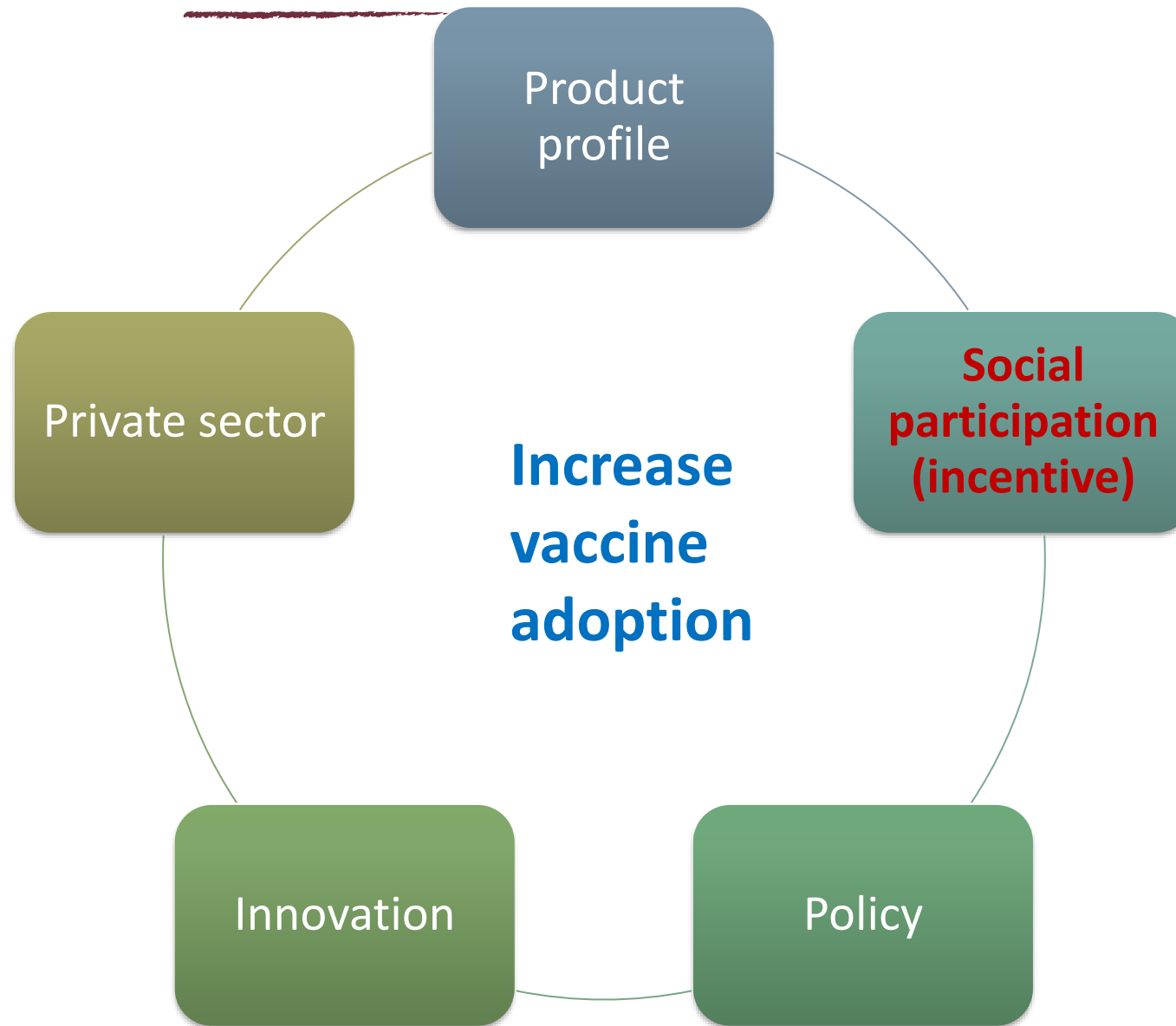
How is the disease affecting livelihood



Value of small ruminant versus cattle



Final thoughts






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