

## Passing on the Gifts

<b>Passing on the Gift</b>	Passing on the Gifts is at the heart of Send a Cow's values-based approach to development. Every poor person we work with has the opportunity to experience the joy and dignity of becoming a donor when they 'pass on' the fruits of their labour to others in their community.
<b>Accountability</b>	The group defines its own needs, sets goals, and plans appropriate strategies to achieve its goals. SAC provides guidelines for planning the project (including the pass-on process), screening recipients, monitoring farmers' progress, and conducting self-evaluations. The groups are responsible for submitting semi-annual monitoring reports.
<b>Sharing and Caring</b>	SAC believes global problems can be solved if all people are committed to sharing what they have and caring about others. Though not easily measurable, this spiritual aspect of our work is one of our most important cornerstones. Sharing and caring also reflects our commitment to humane treatment of the animals in our projects, and our shared vision of justice for all people.
<b>Sustainability and self-reliance</b>	SAC purposefully sets time limits on project funding to encourage self-reliance and sustainability. Project groups must plan to support themselves eventually by donations from members or by group fundraising. SAC has found that self-reliance is most easily achieved when the group has a variety of activities and generates support from several sources.
<b>Integrated Animal Management</b>	Feed, water, shelter, reproductive efficiency and health care are the essential ingredients in successful livestock management. The animals must complement the other activities on the farm without causing an extra burden on family members or the farm resources in general. The species and breed chosen must be appropriate for the area.
<b>Nutrition and Income</b>	Livestock contribute directly to human nutrition and well-being by providing high-quality protein and fibre. They contribute indirectly through draught power (ploughing and transportation), and manure to fertilise the soil. The chosen livestock should have the potential to provide long-term economic security for families.
<b>Genuine Need and Justice</b>	SAC is a partner to people who truly need an opportunity to improve the quality of their lives and who can benefit from what we have to offer. Using criteria they develop themselves, group members determine who will receive animals and training. The poorest in the community should be included in the group membership and receive priority for assistance. Families are eligible regardless of creed, religion or ethnic heritage.
<b>Gender and family focus</b>	Women and men are encouraged to share decision-making, animal ownership, labour and benefits of the projects. SAC is committed to gender equity to increase mutual respect between men and women, thus strengthening the family. Priority is given to projects in which the whole family participates and is strengthened by this participation. On-farm employment decreases the need for family members to migrate to urban areas for employment.
<b>Improving the Environment</b>	The introduction of livestock and technology should improve the environment by having a regenerative effect on one or more of the following: soil erosion, soil fertility, sanitation, forestation,

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biodiversity, pollution, wildlife and watershed conditions. In addition, the project must not cause or worsen any environmental problems.

- Full participation** We work with grassroots groups or intermediary organisations representing grassroots groups. A truly effective group will have strong leadership, be well organised, and committed to involving all members in decision making. Members of the group 'own' the project, and the groups have control over all key decisions.
- Training and Education** Groups decide their own training needs, and local people are involved as trainers. Training consists of formal and informal sessions (farm visits, demonstrations from farmers) and is 'hands-on' rather than academic. In addition to training in livestock husbandry and care of the environment, groups have requested training in diverse topics such as food processing, marketing, group formation and human nutrition.
- Spirituality** Spirituality is common to all people and groups, regardless of their religion or beliefs. Spirituality is expressed in values, beliefs about the value and meaning of life, a sense of connectedness to the earth and a shared vision of the future. It often creates a strong bond among group members and gives them faith, hope and a sense of responsibility to work together for a better future. Send a Cow is a member of the worldwide Christian community. We seek to restore justice and destroy poverty - with people of all faiths and none - in accordance with Christ's teaching. We pray that Send a Cow will be regarded as a tangible expression of God's love for those in need.