

# If drought is the question, goats are the answer

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Mariam loves goats! Thanks to the LWF, she owns a small herd of six goats in the village of Dhadacha Balla, Ethiopia.

Two years ago her niece died of starvation while Mariam was working hard to provide food for her five children in this land where drought has taken a firm hold. If drought is the question, goats are the answer! Goats withstand dry conditions, have a short breeding cycle, often have multiple births, provide an excellent source of



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milk and meat, and they do not require much space.

The LWF provided 316 goats in a micro-credit program for over 260 women who live in this district. Mariam was able to get two goats. After only two years she has repaid the money used to purchase the goats and now is reinvesting the proceeds. "The LWF saved our lives through relief assistance," says Mariam.



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