

ACCELERATING INSTITUTIONAL AND FOOD SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

This activity aims to strengthen the capacity of key institutions and create a strong enabling environment for food systems development to enable the wide application of technologies and innovations for increased productivity, incomes, and nutrition.

AIFSD is implemented by the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) as the lead center, the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), and the International Potato Center (CIP). AIFSD works in partnership with county governments who implement most of the activities, as well as the private sector, and civil society. It covers 10 counties and includes the following four components.



Camels on sale at Merille Livestock Market in Marsabit County, northern Kenya.
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Institutional capacity building, policy, and strategy development

AIFSD is undertaking interventions to strengthen institutional capacity to support the agricultural sector to move to the next level of commercialization. These include support to the Council of Governors' Agriculture Sector Secretariat; national level support to the Directorate of Veterinary Services in disease control; support to counties to domesticate national policies, strategies, and legislation; and capacity building of farmer producer organizations.

Livestock value chain

AIFSD aims to increase profitability in livestock production and enhance the capacities of national and county governments to develop and implement policies that will provide an enabling environment for sustainable livestock production. The activity works closely with technical personnel in national and county governments, private sector actors, and a multidisciplinary team of scientists to provide access to technologies in participatory rangeland management, disease surveillance, animal breeding, fodder production and productivity management practices, agri-nutrition interventions, and market systems development for pastoralists in targeted counties of Garissa, Isiolo, Marsabit, Samburu, Turkana and Wajir.

Potato value chain

AIFSD is working to improve productivity and profitability of potato farming in Bungoma and Taita Taveta counties. The activity is working with county governments and the private sector to increase access to certified seed, introduce production enhancing practices for commercially oriented potato farming, support farmer producer organizations, and create rural business and employment opportunities, in particular for women and youth, along the seed and ware potato production value chain.

BUDGET

\$15 million USD

DURATION

3 years (2021-2024)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

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GEOGRAPHIC AREAS



- Drought tolerant crops value chain
- Livestock value chain
- Potato value chain
- Drought tolerant and potato value chains

Drought tolerant crops

AIFSD aims to increase productivity of drought tolerant crops in Kitui, Makueni, and Taita Taveta through improved access to quality seed and robust county-led seed production and delivery systems. The activity is working to establish a functional and sustainable drought tolerant crop seed system by creating an enabling environment for private sector initiatives and community seed banks and building the institutional capacity of county governments and farmer producer organizations. It is also supporting the development of county specific agri-nutrition strategies that aim to improve the nutrition status of women and children.

Methodology

AIFSD supports USAID's Country Development Cooperation Strategy and Feed the Future Strategy by harnessing the technologies and innovations within the CGIAR to advance development objectives. By strengthening public and private institutions to enable the wide application of technologies, innovations, knowledge, and services, and supporting market systems level changes, the activity aims to increase productivity and incomes, create jobs, and enhance resilience.

Expected Results

- Enhanced capacity of national and county governments in the development of policies, strategies, and legislation to improve agricultural productivity
- Increased incomes of pastoral communities through increased livestock productivity and marketing
- Increased production of and access to certified seeds for drought tolerant crops and potatoes
- Strengthened farmer producer organizations providing essential production and market services

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