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These women are among USAID's PREG beneficiaries in Kenya. Photo credit: Jeri Muchura/USAID

KENYA

PARTNERSHIP FOR RESILIENCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

USAID defines resilience as “the ability of people, households, communities, countries, and systems to mitigate, adapt to, and recover from shocks and stresses in a manner that reduces chronic vulnerability and facilitates inclusive growth.” Formed in 2013, the partnership for resilience and economic growth (PREG) is a coordination platform that unites multiple USAID implementing partners along with sub and national government actors, Kenyan institutions, and resiliency and development practitioners from other donors to leverage resources and generate a knowledge management platform.

PREG operates in Kenya’s arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs), home to over 10 million people and over 70 percent of Kenya’s landmass. This region covers 23 counties and continues to suffer from recurrent drought, human conflict, and a lack of international investments. Working with the Kenya National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) and County Governments the PREG forum coordinates resilience and economic growth activities built on community-identified strengths and priorities and strengthens the resilience of vulnerable pastoralist communities in northern Kenya.

OUR WORK

Operating in Northern Kenya, the PREG partnership works with sub and national Kenya government entities to increase resilience and economic growth among pastoralist communities. Priorities include increasing adaptability, reducing risk, and improving social and economic conditions to reduce causes of vulnerability. PREG’s partnership model is unique in that it links and coordinates diverse partners working with the same people in shared geographies. This coordination and integration of complementary humanitarian and development assistance activities allows for USAID and partners to adjust as communities increase resilience over time. PREG’s coordination platform requires a partner-driven approach to implement activities that improve livelihoods and governance; strengthen livestock value chains; enable access to water sources and water, sanitation, and hygiene services;

increase conservation measures; address conflict; and promote inclusiveness and gender responsiveness.

ACHIEVEMENTS

PREG's partnering approach has achieved results in the following areas:

Development Planning: PREG partners engaging communities through the ward development planning process. This is an important opportunity to support local governance and accountability mechanisms, and to "institutionalize" development objectives at the ward (i.e., community) level

GIS Maps and Dashboards: The PREG members work with the Kenya county governments to utilize mapping software that visualizes present and past interventions to support coordination and evidence-based policy decisions.

Disaster Preparedness: PREG coordination helps fill gaps in disaster preparedness response plans and prepare local workforces to respond to shocks and stressors.

Joint Work Planning: PREG has supported joint work planning with county government stakeholders, other USAID partners, and PREG members to co-create, co-finance, and co-implement each county's annual work plan.

Policy and Regulation: PREG partners assist each county government in developing policy and regulations that secure funding for their annual work plans that include development of water and sanitation initiatives, and growth of livestock markets. In the past year, the PREG partnership helped secure funding for the Turkana Water Act and Community Health Services Act.

BUDGET: \$400 million

DURATION: 2013-2024

KEY GOVERNMENT OF KENYA PARTNERS

Government of Kenya

- Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (State Department of Livestock)
- Ministry of Devolution
- State Department for the Development of ASALs
- National Drought Management Authority
- Ministry of Water and Sanitation (Water Trust Fund and Water Resource Management Authority)
- Ministry of Health (Public Health Department)
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Environment and Forestry

County Governments

Baringo, Isiolo, Garissa, Marsabit, Mandera, Samburu, Tana River, Turkana and Wajir

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

- ACDI/VOCA
- Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED)
- AMREF Health Africa
- Concern Worldwide
- Chemonics
- FHI 360
- Food for the Hungry
- International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Mercy Corps
- Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT)
- RTI International
- Rural Agency for Community Development and Assistance (RACIDA)
- Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD)
- Save the Children
- UNICEF Program
- WASDA
- World Food Program (WFP)
- World Vision

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