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LIVESTOCK MARKET SYSTEMS PROJECT

The livestock market system activity strengthens people’s resilience to shocks and reduces the prevalence of poverty, hunger, and malnutrition. As such, LMS promotes vibrant markets for pastoralists by contributing to inclusive, resilient, and competitive markets. It is being implemented in six counties in northern Kenya namely Garissa, Isiolo, Marsabit, Samburu, Turkana, and Wajir.

From October 2022 to June 2024, LMS is assisting communities in northern Kenya to cope with the devastating effects of five consecutive failed rainy seasons, the coronavirus pandemic, food shortages resulting from the crisis in Ukraine, and any market disruptions that resulted from the August 2022 national elections. The interventions are assisting communities to save on their development gains and to protect livelihoods. LMS is also prioritizing co-investing with the government and leverages the private sector to sustain and scale its impacts.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

LMS strengthens WASH sector coordination and planning at county and community levels, contributing to harmonized drought mitigation efforts. LMS also provides technical assistance and infrastructural support to major water utilities and water service providers to resume or maintain water service provision. This also promotes the county government's provision of effective, efficient, and sustainable water services. In addition, LMS prioritizes the rehabilitation of water projects in at-risk communities, improving access to water, and promoting food security.

MARKET-BASED SOLUTIONS TO MAKE FOOD AVAILABLE

Markets play a pivotal role in the lives of the local communities and their existence is closely tied to their livelihoods and welfare. LMS is stimulating the operations of existing markets by leveraging existing market actors to ensure a sustained supply of food commodities in local markets. LMS is collaborating with traders, especially micro, small, and medium enterprises, local chambers of commerce, market management associations, cooperatives, and SACCOs, cereals and produce boards, and other private sector actors to ensure sustainable food supply, especially grains, vegetables, livestock, and livestock inputs.

BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITIES

LMS is championing an inclusive Kenyan-led, managed, and owned development by building the capacity of local institutions. To achieve inclusive and sustainable growth, the activity equips people and communities with the skills, resources, and information to mitigate risks, especially for adolescent girls, women, and youth. LMS works with county governments, civil society organizations, ward planning committees, and Livestock Marketing Associations. The activity also focuses on strengthening the capacity of the county governments to manage rangeland and water resources and assists with the development of multi-hazard response plans to help the communities and counties mitigate risks and disasters.

RESULTS TO DATE (JULY 2023)

- 11,518 households (69,108 people) out of a target of 20,170 received improved service quality from an existing basic drinking water system.
- 3,373 out of 5,755 small-scale traders with a 25 percent increased income, serving a population exceeding 300,000 people.
- 152,860 livestock valued at \$4.7 million safeguarded from drought-related death through 668 tons of nutrient-rich livestock feed to 6,712 households.
- 77 institutions strengthened in management and operations -Cooperatives (producer, savings, and credit), Chamber of Commerce and Industry chapters, and ward planning committees.
- 21 livestock market out of 40 revitalized impacting 31,500 households and increasing pastoralists' annual average incomes from \$1,000 to \$1,400.
- Over \$2 million channeled to support 73 micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises, aiding low-income families in diversifying their livelihoods, building resilience, and increasing their income.

BUDGET: USD \$15 million

DURATION: October 2022 – June 2024

TARGET COUNTIES: Garissa, Isiolo, Marsabit, Samburu, Turkana and Wajir

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