

STRENGTHENING PASTORALISTS' ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

RISKS

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

Thought pastoral friendly assessments we saw that, the communities are vulnerable and hit-hard by climate change risks, face numerous threats to their traditional territories, landscapes and food sovereignty, emerging interests and threats from government projects, multinational companies and investments targeting the vast land that was termed *idle or unproductive*. This deliberately undermines their traditional economies, authority, and other practices, which have sustained them since time immemorial.

Through application of participatory community resource mapping using open-source Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and appropriate pastoral livelihood analysis tools. The community level engagements had brought out underlying challenges like unpredictable and erratic rains, increased mobility leading to increased resource-based conflicts among neighbouring communities within the target wards. This underlying key issues led to this 2nd phase of the project

OBJECTIVES:

The main goalof the project is: **Pastoralists' resilience in the eight wards in four counties of Northern Kenya is strengthened and the well-being of the communities is improved.** The project will apply the following objectives to achieve its main goal;

- 1. Pastoralist communities exercise good governance on their rangelands.
- 2. Pastoralist families and their herds improve their access to safe, affordable, and reliable water resources, especially during dry seasons.
- 3. Pastoralists adapt resilient, healthy breeds and diversify the composition of their herds.
- 4. Women and Youth in all wards generate income and improve their well-being.
- 5. Pastoralist organizations advocate and lobby for climate responsive and pastoral-friendly policies and legislations in the target counties

OUTCOMES

Pastoralist communities have a conducive environment for mobility that allows shared resources that increase the productivity of their herds.
Pastoral communities and their herds are experiencing good health and better life
Pastoral communities' landscape is restored and provides enough pasture for their livestock.
Women and youth are economically independent and contribute to the social development of their community
Pastoral communities are fully participating in driving agendas of their well-being.

GEOGRAPHICAL/SCOPE:

- 1. Laikipia County (Mukogodo West and East Wards)
- 2. Samburu County (Wamba West and Waso Wards)
- 3. Marsabit County (Laisamis Ward)
- 4. Isiolo County (Burat, Chari and Oldonyiro Wards)

KEY ACTIVITIES

- 1. Rangelands restoration
- 2. Training on Forage production at Mukogodo East and West Wards.
- 3. Water Hard ware projects
- 4. Capacity building of community institutions.
- 5. Alternative forms of livelihood trainings
- 6. Improving healthy breeds and diversification of their herds:
- Promoting peaceful co-existence of pastoralist communities

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