

Feed the Future – Accelerated Value Chain Program

Livestock Value Chain Component

The Government of the United State of America – Feed the Future (FTF) initiative in Kenya, is supporting Semi-arid northern Kenya counties namely Marsabit, Isiolo, Turkana, Garissa, and Wajir to attain sustainable resilience to climatic shocks and accelerated development. The target is to create sustainable resilience for at least 93,000 households in these counties.

The Feed the Future (FTF) Accelerated Value Chain Development (AVCD) -Livestock Value Chain component will be implemented by the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) in partnership with University of Nairobi's African Drylands Institute for Sustainability (ADIS), Kenya Livestock Marketing Council (KLMC), the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT), Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) the Kenya National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) and FAO-Kenya. The project will deepen the value chain (VC) facilitation work within the two active counties of Isiolo and Marsabit, and expand the VC approach to the three additional counties of Turkana, Garissa and Wajir.

The overall **purpose** of the FTF-AVCD Livestock Value Chain component is to increase income from sales of livestock by 12% annually by 2018, lifting an additional 50,000 households out of poverty and improving their nutritional status. To achieve this goal the following specific objectives have been identified:

- Enhance market access for pastoralists, ex-pastoralists, and smaller traders;
- Increase livestock productivity;
- Enhance enabling environment for livestock market management; and
- Contribute to improved nutrition of women and children.

The proposed work aims to better integrate the design and delivery of interventions across the full livestock value chain in order to better achieve targets. The project will also work with the natural resource management component of USAID REGAL-IR project to foster integration of pasture management with the value chain approach.

The role of the University of Nairobi through ADIS is to provide technical expertise on rangeland management, animal health and livestock productivity, and support capacity development. ADIS will also embed post-graduate students and interns into the project to provide opportunities for case studies and targeted learning.

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