

**Enhancing Resilience of Livestock-based Livelihoods in Northern Kenya:** This project started as a response to IGAD call in March 2014 for project proposals under its *applied research in drylands* program grants facility (ARDGF), within the context of the larger **IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI)**. CSDDES, jointly with the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization ([KALRO](#))- Marsabit station, and the The Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance ([PACIDA](#)), a local community based organization in Marsabit, submitted a proposal on “Enhancing resilience of livestock-based livelihoods in Northern Kenya. In June 2014, the proposal was awarded USD 200,000 for a period of 13 months of project implementation.. The project activities kicked off in July 2014 and the project is expected to end on to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Whilst CSDDES provides overall project leadership, KALRO will provide technical support particularly in livestock production issues and on-ground implementation, while PACIDA is responsible for grassroot community mobilization and monitoring of project impact after project exit.

**Goal of the project:** The ultimate goal of the project is to attain resilient and sustainable livestock based livelihoods through improved natural resource management and market access in Northern Kenya, with Marsabit and Isiolo Counties as the selected sites.

**Purpose of the project:** To increase quality and quantity of livestock products through integration of sustainable natural resource management and livestock production with improved market access.

**Expected Project Outcomes**

1. Rangelands and pastures improved/altered to increase productivity but maintain function, resilience and sustainability.
2. Livestock production enhanced through capacity building for improved natural resource management best practices
3. Improved market access and participation of the targeted dryland communities

**Other Project Partners**

- County Government of Isiolo (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries) and;
- County Government of Marsabit (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)