



IOM International Organization for Migration

KENYA

LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT TO COUNTER CLIMATE CHANGE AND REFUGEE INFLUX IN NORTHERN KENYA

IOM IN ACTION

This programme aims at the:

- Revival of livelihoods systems of refugee hosting communities in Dadaab and its environs owing to the continued influx of refugees from Somalia, through new forms of livelihoods, access additional skills and rapid employment opportunities.
- Revival of livelihoods systems of pastoralist communities in the Turkana region following prolonged climate change related drought with a view to support resilience in livestock health as well as vocational training and income generation.
- Conflict prevention and peace building interventions in targeted areas to promote non violence and conflict management systems to consolidate gains made through livelihoods interventions.
- Protection of individuals susceptible to irregular migration and human trafficking and identification of and assistance to some 100 victims of trafficking and their families and facilitation of safe migration and counter human trafficking information.

“THIS PROGRAMME AIMS TO SUPPORT LIVELIHOOD AMONG PASTORALISTS AND REFUGEE HOST COMMUNITIES IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND REFUGEE INFLUX IN NORTHERN KENYA”

Climate change has been a major challenge for pastoralist communities in Northern Kenya. This phenomenon has created resource based conflict and is the leading cause of land disputes, change in grazing patterns, unemployment, corruption and animal theft which has consequently put a strain on already limited livelihood resources within the community.

Protracted cross border insecurity has led to irregular migration, influx of refugees, and human trafficking.

This situation is negatively affecting refugees host communities in Northern Kenya.

Previous assessments carried out by various organizations and in particular the “Long Rains

Assessment” of 2009 on the effects of the long rains on urban settlers concluded that 2.5 million people cannot meet 50 per cent of their daily food requirements. Cases of urban vulnerabilities have consequently developed as pastoralists move into urban centers between seasons to exploit available resources.

This further resulted to cross-border resource based armed conflicts, leaving limited opportunities for income generating activities to the

urban poor and rising insecurity in informal settlements.

IOM proposed to respond to these challenges through the provision of livestock support and agriculture based livelihoods projects, whilst creating alternative livelihood options to address the current drought crisis and urban vulnerability, in a participatory and community based approach.

Targeted areas of operation include drought affected communities and pastoralists in North Western and North Eastern Kenya.

PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

Revival of livelihoods systems of refugee hosting communities in Dadaab and its environs owing to the continued influx of refugees from Somalia, through new forms of livelihoods, access additional skills and rapid employment opportunities.

Key Achievements

- Community based rapid needs assessment completed in all project areas;
- Concept papers prepared for fish post harvest training by Department of Fisheries;
- Vocational training activities proposed by the community stakeholders for over 120 beneficiaries implemented. (Mechanics training, tailoring, plumbing, carpentry, bone craft, basket making and weaving);
- A Poultry project has been established for five women's groups, 25 metal market stalls built, provided tomato seedlings for 100 beneficiaries planted by pastoralists women;
- Twenty five sprinkler irrigation systems procured for vegetable farming;
- Ten thousand Aloe Vera seedlings planted;
- Two thousand tree seedlings procured from the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife for an agro-forestry tree nursery;
- Consultations made with the water resource management authority in an effort to sink five boreholes;
- Fishermen in Lake Turkana have been provided with 23 timber boats, two fibre glass boats, 500 fishing nets, five solar driers, five Yamaha boat engines to Lake Turkana fishermen.
- Set up a bone craft training centre in Kakuma.

Revival of livelihoods systems of pastoralist communities in the Turkana region following prolonged climate change related drought with a view to support resilience in livestock health as well as vocational training and income generation.

Key Achievements

- A joint rapid needs assessment has been completed. 489 households participated in the assessment.
- Sixteen peace animators given induction training on reporting mechanisms and trained on how to draft a

Conflict prevention and peace building interventions in targeted areas to promote non violence and conflict management systems to consolidate gains made through livelihoods interventions.

Key Achievements

- A joint assessment on livelihoods and conflict prevention initiatives has been carried out in Turkana West with the participation of 489 respondents.
- Networking meetings have been held in Dadaab and Kakuma. An induction meeting with Government officers has also been carried out in Kakuma.

Protection of individuals susceptible to irregular migration and human trafficking and identification of and assistance to some 100 victims of trafficking and their families and facilitation of safe migration and counter human trafficking information.

Key Achievements

- IOM has carried out a community analysis to identify gaps and vices of human trafficking in order to be able to design messages and activities that effectively address the vice in Kakuma-Turkana west;
- An awareness raising session has been held, for 161 IDP's in Kakuma.
- The Nadapali community in Kakuma has been sensitized on issues of human trafficking, safe migration, and risk factors on irregular migration.
- The session brought together 420 participants.

“To contribute to stabilize the situation in climate change and conflict affected pastoralist and host communities to enable vulnerable communities to build up sustainable livelihoods through the provision of grant assistance.”

WE ASSIST:

- Pastoralists
- Trafficked persons
- Refugee Host Communities



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