

Improved Community Response to Drought III in South Omo Zone, Ethiopia

DONOR INFORMATION

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Village Communal Banking Groups VICOBA Group in Minongelti.

INTRODUCTION

VSFG is working in South Omo Zone in Southern Nations Nationalities People State covering a total of six Kabeles out the 35 Kabeles in Hammar and 42 Kabeles in Dasanech Woreda. These areas are predominantly pastoral communities who rely on extensive livestock keeping as the principal subsistence of their livelihood. Like with other pastoralists in the country, the Hammer and Dasanech's vulnerability to different natural and manmade disasters has increased in the last 30 years. Drought and conflict are the two major disaster inducing hazards in the Woredas.

GOAL OF THE PROJECT

The aim of the project is to improve the welfare of this vulnerable people through improving their coping strategies to recurrent drought strategies by improving animal health and production, supporting livelihood diversification and income generating activities.



Field training, after the Training of Trainers (TOT) and Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) training.



New safe box for VICOBA group



Training of Trainers (TOT) training at Jinka.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

Among the key activities and results of the project including:

- ◆ Developing community based model contingency plans for disaster management further and test the plans.
- ◆ Strengthening appropriate natural resource management as part of community based risk reduction strategies.
- ◆ Facilitating the rehabilitation and management of strategic water points.
- ◆ Involving school children in drought preparedness and management.
- ◆ Increasing local's capacities of livestock protection through Agrovet stores, Communal Animal Health Worker's training and upgrading.
- ◆ Giving support and training to Village Communal Banking Groups (VICOBA).
- ◆ Supporting Pastoral Field Schools through training of facilitators, small scale activities, and exchange visits.
- ◆ Promoting the use of best practices and lessons learnt on drought risk management.



SUSTAINABILITY

The project seeks to mobilize and enable pastoralist communities to build their own knowledge, use their existing assets more effectively and increase capacities to face future hazards.



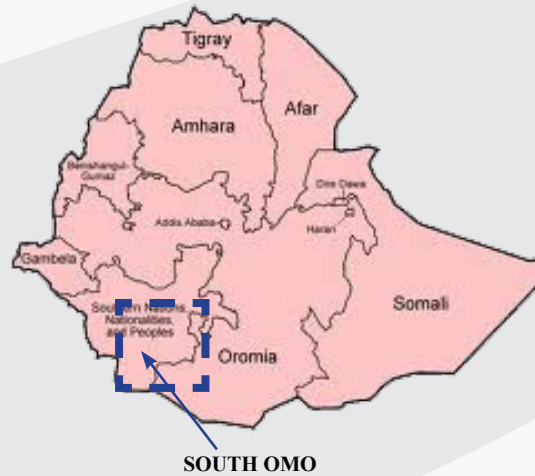
Participatory Disaster Risk Analysis (PDRA) training.



Participants of the Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) training.



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