

Improve Community Response to Droughts (ICRD)

INTRODUCTION

The principal objective of the regional Drought Decision Projects (DDP) is to reduce the impact of drought on the livelihoods of targeted vulnerable communities and therefore to support community responses and initiatives in drought management.

WHERE WE WORK

VSFG areas of operation are the Northern Chalbi district of Kenya and Hamer and Dassenech Woredas in Ethiopia. We have an operational office in Ileret, Kenya.

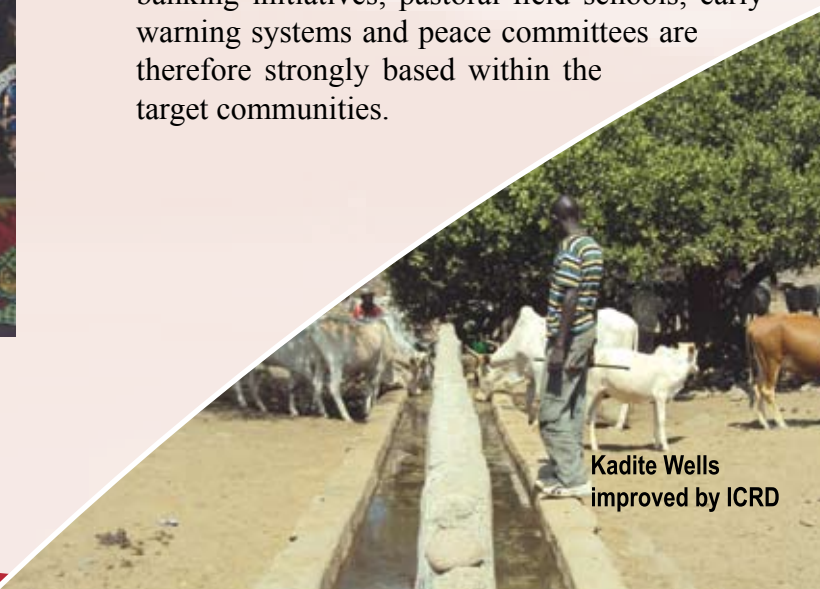


METHODOLOGY

VSFG uses a participatory approach in designing and implementing its interventions in the areas of operation. Communities are engaged directly through open forums and committees in which all members are given the opportunity to decide on the support and intervention needed.

The communities' elaborate resource maps in which essential features such as seasonal fluctuation of resources, conflict prone areas, migration routes, settlements, etc are indicated. With assistance of these maps, the community based knowledge, as well the technical expertise of the team, strategic and holistic interventions are planned and conducted. This results in more efficient use of grazing and water resources.

All waterpoints, livestock pharmacies, community based animal health services, village community banking initiatives, pastoral field schools, early warning systems and peace committees are therefore strongly based within the target communities.



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ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Carry out training courses on Drought Risk Reduction (DRR) for stakeholders at local and district levels and facilitate exchange visits.
- ◆ Develop at least 3 community contingency plans and facilitate integration at district level.
- ◆ Local response capacities and systems for asset protection, management and preparedness action are further improved.
- ◆ Support to Pastoral Field Schools (PFS) groups (TOFs, small scale activities, exchange visits).
- ◆ Facilitation of small scale National Resource Management (NRM) activities including monitoring and evaluation.
- ◆ Strengthen local preparedness capacities in asset management and protection in line with Early Warning System (EWS) information.
- ◆ Support to VICOBA groups.
- ◆ School writing competitions and preparation of a revised interactive booklet.



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