

# Drought Emergency Response in Arid Areas in Kenya 2011 and 2012 (Lanina I and II)

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## BACKGROUND

In 2011, a severe drought hit the arid areas of Kenya destroying the livelihood patterns of populations in these areas. The La Nina Project Phase I and II is designed to mitigate against the impact of drought on vulnerable households in Marsabit County and Turkana West.

The project aims to enable households to maintain food security and access other basic needs during the drought, to protect livelihood assets from the effects of drought, and to support livelihood recovery.

## OBJECTIVES

The overall objective is to mitigate the impact of droughts on vulnerable people in the Arid Lands of Kenya.

The specific objective is to enhance immediate food security for vulnerable households and protect livelihoods from the effects of the drought.



Cash for work activity

VSF Germany is implementing the project along with three partners:

1. The Diocese of Marsabit (DOM).
2. Community Initiative and Facilitation Assistance (CIFA).
3. Pastoralist Integrated Support Programme (PISP).



VSF Germany has been implementing stocking activities after severe losses of livestock due to recurrent drought

## TARGET GROUPS

- ❖ Most vulnerable people
- ❖ Women headed households
- ❖ Child headed households
- ❖ HIV/AIDS affected households
- ❖ Elderly people
- ❖ Households with less than 80 small ruminants
- ❖ Priority will be given to female-headed households, children-headed households, the disabled, destitute elderly people and households with few animals, insufficient to sustain household needs.



Destocking of livestock aims to reduce the pressure on grazing land

## ACTIVITIES

The project has three main components:

### 1. CASH INJECTION

#### *De-stocking*

During the peak of the crisis, 1,500 vulnerable households were targeted for Slaughter or Community-based destocking. Under the de-stocking programme, communities were to choose between community-based destocking and slaughter destocking. Each household was entitled to present four small ruminants (sheep or goats) for destocking at KSh. 1300 per small ruminant.

#### *Meat Distribution*

Vulnerable households and institutions (schools and hospitals) benefitted from the distribution of meat from the slaughtered animals. The number of households benefiting from each slaughtered animal depended on the size and body condition of the animal, but the maximum is 4 households per animal. 10% of the meat went to public institutions (schools, dispensaries, etc)



## Cash for Work

A total of 4,084 households have been targeted for Cash for work. The primary purpose of the Cash For Work (CFW) programme is provide cash to household to reduce the level of negative coping strategies and enable them to meet their minimum food and other essential needs. Each household has been requested to work for a period of 20 to 40 days at the rate of 300 Ksh per day.

## 2. EMERGENCY ANIMAL HEALTH

The Animal Health Component is intended to reduce the loss of breeding stock and enable households to maintain their livestock-based livelihoods. Through this component of the project, a total of 15000 households have benefitted from de-worming services for their small ruminants. A total of 1 million breeding stock has been targeted to be protected through de-worming in the target communities. The de-worming is conducted in collaboration with the Veterinary Services and the communities.

## 3. WATER

This component of the project focuses on the rehabilitation of strategic water points and the emergency provision of water. Capacity building for Water Users Associations is also included

## 4. PEACE

The drought, among other factors, has exacerbated conflict among communities as they compete for the dwindling resources. This Action has been focused on several key activities. Local CSOs to set up and operationalize rapid conflict early warning and response mechanisms and work with District Peace Committees to promote peace and initiate conflict resolution among and between conflicting communities.



Payment for work as part of the cash for work activities



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