

REACT - Enhancing Resilience in Communities Affected by Drought in Marsabit and Tana River Counties

BACKGROUND

The designed program is a community implemented emergency response intervention for communities affected by the recent La Nina related drought in the Tana River and Marsabit Counties implemented jointly by VSF-Germany and Welthungerhilfe (German Agro Action). VSF-Germany has been responsible for the component in North Horr and Loyiangelani districts that focuses on drought mitigation with a strengthened recovery orientation due to the significant impacts of the protracted drought.

Protection and recovery has been supported through cash injections into affected households. The program also aims at helping vulnerable pastoralist communities affected by drought by providing basic veterinary services through a voucher



Cash for work activity



Payment for work

system to ensure that key livestock assets are protected. This enables breeding stock to survive on restricted grazing areas, reduce further loss of stock due to drought and allows the most vulnerable population to access income and therefore to bridge access to food during periods of stress.

OBJECTIVES

The overall objective is to save and preserve the lives of the most vulnerable people affected by the effects of the La Nina related drought in Tana River and Marsabit Counties.

The specific objectives are:

- ❖ To protect key livelihood assets through improved animal health
- ❖ To increase access to income among vulnerable households in drought

METHODOLOGY

The project was introduced to local administrative authorities including the District Commissioners, the relevant government departmental heads at district level, chiefs and other Humanitarian aid agencies operating in the area.

To inform the population in the targeted areas 'barazas' have been held introducing the different components of the project. The activities have been implemented in close collaboration and in partnership with the relevant government departments.



Community meeting

ACTIVITIES

- ❖ To improve animal health in order to protect key livelihood assets, 200,000 breeding stock (sheep and goats) have been de-wormed. 4,000 vulnerable pastoralist households (24,000 individuals) have been targeted. Each beneficiary household has received a voucher that is allowing them to de-worm 50 animals.
- ❖ To increase the access to income among vulnerable households in drought affected communities temporary employment has been created for 400 vulnerable families through cash for work activities. Beneficiary households have been engaged in casual work for 40 days on public structures earning a daily wage of Ksh. 300 to enhance economic recovery.



De-worming record



Livestock is the key livelihood asset in pastoralist communities



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