

# Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Rural Areas in Northern Kenya

## BACKGROUND

VSF-Germany is an international Non-Governmental Organization which provides humanitarian aid and development assistance to pastoralists and vulnerable communities in areas where livestock is of importance.

Northern Marsabit is one of the poorest areas in Kenya and suffers from recurrent droughts affecting human beings and their livestock. Throughout the region, access to safe water is extremely limited. The Water Sanitation and Hygiene Program (WASH) is designed to improve access to safe water and reduce water-borne diseases among the most vulnerable communities.

During the rainy season, the area is prone to outbreak of diseases such as cholera due to poor sanitation. The project is designed to improve the conditions of hygiene and sanitation for the local population.



Waiting for water in North Horr district. The consortium will improve the access to water.



Fetching water from a well constructed by VSF-Germany in Balesaru in North Horr District

VSF-Germany is working in partnership with Solidarités International and the Pastoralist Integrated Support Program (PISP) in North Horr, Marsabit North and Loiyangalani districts in northern Marsabit. VSF-Germany has been working in Ileret, El Gade, Elhade, Balesa, Balesaru and Dukana area. The project has been implemented in close collaboration with the local authorities communities in order to guarantee its sustainability.



Improving hygiene practices is essential to reduce diseases such as diarrhea

## OBJECTIVES

The overall objective is to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal related to water sanitation and hygiene in northern Kenya and to improve the health status of the targeted population.

The specific objective of the action is to increase sustainable access to safe drinking water, sanitation and improved hygiene practices in 11 of the most vulnerable communities in North Horr, Marsabit North and Loiyangalani district which are located northern Marsabit.



Cash for work activity in Balesea in North Horr district

## Activities

The following activities have been implemented by the consortium:

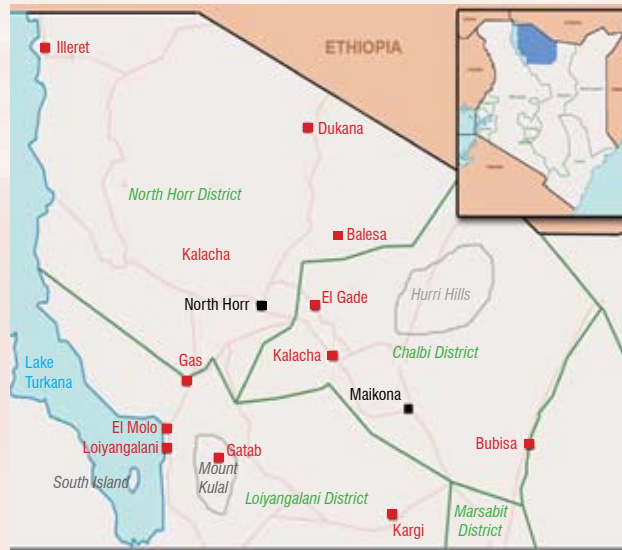
- ❖ Rehabilitation of springs, boreholes and water distribution networks in Gataab and Bubissa.
- ❖ Rehabilitation and construction of shallow wells fitted with hand pumps in Gas and Kalacha which provide safe drinking water to 3250 people.
- ❖ Construction of improved shallow wells with water lifting devices in El Gade, Balesa, Dukana and Illeret localities.
- ❖ Construction of a drinking water abstraction and distribution system in Illeret.
- ❖ Construction of rain water collecting systems at two schools to provide safe water to 1000 pupils.
- ❖ Water User Committee training in operation, maintenance and management of the water structures put in place.
- ❖ Construction of 3200 low cost household latrines and 700 shared household VIP latrines with the full participation of the beneficiary households.
- ❖ Construction of 40 latrine blocks with hand washing facilities in schools.
- ❖ Hygiene Promotion activities and behavior change campaign through the CLTS (community led total sanitation) approach.



A well and trough structure constructed by VSF Germany in Illeret



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