The aim of Feed the Future Kenya Livestock Market Systems Activity, which operates in Garissa, Isiolo, Marsabit, Turkana, and Wajir counties, is to strengthen people’s resilience to shocks and stresses and reduce the prevalence and depth of poverty, household hunger, and chronic undernutrition. This is done by taking collective action on economic opportunities, and by strengthening institutions, market systems, governance, and human capital.

**Leader Award**

The Leader Award (Leader) establishes an effective management platform that maximizes:

- Transformation of the livestock sector through a holistic approach that catalyzes economic growth and builds resilience among northern pastoralist communities
- Resilience learning capacity

Through joint strategizing and work planning, the Leader will facilitate sequenced, layered, and integrated action across awards and with other key actors. Through PREG coordination activities, we will facilitate resource sharing and exchanges among counties and implementing partners.

Within the Activity, two associate awards create mutually reinforcing market and human capital opportunities.

**Expanding and Diversifying Viable Economic Opportunities: Associate Award 1 (AA1)**

The Expanding and Diversifying Viable Economic Opportunities (AA1) provides market-based pull by:

- Facilitating a more competitive livestock value chain for pastoralists moving up in the livestock market system
- Creating viable, diversified livelihood opportunities for those moving up or out of the sector

Activities are layered with those of the Strengthening Community Capacities for Resilience and Growth (AA2) project. ACDI/VOCA and partners BOMA Project and Smart Regional Consultants are implementing AA1.

**Strengthening Community Capacities for Resilience and Growth: Associate Award 2 (AA2)**

The goal of Strengthening Community Capacities for Resilience and Growth (AA2) is to increase community capacities necessary to achieve inclusive and sustainable growth. Its approach couples:

- Institutional and community initiatives designed to strengthen resilience capacities
- Improvements in human capital designed to improve health, nutrition, and WASH practices
- Creating enabling environment for economic opportunities

Mercy Corps is implementing AA2, with BOMA Project providing technical assistance for the Rural Entrepreneur Access Activity Project (REAP) in Garissa, Turkana, Wajir counties.

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