

Resilience and Economic Growth in Arid Lands – Accelerated Growth (REGAL-AG)



USAID

Goat traders in Eskot in Isiolo County

Funding: \$20 million

Duration: August 2012 – 2017

Activity Locations: Isiolo and Marsabit Counties

Implementing Partner:
ACDI/VOCA

Key Partners:
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, National Drought Management Authority, Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance

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ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Resilience and Economic Growth in Arid Lands – Accelerated Growth (REGAL-AG) activity increases economic growth in pastoral communities. Improved livestock management can enhance pastoralists' incomes and help them endure the effects of climate change and natural disasters. Increasing farmers' prosperity and resilience also benefits their communities. REGAL-AG is a part of the U.S. Government Feed the Future initiative for addressing global hunger, food security and agricultural livelihoods.

REGAL-AG helps men and women connect to markets, expands access to quality feed, fodder, medicine and services, such as finance, insurance and veterinary to increase their productivity. REGAL-AG supports development led by the private-sector by awarding grants to entrepreneurs with promising business ideas to boost the livestock sector and generate local employment.

ACTIVITY GOALS

- Improve the enabling environment
- Expand end-market opportunities and catalyzing commercial investments
- Improve livestock productivity
- Promote the inclusiveness of women, youth and local groups

ACTIVITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 8,817 rural households have benefited
- 7,436 livestock keepers have access to animal health services and inputs through a customer-oriented animal health provision model
- 1,475 individuals have received short-term livestock sector productivity training
- 2,100 individuals have applied improved technologies or management practices
- 620 job opportunities created through market construction work
- Two major livestock markets and two small feeder markets have been constructed
- Fifteen entrepreneurs and 22 agrovets/veterinarians have been selected to receive business development grants
- Twenty-nine government employees have been trained in policy analysis, formulation, and implementation
- Provided technical assistance to develop the Marsabit and Isiolo counties livestock strategies