

Resilience and Economic Growth in Arid Lands - Improving Resilience (REGAL IR)



Alamach village members display a hanging garden used to grow vegetables.

Funding: \$45.5 million

Duration: August 2012 – 2017

Activity Locations: Garissa, Isiolo, Marsabit, Turkana and Wajir counties

Implementing Partner:
African Development Solutions (Adeso)

Key Partners:
Funding to: Fin Church Aid, SIDAI, CO2Balance, GAIN and community-owned financial institutions

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ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

The Resilience and Economic Growth in Arid Lands – Improving Resilience (REGAL IR) activity works with communities to build their capacity to cope with and rebound from shocks such as recurring drought. In consultation with community members, targeted interventions support local structures to improve social, economic and environmental resilience.

REGAL IR works with key partners such as the Government of Kenya; Ministries of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and Health in the five counties; National Drought Management Authority; Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI); the Center for Sustainable Dry Lands, Ecosystems and Societies; and local non-governmental organizations.

ACTIVITY GOALS

- Improve capacity of individuals and community-based enterprises to become more competitive in business and non-pastoral activities
- Support community structures to better manage natural resources and relieve pressure on the environment
- Support community and entrepreneur access to market information and produce markets
- Strengthen capacity to manage conflict
- Improve consumption of nutritious foods

ACTIVITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Total sales during Q3 of Sidai Africa Ltd through 4 SSCs and 18 Franchises in Marsabit, Isiolo, Wajir and Turkana during the quarter were USD 81,943.
- Two additional Sidai franchises were opened in Marsabit County
- Working with a total of 293 self-help groups with 6,701 members of which 4,816 (72%) are women (82 new groups as of Q3)
- By the end of the third quarter 2015, the REGAL-IR program has supported 1,672 households with Kenya Shillings (KSh 17,383,741 (USD 193,153) through the CREF. 49% of the funds supported small business among 836 households while 42% of the funds supported livestock trade for 668 households.
- Communities leveraged \$12.7 million from the Government of Kenya and other development actors toward implementation of community development action plan (CDAP) activities
- 77 CDAP oversight committees formed with 1002 members (35% women). These committees play a vital role in the overall execution of CDAPs and developing linkages with stakeholders including county governments to leverage resources