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These women are among USAID's PREG beneficiaries in Kenya. Photo credit: Jeri Muchura/USAID

KENYA

PARTNERSHIP FOR RESILIENCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Kenya's 23 counties in arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs) are home to over 10 million people and constitute over 70 percent of Kenya's landmass. ASAL counties have suffered and continue to suffer from recurrent drought, human conflict, and a legacy of marginalization by the government and a lack of international investments. To address these issues, the Partnership for Resilience and Economic Growth (PREG) in Kenya brings together humanitarian and development partners to build resilience in these vulnerable pastoralist communities in northern Kenya.

USAID defines resilience as "the ability of people, households, communities, countries, and systems to mitigate, adapt to, and recover from shocks and stresses in a manner that reduces chronic vulnerability and facilitates inclusive growth." The PREG program unites multiple USAID programs and implementing partners which work with the Kenya National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) and County Governments to coordinate resilience and economic growth activities. PREG targets nine ASAL counties and builds on community-identified strengths and priorities, while tapping into the remarkable survival abilities of local populations.

OUR WORK

USAID is investing more than \$291 million in northern Kenya to increase resilience and economic growth among pastoralist communities. Priorities include increasing adaptability, reducing risk, and improving social and economic conditions to target causes of vulnerability. PREG's partnership model is unique in that it links and coordinates diverse partner activities working with the same people in shared geographies. This coordination and integration of complementary humanitarian and development assistance activities allows for USAID and partners to adjust as communities increase resilience over time. PREG uses a partner-driven approach to coordinate regionally to improve

livelihoods and governance; strengthen livestock value chains; enable access to water sources and water, sanitation, and hygiene services; increase conservation measures; address conflict; and promote inclusiveness and gender responsiveness.

ACHIEVEMENTS

A 2015 USAID survey provides compelling evidence of results achieved through PREG's collective efforts since inception in 2013, including a 12 percent reduction in the depth of poverty and a 28 percent increase in women's dietary diversity in the nine counties. The partnership has achieved results in the following areas:

- More than 700,000 people supported in building their assets to increase their ability to withstand chronic shocks and stresses.
- More than 500,000 people empowered through community development action and leveraged \$12 million of public and private resources.
- 20 livestock markets developed to benefit more than 44,000 households in five ASAL counties.
- More than 1.8 million people served with emergency nutrition support.
- Nearly 190,000 people with newly gained access to water and 23,000 with newly gained access to improved sanitation
- More than 9,000 pastoralists with access to quality animal healthcare services
- Nearly 60,000 people reaping increased economic benefits from wildlife conservancies in northern rangelands.
- Nearly 300,000 pastoralists supported through community-based natural resources management groups, managing over 2 million hectares of grazing land.

BUDGET: USD \$350 million

DURATION

2013-2024

KEY GOVERNMENT OF KENYA PARTNERS

Government of Kenya

Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (State Department of Livestock)
Ministry of Devolution and ASALs (State Department for the Development of ASALs and National Drought Management Authority)
Ministry of Water and Sanitation (Water Trust Fund and Water Resource Management Authority)
Ministry of Health (Public Health Department)
Ministry of Education
Ministry of Environment and Forestry

County Governments

Baringo, Isiolo, Garissa, Marsabit, Mandera, Samburu, Tana River, Turkana and Wajir

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

ACDI/VOCA
Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development
Amref Health Africa
Concern Worldwide
FHI 360
Food for the Hungry
International Livestock Research Institute
International Rescue Committee
Mercy Corps
Northern Rangelands Trust
RTI International
Rural Agency for Community Development and Assistance
Save the Children
UNICEF Program
WASDA
World Food Program
World Vision

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