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Livestock immunization exercise at Koitegan; one of the PRM project sites

Dear reader,

Welcome to the First Issue of the Participatory Rangeland Management Project Newsletter. This issue gives an overview of the progress made in the implementation of PRM project in the first year. We hope to keep you updated of our work and opportunities as the implementation unfold. Your suggestions and feedback are highly welcome.

Happy reading!

PRM project team

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Project Overview

Piloting Participatory Rangelands Management (PRM) is a four year multi-country project funded by the European Union. This project is being implemented in the four Sub Counties of Baringo County in Kenya and in six village clusters in Tanzania. The overall project goal is to improve livelihood and nutrition status of pastoral communities in East Africa by improving the management of the rangelands. The project aims to attain secure and better use of rangelands and expand the role of women in the targeted pastoral communities. This project focuses on three key results: Participatory Rangeland Management piloted in Kenya and Tanzania; Capacities of local and national governments and other stakeholders strengthened; and Local and national guidelines on PRM developed.

PRM project work updates

Establishment of Project Technical Working Group

Implementation of Participatory Rangeland Management concept calls for strong partnerships between the communities, local and national governments and strategic partners. In 2018, RECONCILE established a PRM Project Technical Working Group (TWG) responsible for steering project implementation in Baringo County. This structure comprise of 11 persons drawn from different government ministries and departments including; National Land Commission, Department of Land, Housing and Physical Planning, Department of Agriculture, Department of Livestock, Department of health and sanitation, Department of environment and Department of water. [1]



Technical Working Group members

Defining of PRM project sites

Arid and Semi-Arid Lands cover 75% of Baringo County. This implies that most of the parts are prone to drought and associated effects especially on livelihoods and nutrition status. In bid to identify most appropriate PRM project implementation sites within the County, RECONCILE in conjunction with the Technical Working Group engaged in fact finding mission. This involved rapid assessment of the 8 conservancies that were earmarked as potential project sites due to their unique characteristics: Kaptuiya and Paka Hills in Tiaty sub county; which have potential to be developed as a grazing area and also can act as a buffer zone for community peace and resource management; Ngenyiny and Irong in Baringo South sub county; which uniquely have wildlife corridors and migratory routes which are key in rangelands rehabilitation, planning and

Footnote A Memorandum of Understanding is to be signed between RECONCILE and the County government of Baringo to this effect.

management; Lelbatai and Koitagen in Mogotio sub county; these especially Koitagen community forest is seen as a common resource that the project should support in the establishment of functional structures of management; and finally Kaborion and Ngenyiny in Baringo North sub county; these are in northern side which is affected by resource based inter-communal conflicts, hence they have potential to reduce conflicts if improved. This exercise resulted to selection of Irong Conservancy in Baringo South Sub County, Paka hills Conservancy in Tiaty Sub County, Kabarion Conservancy in Baringo North Sub County and Koitegan Community Forest in Mogotio Sub County as project implementation sites.

Engagements with communities



Inclusivity and active participation of the community is key component of Participatory Rangeland Management Project. It requires the community to have good understanding of the process in order to buy in to the idea. To realize this, RECONCILE in collaboration with the TWG members engaged the communities and their leadership to create awareness on the PRM model, process and implementation. These engagements have established better and progressive understanding of the communities on the project leading to their active participation.

Experience Sharing Visit to Ethiopia for Tanzania and Kenya

In building better understanding of PRM, Kenyan and Tanzanian PRM project teams and partners participated in a 5 days learning exercise in Ethiopia organized by SoS Sahel Ethiopia and ILRI. The visit aimed at helping PRM project teams acquire practical knowledge and experience-on PRM implementation and contextualize the lessons learnt to facilitate planning and implementation of PRM by the respective teams (Kenya, Tanzania).

Reflections with the technical working group on the Ethiopia Visit

The Ethiopia visit presented 2 contexts that are relevant to Baringo setting. It presented a mix of pure pastoralist and agro-pastoralists

Key points

⇒ PRM is a process as indicated in the presentation on the timelines and the milestones made at different levels and stages

⇒ There is a clear involvement of partners either to expand on the ongoing intervention or to out scale to other regions

⇒ There is a clear engagement by the community which as noted was majorly facilitated through community organizing (group formation) capacity building (training and hands on implementation) and institutional strengthening (support to either establish offices, or to put officials in place)

⇒ There is a clear involvement of the government officials (at the local level) leading to a collaborative approach in the execution of the plans and by-laws

⇒ Clearly drawn plans which are supported leading to defined interventions in managing the rangelands

⇒ Structured community representation linking livelihoods to direct markets – clear community based projects

Lobby and Advocacy Training

In order to equip PRM project teams and partners with knowledge useful in lobby and advocacy activities around rangeland management, training was done on 19th - 21st November, 2018. In attendance were TNRF, RECONCILE, CSO partners and Government representatives from both Kenya and Tanzania. This training was based on a lobby and advocacy toolkit that was developed by VSF on behalf of CELEP for lobby and advocacy on PRM for CELEP partners and ILC members. Participants were trained on lobby and advocacy with different actors as well as policy issues in the region among others. In the end, PRM Lobby and Advocacy Strategy was developed.



Koon Van Troos facilitating the training session

Launch of rangeland study papers

As a flagship project of Rangeland Initiative Africa, the PRM project benefited from three regional studies on the status of rangelands in East, Central and West Africa. This was done through a regional conference hosted by RECONCILE in Nairobi drawing participants from International, regional and local Non-Governmental Organizations working on rangelands within and without Kenya, and County and National governments. These studies reviewed the existing laws, policies and institutional frameworks on rangelands that need to be strengthened. Click here for more information.



Panelists leading discussions during Rangelands Initiative Africa Conference in 2018

Rangeland Tools

Participatory Rangeland Management project has partnered with other programmes to provide an avenue for development of rangeland management tools and guidelines. An example of these is the rangeland annex to county spatial planning guide, a product developed by different partners including ILRI and FAO. This rangeland tool brings to attention of the county governments and other actors the dynamics of rangelands and pastoralism that need to be considered in spatial and land use planning processes. Click here to learn more.

Upcoming events

The second year of PRM project is lined up with exciting project activities including; stakeholder and context mapping and analysis, rangelands resource mapping, community capacity building, advocacy opportunities, multi-stakeholder dialogues on PRM and many more great events you would not want to miss.

Be on the lookout for our next issue!

Secure rangelands, secure livelihoods!

Photos of PRM project teams from Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia engaging with Communities during the learning and exchange visit in Ethiopia





Project Teams Visiting Projecti SHARE Baalee Region in Ethiopia





Haile Mariam Zara -Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Resources Ethiopia remarking



Fiona FLintan -ILRI taking participants through PRM presentation

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