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Targeting and Layering Progress Review Meeting for Wajir County

Introduction

The Partnership for Resilience and Economic Growth brings together humanitarian and development partners to build resilience among vulnerable pastoralist communities in northern Kenya. It includes USAID programs and implementing partners in nine (9) Arid and Semi-Arid Land (ASAL) counties and builds on community-identified strengths and priorities.

The main purpose of targeting and layering is to embrace data-driven decision-making among PREG partners to select layering sites and activities. The model is expected to help PREG partners use data systematically and intelligently to select sites of convergence and support the coordination of implementation, accountability, and reporting on layering activities. The targeting process defines how to gather and analyze sufficient data and information to guide partners to draw informed conclusions regarding selecting the most appropriate sites for layering and convergence of services through collective impact, sequencing, layering, and integration and thus improving the attainment of resilience outcomes.

Last year, USAID instituted Targeting and Layering in Wajir county in its new programming approach and partnership with Wajir county. Through that initiative, vulnerable wards were selected in Wajir county for partners to layer their activities. Therefore, the Targeting and Layering progress review meeting sought to take stock of progress made in implementing activities in the selected sites.

Workshop Objectives

The objectives of the Targeting and Layering progress review workshop were to;

- Review progress made in the implementation of activities in the selected sites for Wajir county.
- Reflect on the process of selection of layering sites.
- Take stock of learnings from the targeting and layering to inform future programming.

Partner Activities in Wajir County Layering Sites

Wajir county layering sites were identified using the percentage of individuals below the poverty line, unimproved water sources, unimproved sanitation, humanitarian caseloads, and wasting. These parameters were weighted and ranked using the application of the scoring tool and targeting framework. The most vulnerable wards in Wajir county were Korondile Ward, Wagalla Ward, and Ganyure Ward

Below is a summary of activities by partners in Wajir county on the above layering sites.

Partners	Wagalla/Ganyure Ward	Korondile Ward
LMS AAI	- Radio messaging on behavior change communication.	- Supporting the school in this ward
TUSOME	- Reach out and support seven public primary schools in this ward.	- The program is also supporting seven (7) public schools in this ward
UNICEF	- Nutritional Support to six health facilities	
W.F. P	- The program supports the same six health facilities that UNICEF is supporting.	- Supporting two facilities - Installing a milling and fortification machine to support farmers group on sorghum
NDMA	- In the Hunger and safety net program, some beneficiaries come from this ward	- Since NDMA HSNP beneficiaries cover the entire County, there are beneficiaries in this ward as well

Review of Wajir County Targeting and Layering Activity

Using the below Guideline/Tool for measurement, accountability, and reporting tool derived from the PREG Targeting framework is tailor-made to help obtain feedback, data, and information about the layering activities and progress thereof. Using this information, Wajir PREG partners decided what aspects of the action plan work and what areas need improvement. This helped draw conclusions about targeting and layering and the efforts. Below are findings from the session.

	Key Element	Guiding Discussion Questions	PREG Members Feedback
1.	Baseline information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did partners agree on any baseline information for the layering sites? • Which indicators were selected for monitoring? • Were any consultations with local communities undertaken to agree on the priorities? • What commitments were made to clarify how the progress against indicators will be used to determine completion or transition from the site? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No baseline data - No indicator - No consultation - No commitment
2.	Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were there any structures beyond the PREG partnership formed to monitor progress? • What accountability framework was put in place? • What was the role of government in this framework? What was the role of local communities? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No structure - No framework - No agreement
3.	Progress Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What progress has been realized so far? • How are partners putting together all the crucial information to report progress? Any visualization techniques? • Is the progress information being shared with local communities? How is that being done? (please take a record of any of the progress reports if available) • What innovations, if any, have been deployed to facilitate this? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No progress - Each partner is working on its no partnership for now. - No progress so far with local information - No innovations
4.	Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main challenges in the implementation of the current workplan? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After the layering, there was no joint implementation of activities.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What actions be taken to address them? • How is progress in implementation sites be measured? How Can this be improved? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID-19 restriction - Locust and drought came to a play in the last year, and a new analysis is needed. Partners are requesting a new targeting exercise. - It was challenging to implement virtually. - Information on the humanitarian caseloads needs to be reviewed to confirm the Third ward for Wajir. PREG partners and County noted that under Wagalla ward, there is a village called Ganyure. Thus, the County requested a deliberate selection criterion for the re-selection of wards. - Special PREG members' follow-up meetings should be planned. - Organizations have been using project individual project targeting and not deliberately using the scientifically derived data for layering sites. - Different PREG partners are doing their programing, and there is a joint implementation for now. - A fresh collection of the baseline data plan is requested. - A consolidated activity with implementation plans should be agreed upon. - Joint implementation of the plan, - Monitoring and M&E - consistency on attending the PREG focal Person for institution memory.

Key Findings, Next Steps, and Action Points

- There was no follow up on work planning and reporting of activities in the sites after the T&L workshop.
- Wajir county PREG Partners are not aware of any reporting tool on the layering sites.
- Wajir County PREG partners requested for a refresher of the Targeting and Layering, this is to put in consideration of the shocks and stresses that have occurred in the past year- COVID-19, locust invasion, among others.
- Partners agreed to start the targeting process on a clean slate with work planning, progress review and quarterly reporting on the layering sites.
- Even though partners have ongoing activities in the layering sites, there was no deliberate effort to direct resources to the layering sites after the layering activity, the partners working on the sites were guided by internal program targeting and not USAID-led targeting.

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