

Garissa PREG Joint Monitoring Field Visit

BACKGROUND

Formed in 2013, the partnership for resilience and economic growth (PREG) is a coordination platform that unites multiple USAID implementing partners along with sub and national government actors, Kenyan institutions, and resiliency and development practitioners from other donors to leverage resources and generate a knowledge management platform.

PREG operates in Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs), home to over 10 million people and over 70 percent of Kenya's landmass. This region covers 23 counties and continues to suffer from recurrent drought, human conflict, and a lack of international investments. Working with the Kenya National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) and County Governments the PREG forum coordinates resilience and economic growth activities built on community-identified strengths and priorities and strengthens the resilience of vulnerable pastoralist communities in northern Kenya.

In FY 2021 Garissa PREG cluster jointly developed a work plan together with the county government covering identified joint priorities where the activities are jointly funded, implemented, monitored, and evaluated. The main aim of this activity was to provide the opportunity to jointly monitor the activities and document progress and lessons learned from FY 2021 with the aim to enhance integration and coordination of interventions with the goal and expectation of improving household livelihood outcomes and disrupt recurrent humanitarian crisis.



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OBJECTIVES

- To jointly monitor activities in the Joint Work Plan with the county government of Garissa
- To jointly document the monitoring visit and capture success and progress stories from the sites.
- To disseminate the feedback from the visits
- To capture lessons learned for adaptive management

WHERE AND HOW DID WE WORK?

The Resilience Learning Activity (RLA) together with the PREG leadership in Garissa County jointly supported all PREG partners: Livestock Market Systems (LMS), ROAD, World Food Program (WFP), UNICEF, Alight Core Group, World Vision, and Save the Children in collaboration with Garissa County Government and their line entities that included representatives from the following county departments: Agriculture, Livestock and Nutrition, Special Programs, Cooperatives, Partnership and Donor Coordination, Water, and Communication. The monitoring visit was a weeklong visit divided into two zones, the first zone one covering six northern (3) and southern (3) sub-counties.

Following the monitoring visit both groups converged in a collaboration, learning and adapting pause and reflect session on the visit and further identify areas of sequencing, layering and integration between IPs and the county Government, notably as the Garissa County and PREG members prepare for the RLA facilitated joint work plan process for FY22/23.

The takeaways from the monitoring visit included the following:



CHALLENGES

- High level of Insecurity concerns in Garissa County
- Gaps in terms of collaboration identified in most of the field sites
- Lack of proper data collection and management in some of the sites especially health facilities
- Lack of water and electricity are a major hindrance to implementation of activities
- Low number of health facilities across the different wards
- Inadequate capacity of CHWs, and farmers due to gaps in training

LESSONS LEARNED

- Adopt PREG Biannual monitoring and learning visits
- Enhance collaboration and partnership with county government officials
- Next monitoring visit should focus on sites with Sequencing, layering and integration (SLI)
- Improve on consultation during joint work planning implementation by PREG partners
- Need to improve on job training on data management
- Partners and County government need to collaborate on the digitization of data systems, especially in the health sector
- Better coordination among partners when offering trainings to beneficiaries to reduce gaps
- Need to adhere to the planned itinerary during learning/ monitoring visits

NEXT STEPS

Moving forward, PREG partnership aims to conduct, quarterly or bi- annual monitoring visits in PREG focus counties. Additionally, RLA in its mandate will continue to support and improve the JWP process to enhance collaboration with indicators linked to set activities that further can track both investment and results of co-creation, co-implementation and co-monitoring process.