

**4th RELPA TSCG Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 16, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**PACAPS Office, Nairobi**

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**Welcoming/Introductory Remarks and Review of Last Meeting's Notes**

Review of minutes-update on the ACTION items from the 3<sup>rd</sup> TSCG:

- Action item # 2. Livestock and meat trade statistics assembly: very strong progress in the area. Will be updated in the next PACAPS report
- Action item #3. Movement on CAADP in Ethiopia: seeing progress, and in the area of CAADP Djibouti is also seeing progress. Dawit is on the advisor committee
- Action item #4: John Graham will distribute the new MoARD when it's complete.
- Action Item #5: Allocation of OFDA resources to emerging drought: OFDA-ECARO has been preoccupied by post-election traumas, so not much engagement. USAID/Ethiopia PLI partners have formed a link between OFDA and the Pastoralists' Livelihoods Initiative (see below).
- Action item #7. RELPA Coordination Matrix: PACAPS and ELMT developed a coordination agreement (Collaboration Plan), and now would like to roll out into a partner-wide agreement. Walter wants to plan for an annual review gathering in order to optimize our final year of implementation. The framework of interaction between RELPA and other stakeholders has not yet been optimized.
- Action item # 10. Work Plans, PMPs, and Indicators: There was a 2-day workshop with COMESA on indicators and PMPs. This is on track.

**4/1: Updates for all RELPA components**

**4/1/1: COMESA (Abdiweli). See Notes contributed by Angel Daka, attached.**

- TORs for Ethiopia and Djibouti were recently modified. Last week, COMESA launched CAADP in Sudan.
- COMESA Secretariat held the first livestock pastoralism forum last month (PACAPS and COMESA initiative)
- Advancing in other SPS activity (funded by African Development Bank) on livestock, food safety and plant protection. "Green pass": providing a legal regional framework for

importing/exporting all of the above. COMESA wants to implement this in the region. Trying to coordinate with Africa Union, IBAR as most players of SPS like the “green pass”.

- Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) with 6 countries in the Middle East, and Yemen. COMESA’s about to conclude a protocol with Yemen. Would like to clarify GCC’s approach to SPS, since they are stakeholders. Eventually, this would improve the livestock sector in cooperation with COMESA in investment.
- Two levels of initiative: Block negotiation to open the door for the next step (first step is COMESA and GCC to sign protocol). Then COMESA will link country-to-country bilateral negotiations.
- Two stations are almost complete in Boosaaso, Somalia (more than 10 mil USD). The two are independent of each other, thus competing with the same target of UAE (Eastern corridor).
- SOLICEP<sup>1</sup> will have a role in the certification and FAO will assist with the meat certification in the north ports. Abdiweli does not know how FAO is related to the SOLICEP initiative.
- OIE representative said to aim at the trade departments of the EU and the US because this will open trade in Africa.
- Livestock strategy: there is no COMESA/CAADP livestock strategy. Abdiweli attended a meeting in Frankfurt under the Interagency Donor Group (IADG). There is a draft with AU/IBAR on a livestock strategy that is country-wide; COMESA can use this to put something together (AU/IBAR strategy is supposed to be part of CAADP’s process). Meeting has requested COMESA to speed-up on CAADP compacts.

**ACTION:** Walter to send Gilles the AU/IBAR strategy.

- ACTESA<sup>2</sup> excluded livestock as a commodity initially, but their work has progressed positively.
- Ethiopia and Somali ports: COMESA Secretary General is aware of the problems/opportunities of the ports as export outlets. At this level, negotiations are very general. The first initiative will focus on the common agenda, and how we’re going to fulfill those requirements (with transparency), clarifying scenarios of when/why a ban is coming (in terms of transport of livestock between countries)

**ACTION:** Gilles and Abdiweli will help pull all this information together and how the donor dialogue can advance our initiatives.

- Q: What is your understanding of COMESA’s request for an advisor in Djibouti?  
A: Long term idea of the consultant is to assist as the Djibouti focal-point. Ishmail Tani (Chef du Cabinet) is to get back to Abdiweli today. One clarification to USAID is whether this work will also be related into CAADP.  
Comment: Gilles was looking at the draft work plan. Needs to come with POV of someone with the background of arid lands. Rashid (FEWSNET Djibouti) could be a candidate for this position.
- Reviewed the ILRI report (livestock trade). Conclusion is that there are unrealistic numbers. Perhaps there needs to be an official (written) response to deal with the discrepancy of information. Danger is that there is political pressure in Ethiopia to build repertoires and this could lead to misuse of scarce funds.

**ACTION:** Gilles will do a short memo that goes through USAID/Ethiopia and PACAPS, and Abdiweli will do the same through COMESA to USAID/EA.

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<sup>1</sup> Somalia Livestock Export Certification Program (AU/IBAR)

<sup>2</sup> Association for Commodity Trade for East and Southern Africa

- A longer term issue is that there is a need for more accurate livestock numbers. ICRC did some great, recent work, headed up by Pierce Simpkin. Other possible resources: Karen Becker and Joyce Turk. Figure out what actions we are required, first. Might not be able to do within the context of RELPA, per se.

#### **4/1/2: PACAPS (Francis Chabari)** (see PACAPS Progress Report attached)

- PACAPS recently had an internal mid-term review (June 8-9, 2008).
  - Year 2's workplan will have changes, including an updated marketing indicator
  - Budget review shows the project has enough to go until May, and can do no-cost should we extend until September
  - Andy's going to be looking at how we can better allocate our funding for Year 2
- PACAPS and ELMT created an "MOU" of how PACAPS will support ELMT given where we currently stand, the time frame and resources available.
- IGAD will be looking at SPS issues and how to coordinate them. PACAPS thinks they can join forces; Walter suggests adding Djibouti in country info.

#### **ACTION: Walter would like Andy to comment on the AU/IBAR piece in relation to COMESA**

- IGAD/FAO workshop: PACAPS is depending on COMESA and Abdiweli for key points, and livestock pastoralist forum for info. Looking at disease issues and how we can combine between PACAPS and IGAD.
- COMESA is working on having IGAD to join the GCC Mission, looks promising.
- Q: Green Pass sounds like a good idea, but is it realistic and applicable? Request that Tufts look at the technical and see if it really will work.  
A (Abdiweli): green pass is a legal framework, considered a platform for moving forward. Not influencing how to deal with diseases, etc. There will be standards under the actual framework. PACAPS will be looking at how many standards are possible in the next year.
- Debrief from the Institute for Security Studies' (ISS) meeting on the draft Protocol to Combat Livestock Rustling: info was a bit superficial, primarily focused on using law enforcement to protect pastoralists. But they did discuss need to involve the communities, and to provide the market system with alternatives.

#### **ACTION: Walter to give Cary Ministry Foreign Affairs point person for Minister of Development of Northern Kenya and Other Arid Land, Mohammed Elmi. It is Mr. Wario K. Guyo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Secretary, Min. Foreign Affairs, [kguyo@mfa.go.ke](mailto:kguyo@mfa.go.ke), cell: 0723-443287.**

- EW/ER: discussed in several workshops on how to respond so work is not delayed.

#### **ACTION: have a follow-up workshop in Addis so that we include donors from outside of Kenya as well. Early Response Guide from FEG needs to get out into the mainstream.**

- Q: For PPRs, is there any way that PACAPS and ELMT can raise these ideas and information that effects the population-how do we address these problems?  
A (Cary): Donors have been engaged in PPR conversations, but there are blocks beyond our means due to governmental issues. Camel sudden death syndrome has more background info than assumed: Research concludes only 2% or less have been killed because of SDS; VSF Suisse and all the vets have said the impact is quite small compared to other camel diseases.

#### **ACTION:CARE & VSF-S to provide Camel Sudden Death Syndrome Preparedness and Response Guidelines**

- LEGS website (Livestock Emergency Guidelines) is readily accessible, and a lot of this information is in the livestock TWG
- Crisis Modifier: Even when we were ready to respond on time, some of the NGOs were slow to proceed. Major reason: inflexible funding mechanisms.

Walter: ECTAD has a role in this dissemination as well. They convened a meeting with a lot of input from PACAPS to get the PPR discussion going. LINKS and FEWS had contradictory analysis on NASA info. Suleiman (FEWSNet Reg. Coord.) analyzed and came up with strong proof that the forage information was weak.

- At least two more COMESA Regional Livestock and Pastoralism Forum (RLPF) meetings are planned with COMESA before September 2009

**ACTION: STTA should do a short presentation to involve what they've discovered and to brief the new ministries since the issues are relevant beyond RELPA.**

- After a series of trainings, PACAPS will be ready for COMESA food security framework policy document, even possibly have a draft

#### **4/1/3: USAID/Kenya (Makeda Tsegaye)**

- Microfinance activities in northeastern province: Launch program in Garissa and Wajir, with main activities including promoting milk and traditional dry meat "Nyeri-Nyeri" production and marketing by Women's groups, already engaged in the activities. North Eastern Pastoral Development Program (NEPDP) is currently operating under a six month no-cost extension, until Aug 2. A nine-month no cost extension is being processed in order to see the MF impact and completion of other activities. The MF will be managed by the Kenya Livestock Marketing Council (KLMC) in close collaboration with the District Livestock Marketing Councils (DLMC) in Garissa and Wajir initially. AU-IBAR will continue to have critical capacity building and monitoring roles. Main focus of the second extension period (August 3-April 2) is MFI, with other activities including disease surveillance and capacity building. Disease surveillance in all five project districts has been undertaken over the last 2 and half years using three mobile labs funded by NEPDP.
- Cary: Mandera has mobile veterinary lab, and we gave an index of 5 or so diseases for the labs to inspect, including surveillance with PPR and DBS; as a result, they requested more support for response to procure drugs for vaccinating in areas that are not affected by PPR; looking at doing more preventative activities.
- Q: Will the Kenya mission have a second phase of NEPDP?  
A: Not a second phase, but would like to follow-up with something complementary. If we were to continue, we would work more closely with the local partners.  
Cary: recommend they visit and link with VSF Suisse in Mandera. CARE/Kenya is working in Garissa on lime, dry meat production and milk production.
- Conflict component: trying to engage the communities in how to resolve conflict amongst themselves, along with policy dialogue; there were two consultative workshops completed  
Q: is there a commitment to the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT)?  
A: Yes, we want to focus on livestock. Other interventions with USAID are D&G, health, education-all providing support to the NE province. Specifically looking at the livestock sector-there are many ideas in the works.  
Q: Is the support to NRT through a NEPDP?  
A: No, it's outside of NEPDP, but under USAID/Kenya NRM funding (SO5).
  - PACT has a USAID/Kenya-funded conflict policy program. There is an NRM factor which overlaps with D&G- trying to take initiative forward through Lamu, looking at the mgmt of rangelands.
  - ELMT CARE/Kenya has provided a grant to Oxfam for peace in Wajir. Ethiopia and Somali authorities have been in discussion-Dekha Ibrahim was the main facilitator, and there will be a background document that will come out of this.

#### **4/1/4: Regional Conflict Prevention and Mitigation (RCPM) MSI/Pact (Simon Richards, Roselyn Mungai)**

- Background: work was designed before the other bits came into effect, so some assumptions were incorrect as this program's unfolded
- "Mini clinics" update by Roselyn Mungai (new member of PACT)
  - 2 agendas were pushed at the last coordination meeting group: enhance the skills of the program staff (to do conflict-sensitive work); ID sites and people who can take this forward.
  - Had positive feedback. Oxfam is to develop capacity to do the work. Conducted a meeting for them in Wajir. Action point from meeting: in-depth training for the county council at some point in July. So much emphasis with NGOs and CBOs (who do not work independently), and yet most of the limits are in the governments. PACT can support in this building.
  - Second level of discussion was on case studies. Each consortium member was to identify a project to follow-through with. Barriers to the case studies are the security risk and restriction on travel under USAID (e.g., in Somalia)
- VSF has requested support from PACT in conducting a mini-clinic
- ELMT: DCOP working with TWG
- Certain # of months left, so they are trying to push work
- CIFA in Moyale is not operational yet. CARE wants to see more advancement before opting to fund
- Practical Action in Moyale does work with Oxfam and others; their reputation is sound. If CIFA is not approved by CARE, CORDAID might be a possible partner as they do a lot on Sudan/Kenya borders.
- IIRR<sup>3</sup> can do work in conjunction with CORDAID. PCI is struggling a bit, but they have a strong relationship with the Ethiopian government and have been a PLI partner. Cary confirms their recent proposal was good and they will be funded.
- Another group was SORA in southern Ethiopia. Was a possible CARE subgrantee, but might not be funded.
- Workshop in Ethiopia may not be the most appropriate way forward; looking for other sources of support (for usefulness). Simon will see if there are other opportunities for assisting (or if we are too little, too late).

*Cary:* In Ethiopia, the approach to conflict sensitivity should be done differently, and targeted to who the audience is; might make more sense to do conflict analysis and how to apply the analysis. In addition, need to show how RELPA partners are trying to strategize and move forward-will also help to get on the same page.

It was concluded that Simon should stay in Nairobi for a few meetings and go up to Addis Monday/Tuesday of next week.

#### **4/1/5: USAID/Ethiopia (John Graham)**

- Ministry of Agriculture
  - Reorganization discussion-Still continuing. Signed an agreement to extend PLI agreement (does not cover conflict mitigation)
  - Final part of reorganization is to bring the disaster prevention commission, and the Productive Safety Net's Program under the same department in MOA.
  - Been trying to have close counterparts in the ministry. Has been launched with the REDFS<sup>4</sup>, who has a donor working group researching food security, vulnerability.

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<sup>3</sup> International Institute for Rural Reconstruction

<sup>4</sup> Rural Development and Food Security

- Livestock marketing is now under Agricultural Production (in the Min of Agriculture) and we'll have to see how much attention can be focused on this. No separate division for livestock (all integrated with crops).
- Sector working group is focusing on not duplicating processes, but rather one that includes the CAADP processes.
- John is the focal CAADP point for the donors
- PLI updates: there have been some cost extensions. Have been working with OFDA for funding to existing PLI partners (\$1 million) and now in negotiations with the use of those funds. Emergency funds will now be put in place (rather than taking it out of the development funds-perhaps this will assist in the Crisis Modifier discussion?).
- Had discussions with FAO on the EU funded ECHO Drought Risk Reduction program. Joint technical working groups might come into play, and joining our government steering committees. FAO does have it divided among countries, so this will be bilateral cooperation with Ethiopia, but we're all interested in sharing experiences.

**ACTION: Walter to send contact to John (re: work on FAO)**

- Livestock policy forum-excellent set of guidelines with a lot of PLI info. Currently in the Min of Ag.(Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards-- LEGS).

**ACTION: Once ready for dissemination, please pass on to the Ambassador in Djibouti.**

- PLI evaluation is currently with Joe Hirsch (not yet disseminated). Has useful information on the partners (both positive and negative), thus waiting for response from partner to be incorporated before disseminating.

**ACTION: John to send out PPT presentation of PLI evaluation..**

- Livestock trade: Ethiopian government is pushing this and a good will of donors to collaborate on this (WB, EU, FAO), and want a quarantine facility in Diridawa, back route from Djibouti. Government requests USAID to pay for it, but WB and ADB will most likely be able to pay. USAID could possibly do a feasibility study. Abidweli forewarns that Djibouti's acceptance is not widespread.
- Conflict Mitigation-Ethiopia is viewing a "foreign NGO" as any NGO that receives 10% of their money from overseas. USAID fighting this legislation to continue work.

#### **4/1/6: ELMT (Cary Farley)**

Recent Activities (see ELMT Progress Report attached):

- New DCOP is Girma Kassa (mid-April 2008). Welcome!
- Significant achievement: the approval of a "tri-fold" subgrant agreement process. There are approval procedures and templates for large, medium and small subgrantees. Approx 20 are now awaiting CARE RCU approval.
- Final iteration of the PMP to be sent soon to the CTO. Performance monitoring systems are included (and will be shared widely very soon)
- Interest from BBC World Service Trust -- they have been approaching partners to provide content to their radio service. Will provide advice, content and perhaps funding to get our messages out. Waiting to hear back from BBC Somalia.
- Somali's VOA is up and running and has been well-received, according to CARE /Somalia staff and Abdiweli.

**ACTION: Walter to respond to VOA program director**

- "ELSE": In order to obtain approval in Ethiopia, the name changed to clarify the work. To address coordination issues, we've established quarterly coordination meetings. Next is September 9<sup>th</sup> in Addis.
- Implementation phase has been this last quarter (March, April, May)-most interesting is SAVE-US and CARE/Ethiopia to address localized drought emergency situation. Undertaken a variety of activities together in successful collaboration.

- ELMT's focus has not been on DIPs, but on the implementation phase. Can now move forward.
- Northern Kenya: VSF Suisse has estimated 5 new vet pharmacies. Linking community animal health members with Agro-Vet<sup>5</sup>. Systems are now operating.
- Need to be wary of how other donors are doing the work. (COPI likes to provide free drugs (community-day training event). But we're trying to stray from the "freebies"). ELMT has flagged the issue with Bruno (ECHO) and Lambert.
- Tendency now is to sell fodder green (VSF Suisse is doing this). How do we privatize fodder, working through the market system? Best to have cohesion between donors.
- CARE/Kenya has been slow to get off the ground. COP and DCOP to follow-up
- CARE/Somalia is moving forward by working remotely.

**ACTION: Cary to share reports from CARE/Somalia on Trad'l EW Systems Meeting**

- August workshop: Mandera EW/ER workshop headed by Mohammed by CARE/UK.
- RCU has already started monitoring trips. Vanessa to visit the rest in the summer. First draft of the first newsletter is almost finalized. (only planned 3 issues during the course of the project).

**ACTION: Cary requests everyone to give input for the newsletter.**

- E-bulletin to be out soon
- GIS/mapping (LVIA) has been approved for a subgrant of \$200k. They will take participatory natural resource info and link it with GIS. Looking to go beyond maps from ELMT and RELPA, and to discuss a Pastoralist Atlas
- TWG tech advisors' meeting on Thursday. Going to revisit current configuration, and possibly reduce to 3 "spheres" of TWG
- Cary was contacted by Camel Vita-milk to link with pastoralist producers. Although mixed opinions of Vita-milk, they now sell pasteurized camel milk in Nakumatt and around town. Cary has been in contact with Stuart (President) of SMV.
- Alan Savory is coming in August to do field trips and meetings in northern Kenya, to see how we can introduce holistic management (planned grazing approaches, specifically). The visit to be followed-up with intensive training courses in the tools discussed. Then followed by a training of trainers course. The idea is to then expand, bringing Somalis, Ethiopians and Kenyans in the series of courses.
- Mpala Research Center: has agreed to test out some of these approaches, and participate in the M&E system, working with Dr. Jayne Belnap, USGS, and US Embassy to Kenya Science Fellow to RELPA.
- DCOP of ELMT discussed the proposal to meet with the new and old actors at government level who work at northern Kenya together (civil society and parliamentary groups) to talk about the roles and responsibilities. Would like PACAPS to engage because of the relationships in government.  
*Q from Francis:* would be good to find out what the roles and responsibilities, and what is priority, what isn't clear, etc. And now we know the ministry's budget. And where do donors fit in to engage? Could this be linked to the CAADP dialogue?
- *Walter observation:* There have been meetings between Embassy and USAID personnel with the new State Ministry of Northern Development and other Arid Lands (inter alia) and the USG will be supportive of rational development of northern Kenya.
- *Walter observation:* World Vision's launching its Horn of Africa Pastoralist Livelihoods Initiative in mid-July (pastoralist livelihoods forum). Oxfam wants to provide a TA to the Ministry of Arid Lands. How can we make this more cohesive?

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<sup>5</sup> Veterinarian pharmaceutical company, Kenyan-based

#### **4/2 Coordination (Walter Knausenberger)**

- Continues to meet with ELMT and PACAPS biweekly
- A lot of interaction with COMESA (especially with Abdiweli's travels). GCC initiative is bringing together many connections
- Walter would like to bring USAID/Somalia and Kenya activity people in to see what we're doing.

**ACTION:** Need to have a separate session for them. Walter to follow-up

- Abdiweli - stakeholder forum for live animal trade, possibly in Kenya (as neutral territory) Main logistical question: how to get key experts in a low-profile meeting to get key people together to talk about the current work. Stop being so ambitious and have a targeted meeting among the gurus. Goal: Have it in the next 3-6 months.

**ACTION:** Abdiweli will write after consulting Lusaka colleagues a one-paragraph on what needs to be done.

- Abdiweli - need to get some sort of leadership on the livestock strategy paper (AU/IBAR draft). What is the role of COMESA and PACAPS?

**ACTION:** Francis: have to consult Dawit for this info.

#### **4/3 Contingency Planning (Walter)**

- Crisis modifier-OFDA and ECHO usually have funds available for this.  
John: Since USAID mechanisms are inflexible, create "top-offs" with emergency groups in the areas, trying to get into OFDA's future programming. Emphasis should be put on how we can coordinate with OFDA from here on out. PLI did use some of their funding for emergency, and at the end of the project, they couldn't continue implementation the same way.

**ACTION:** Walter to determine the actions being taken by OFDA, ECHO

- CARE does work with other partners with complimentary projects on the ground-they were able to do the cost-share required to react to the emergencies.
- SAVE and CARE have been pushed to look at the pastoralist work in more of a regional programming slant. Even discussion in CARE on whether they should dismantle their country offices (to avoid the national level focus).
- Midterm (1<sup>st</sup> Annual) review for RELPA will be in September.

#### **4/4: RELPA's regional value-added (Walter)**

- Would like to keep this on the agenda all the time. Not everything has to be transboundary, but at least lessons learned optimized among relevant groups.
- Still not clear whether CARE will have a regional technical advisor, and what role this person will assume vis-à-vis the TWGs (which are being re-examined)

#### **4/5: PMP/indicators (Walter)**

- PACAPS submitted its PMP in December 2007, and will be adjusted as a result of the mid-term review just held. ELMT's final PMP is expected shortly. Under control

#### **4/6: DIPs (Walter)**

- Detailed Implementation Plans (under ELMT) are essentially finalized, and sub-grants being awarded. All templates for the sub-grants were agreed to as of late May, and the first in mid-March 2008 (for Oxfam GB).

#### **4/7: WebVISTA (Walter)**

- Has made some interesting progress. Linked DEPHA (funded by OFDA for another year) with CEWARN<sup>6</sup>CEWARN, which is collecting early warning information into a database and which needs visualization assistance. PEACE 2 (Pact) and CEWARN are now coordinating on information management and geo-referenced data visualization initiatives. Also, Dennis King of HIU met with the Malnutrition Working Group in Nairobi. Also, we had discussions with FAO, coordinating entity for ECHO, and ELMT about convergence around mapping and visualization.
- ACTION: Walter will follow-up to reinforce initiatives and encourage forward movement and convergence

#### **4/8: Information Sharing (Walter)**

- PEACE 2 (USAID/East Africa/RCMG) will possibly be complementing and working with some of the activities and partners of RELPA and ELMT.
- ACTION: Walter to obtain update from Peace 2 & Pact RCPM. .
- Gilles is traveling next week to Muscat, Oman, to attend a workshop on transboundary animal diseases and trade (organized by USDA with Dept. of State Middle East Partnership Initiative funds). This is another opportunity to bring other actors into the mix to advance animal disease discussions between the HoA and Middle East..
- ACTION: Share Stockton Oman TAD workshop trip report
- Karen Becker (USAID/Africa Bureau senior animal health advisor) is in town, with a meeting with PACAPS tomorrow June 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm (Francis, Abdiweli and Gilles will be there) and how we can shape the investments by the Africa Bureau in the HoA on livestock health and trade. .
- ACTION: Share Becker's trip report
- Deadline for proposals for COMPETE the follow-on of RATES (is 16 June). Out of 6 commodities, 2 are being continued. There is an opportunity to shape USAID EA's components in this program with respect to what is happening in COMESA & to build on RELPA/PACAPS/ELMT's work in livestock trade.
- Awards under ECHO DRR: the VSFs have joined together, the three CAREs have put in a proposal. Several gants have been announced so far. Most of the activities are software (water mgmt committees in lieu of rehabilitating structures). Provides info for IRs 1 and 6.
- US Forest Service-has been supporting PLI in prescribed burning, etc, and is willing to support RELPA with a team/T.A. visit.. Walter will pull together a response. Also, a range management expert (Kenya Science Fellow Dr. Jayne Belnap, USGS) is coming in 2 week's time, and would be useful to capitalize on her coming.

**ACTION:** Gilles requests time in July for site visits to see ELMT

#### **4/9: Up-coming RELPA Meetings**

- ELSE Coordination is Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 5<sup>th</sup> TSCG on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of September with the annual review meeting. [Note: September is Ramadan] Planning to be two days, internal 1.5 days, and external ½ day. To focus around key themes and guiding questions, such as “regional value added, and TWGs' functionality. Annual review should have FEG and COMESA reps. Suggest also bringing in ECHO, FAO, or other pastoralist initiatives. Suggest each of six lead consortium members, and want more time to do an internal review. Perhaps a half a day with the external stakeholders.

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<sup>6</sup> IGAD's Conflict Early Warning and Response Network

- *Simon* suggests that this annual review, the work on the ground from ELMT will be developed further, and with a set of guiding questions
- Africa Drought Practitioner's Forum (around Sept 13<sup>th</sup>-in Addis)<sup>7</sup>, organized by UNDP Drylands Development Centre and ISTR, in collaboration with RELPA and ECHO..
- Walter will send around proposed agenda and contributions from PACAPS and ELMT, PLI.
- Early October 12-19<sup>th</sup> of October is tentatively scheduled of the ELMT Consortium meeting. Possibly followed up with a TSCG meeting.

#### **Minute 4/10: ACTION ITEMS COMPILED**

##### **4/1/1 COMESA Report ACTIONS:**

- Walter to send Gilles the AU/IBAR strategy.
- Northern Somali Ports and trade with Middle East: Gilles and Abdiweli will help pull all this information together and how the donor dialogue can advance our initiatives
- ILRI Ethiopia Livestock Off-take Report: Gilles will do a short memo that goes through USAID/Ethiopia and PACAPS, and Abdiweli will do the same through COMESA to USAID/EA.

##### **4/1/2 PACAPS Report ACTIONS:**

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- Walter to give Cary Ministry Foreign Affairs point person for Minister of Development of Northern Kenya and Other Arid Land, Mohammed Elmi. It is Mr. Wario K. Guyo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Secretary, Min. Foreign Affairs, [kguyo@mfa.go.ke](mailto:kguyo@mfa.go.ke), cell: 0723-443287.
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- STTA should do a short presentation to involve what they've discovered and to brief the new ministries since the issues are relevant beyond RELPA.

##### **4/1/5 Ethiopia Report ACTIONS:**

- Walter to respond to VOA program director
- Cary to share reports from CARE/Somalia on Traditional EW Systems Meeting
- Cary requests everyone to give input for the newsletter.

##### **4/2 Coordination ACTIONS**

- Need to have a separate coordination session for Kenya & Somalia ELMT partners. Walter to follow-up.
- Abdiweli will write after consulting Lusaka colleagues one paragraph on what needs to be done, re: 2<sup>nd</sup> COMESA RLPF stakeholder forum for live animal trade, possibly in Kenya (as neutral territory). Have it in the next 3-6 months.
- Francis: have to consult Dawit re: leadership on the livestock strategy paper (AU/IBAR draft) for CAADP. What is the role of COMESA and PACAPS?

##### **4/3 Contingency Planning ACTIONS**

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<sup>7</sup> Now set for Sept. 17-19, 2008

- Walter to determine the drought response actions being taken by OFDA, ECHO

#### **4/7 WebVISTA ACTIONS**

- Walter will follow-up to reinforce initiatives and encourage forward movement and convergence

#### **4/8 Info Sharing**

- Walter to obtain update from Peace 2 & Pact RCPM. .
- Share Stockton's Oman TAD workshop trip report
- Share Dr. Becker's trip appraisal report on USAID/AFR animal health programming consultation.
- Walter will pull together a draft for US Forest Service support to RELPA with a team/T.A. visit, in consultation with ELMT partners.
- Walter will share outputs of range management expert Jayne Belnap's trip to Kenya 27 June-19 July). ,
- ELMT requested to provide assistance to Walter & Gilles for field visits in July -- visits to ELMT grantee/sub-grantee sites in Kenya and Ethiopia.

#### **4/9: Up-coming RELPA Meetings**

- ACTION: RELPA Annual review meeting & 5<sup>th</sup> TSCG: Walter to get announcement out not early August..
- Walter will send around proposed agenda and contributions from PACAPS and ELMT, PLI, about participation in African Drought Practitioners' Forum 17-19 Sept. 2008, in Addis

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Recommendations

## RECOMMENDATIONS No 1 BSE

**Considering** that BSE is a disease associated with intensive cattle production, particularly dairy farming in Europe,

**Acknowledging** that there has not been a case of BSE recorded in Africa,

**Noting** that the majority of cattle slaughtered in Africa are older than 30 months of age,

**Aware** that there is no scientific evidence to indicate that deboned muscle meat derived from cattle over 30 months of age and which showed no clinical evidence of BSE at ante mortem inspection,

The Regional Commission for Africa recommends that deboned muscle meat derived from cattle of any age be accepted as being free of BSE as was previously recommended by experts in this disease.

## RECOMMENDATION No 2 Commodity Based Trade

**Acknowledging** that the current Code is based on country, zone or compartment freedom from a particular disease for the safe trade of animals and animal products,

**Considering** that Africa has numerous transboundary animal diseases,

**Recognising** the abundance of wildlife in Africa,

**Noting** that transhumance is a common practice on the continent,

**Accepting** the difficulty of many African countries to achieve country, zone or compartment freedom from a variety of transboundary animal diseases,

The Regional Commission for Africa supports the OIE initiative to investigate how 'Commodity Based Trade' can be incorporated more into the Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

## RECOMMENDATION No 3 Foot and Mouth Disease

**Acknowledging** that maturation (+2°C to +4°C for 24 hours) of carcass meat to reduce the pH to 6 or below; preceded by appropriate veterinary quarantine, ante mortem and post mortem inspection, followed by deboning and removal of the major lymph glands minimises the risk of foot and mouth disease (FMD) virus survival,

**Noting** that the freedom from FMD by this practice can be supported by scientific evidence,

**Recognising that South America has exported millions of tonnes of deboned beef to Europe over a long time period without causing outbreaks of FMD,**

**The Regional Commission for Africa recommends that the OIE Scientific Commission considers that this commodity, as processed above, be considered safe for international trade**

Annex 1

4<sup>rd</sup> RELPA TSCG Meeting Attendees  
Hosted by PACAPS  
Nairobi, Kenya

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## COMESA- RELPA 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE TSCG MEETING – NAIROBI (16<sup>th</sup> June 2008)

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This Report captures activities undertaken by Dr. Angel Daka on behalf of the COMESA-RELPA project between March 2008 and June 2008. Abdiweli Mohamed's activities will be reported on during the 4<sup>th</sup> TSCG meeting. During the period the following activities were undertaken by Daka:

1. Completed the design of the Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern and Southern Africa (ACTESA). The design document was well received by COMESA on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008. ACTESA will be the first ever independent COMESA institution/primary agency for achieving the COMESA vision of "increased regional integration and improved competitiveness of staple food markets, leading to broad based growth and decreased food insecurity". The three objectives of ACTESA are:
  - Improve competitiveness and integration of staple foods markets in COMESA member states through improved micro and macro-economic policies as the drivers of staple food markets.
  - Improve and expand market facilities and services for staple foods commercialisation to facilitate growth in staple food markets.
  - Increase commercial integration of staple foods producers into national and regional markets to promote growth in food staples and food security
2. Held the first COMESA Regional Livestock and Pastoralist Forum (RLPF) WORKSHOP in Lusaka on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008.
3. COMESA participated in a mission to London to discuss the Food & Nutrition Security Pillar III Africa Framework with Development partners. The meeting took place at DFID offices. Development partners represented included USAID, FAO, IFAD and Kwa-Zulu Natal University who are the lead institution for CAADP Pillar III development. The meeting effectively completed the Pillar III draft with the inclusion of vulnerability assessment and responses to food crises and food assistance. Other outcomes included considerations on; reducing external food aid, shifting mindset to systemic problem of food crisis, assessing trend lines and structural change, tasking African Governments to prepare themselves for absorbing shocks at short-term occurrence e.g. droughts and floods, reduce number of chronically food insecure people so as to achieve food security and need to change strategy to reduce levels of vulnerability – change management plan.
4. Helped organize a **Rising Food Prices Workshop (20<sup>th</sup> May 2008 – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2008: PRETORIA)**. This workshop also acted as a validation forum for the CAADP Pillar III framework. Country strategies to tackle rising food prices were considered and collated by NEPAD. A complete report will be published by NEPAD and circulated to all stakeholders. The following are some of the East African countries' priorities that were set;
  1. Boosting production and productivity – strategic commodities (maize, rice, millet, beans, Cassava, sweet potatoes, poultry and pigs)
    - Improve local chickens by cross-breeding
    - Improved Animal health services e.g. vaccinations

- Improve access to seed and fertilizer-Govts to help import fertilizer

2. Value-Adding technologies:

- Support value-addition initiatives
- Establish agro-processing

3. Establish Food Reserve Agencies – rural infrastructure, market intelligence and market Information supply. Immediate requirements for these countries were classified into short-term, medium/long-term budgets.

**Short-term Budget estimates (USD million)**

	Ethiopia	Kenya	Rwanda	Uganda
<b>1.SEED</b>	2	3	1	2
<b>2.FERTILIZER</b>	337	6	8	5
<b>3.PLANTING MATERIALS</b>	0	1.6	1	2
<b>4.LIVESTOCK</b>	1	1.7	4	5
<b>5.SAFETY-NET</b>	50	5	3	3

**Medium-term Budget estimates (USD million)**

	Ethiopia	Kenya	Rwanda	Uganda
1.Postharvest Mgt	1.5	1.6	2	2
2.Soil and water Mgt	1.5	3.3	200	6
3.Capacity Building	0.5	2.5	3	2.5
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>10.5</b>

In connection with the rising food prices dialogue is the Italy Rome meeting which COMESA participated in during this quarter. Major outcomes included;

- The Purchase for Progress programme that WFP uses, is a market creation programme especially for small-scale farmers.

- The programme also offers alternatives to imported food.
- It is an in-country value-addition programme which COMESA will use in its ACTESA project.
- The purchase for Progress offers an opportunity for private sector engagement in value-addition.
- The Programme implementation varies according to obtaining situations in country.
- Partnerships should share best practices.
- Governments in respective countries will play a catalytic role in purchase for progress programmes.

#### **5. USAID/EAST AFRICA-COMESA PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP HOLIDAY INN (MAY 28 – 29, 2008)**

I attended the COMESA/USAID East Africa workshop which was officially opened by the Mission Director-Cheryl Anderson and facilitated by the senior policy advisor – Shirley Erves. The mission Director for USAID/EA.

The Mission Director reminded participants that USAID/EA and COMESA has long-term partnership which should be strengthened. We need to put ground rules that we operate under. The workshop analyzed frameworks of these partner institutions and identified gaps that exist in managing for results. Major emphases included looking at where we are going, how we are getting there and what do we want to achieve? It was recognized that measurable intermediate results help us achieve set objectives. Identify gaps and agreeing on handling or addressing them (understand procedures for COMESA/USAID) does strengthen communication-i.e. joint strategy and how to do business in a good relationship together. Outcomes included the following;

1. COMESA has eight focus areas
2. Need to develop common results framework
3. Need to work out/restructure results frameworks with USAID
4. Agreed to review progress periodically and have partner portfolio review every six to twelve
5. months.
6. M & E unit should be strengthened at COMESA and must be involved in PMP workshops.
7. Pipeline problems for unspent money
8. Reporting is not an option but a must
9. Activity audits will take place time to time randomly.

10. USAID/EA will soon develop new work-plans but COMESA is required to spend old monies before they can submit new work-plans.
11. Make requests and proposals for varying funds to activities that move pipelines.
12. Lag time in approvals are also a concern at USAID but some improvements have occurred.
13. Single implementation letter saves time and energy.
14. Do we consider 23 indicators to work on? How much time and energy is needed?
15. Is USAID asking too much to do for little money?
16. Vouchers received within USAID and do not have any reports to indicate activities took place. As
17. Claims are done submit short report to justify claim.

## **4<sup>th</sup> RELPA Technical Steering and Coordination Meeting**

A briefing on the PACAPS Activity  
By Francis N Chabari  
Chief of Party

### **PACAPS Internal Mid-Term Review**

PACAPS Agreement was signed May 18, 2007 and expires May 17, 2009 unless extended.

PACAPS team therefore carried out an internal mid-term review on June 04 and 05, 2008. Activities and outputs were examined for relevance, timing, progress and refocusing was done for the second year of the Agreement. The indicators suggested for USAID PMP were examined for ease of achievement and whether they reflect key areas of the PACAPS activity.

The team found the exercise extremely useful and Tufts University will be sending to CTO key observations and suggestions for refocusing as observed by the team.

### **Coordination Activities**

This was shared well between the technical staff of PACAPS.

Key focus: participating in meetings and workshops with partners in the region.

- CoP attended two CAADP meetings: one to discuss the draft report of the stock taking. By consultants own admissions, livestock and fisheries were treated only superficially. Pastoralism as a livelihood was completely underrated. Second meeting was to discuss ToR with the additional consultants on board to focus stock taking to the pastoralism component for Kenya. PACAPS staff have also contributed to ToR for CAADP processes in Ethiopia and Djibouti.
- CoP participated at a 3-day inception workshop for the IGAD/FAO Pro-poor Policy Initiative in Addis. Focus was to discuss policy analysis tools that are relevant for the region.
- Two staff of PACAPS participated in the Regional ISS workshop that deliberated on ways to involve communities in combating livestock rustling, one of the key causes of instability in the region. Participants came from Ug, Tz, Kenya, Eth, Sudan. PACAPS summarized the key aspects of the proceedings for the USAID Reg Mission Weekly Newsletter.
- CoP PACAPS acquired and disseminated various documents deemed relevant within the RELPA network and partners. This is continuing role of the CoP.
- CoP met and held fruitful discussions with two representatives of Terra Nova working out of Somaliland and Puntland. The team is supporting the Boards of Commerce in Somaliland and Puntland to manage a livestock trade information system. The on-going initiative, the Livestock marketing Information System (LIMS) in Somaliland is funded through the EU and implemented by ILRI. A large number of RELPA partners have been connected with the Somaliland

- Chamber of Commerce in order to receive regular summaries of the information generated.
- PACAPS team has continued to participate in the ELMT Technical Working Groups in advisory capacities.

#### **EW/ER:**

PACAPS organized a successful meeting of EW/ER donors and actors in the region. Representation was quite varied and wide. PACAPS EW/ER consultants presented stress timelines and suggested actions needed for successful early response. The PACAPS EW/ER team has prepared a Draft Preparedness Handbook and distributed to EW/ER actors for responses.

In addition the PACAPS is developing two Policy briefs - one on “**Preparedness Auditing**” and the other on “Use of **Calendar Analysis** in setting objective triggers for response”. Further work planned is to develop an EW/ER advocacy strategy. FEWSNET is PACAPS Strategic EW/ER partner because of its considerable experience and regional coverage.

#### **Livestock/Commodity marketing initiatives:**

PACAPS and COMESA successfully argued a case for livestock commodity-based trade as an easier and minimal disease-risk approach in trade with livestock-based commodities at the COMESA Council of Ministers in Seychelles. Two key recommendations came out of the meeting in support of the concept. These recommendations are being discussed at the OIE with support of AU and the Chief Veterinary Officers in the region.

PACAPS also presented the CBT concept at the EAC forum on regional livestock trade at Arusha and the SADC/IDS meeting in Pretoria.

PACAPS recommendation was to have the regional trade concept operate within the wider COMESA economic block in which most of the EAC states are members and for which COMESA SPS Framework is already available.

#### **Pastoralist Policies**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> COMESA Regional Livestock & Pastoralism Forum meeting took place in Lusaka on May 21 2008. PACAPS and COMESA co-sponsored the participation. The forum is now officially launched and can expect another two (or more) follow up meetings before the end of the RELPA program.
- Following a pastoral-oriented training needs assessment of the COMESA secretariat staff, PACAPS is designing a series of training courses prioritizing on:
  1. Pastoralism as a livelihood to include NRM, Land tenure, Pastoral civil society and conflict issues.
  2. Cross-border Livestock trade and SPS issues, livelihood diversification
  3. Developing the COMESA Pastoral Food Security Framework
- PACAPS contributed critical input to the NEPAD Framework for the African Food Security to which CAADP Pillar III contributes. The document now specifically mentions pastoralists as a distinct group from sedentary farmers. The document was adopted at the COMESA Ministers’ meeting in Seychelles.

- Starting today (June 16<sup>th</sup>) Tufts University is having a two-week Summer Institute Course in Addis for partners in the region.  
The **Summer Institute on Livelihoods Under Stress (SILUS)** is a 12-day course for managers, technical specialists and generalists working in humanitarian assistance, international development and human rights. Focusing on the **lives and livelihoods of crisis-affected and marginalized communities**, the course explores how stakeholders can promote positive change through better analysis, policy and implementation. Core themes include:
  - Livelihood Risks & Vulnerabilities:** from conflict settings to protracted crises.
  - Livelihoods, rights and protection:** understanding the perspective of communities and the responsibilities of the international community.
  - Livelihood Stakeholders and institutions:** how they affect, protect or undermine the strategies of crisis-affected and marginalized communities.
  - Livelihood Action, including analysis and response:** supporting crisis-affected and marginalized communities.COMESA has three nominees in the course.



Annex 4

## RELPA/ELMT Progress Report

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### TCSG Meeting – Nairobi – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008

#### **ELMT Quarterly Report (1<sup>st</sup> December – 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2008) – Executive Summary:**

USAID's Regional Enhanced Livelihoods in Pastoral Areas (RELPA) is a Program that endeavors to support an effective transition from emergency relief dependency to livelihood resiliency and the promotion of long-term economic development in dryland and pastoral areas. The primary field-based component of the RELPA Program is the Enhanced Livelihoods in the Mander Triangle (ELMT) Program, which is implemented by a Consortium of experienced actors in the region led by CARE Somalia together with CARE Kenya, CARE Ethiopia, Save the Children/US (SC/US), Save the Children/UK (SC/UK) and Vétérinaires Sans Frontières-Suisse (VSF-S), in collaboration with some 25 international resource agencies and local organizations. Funded for two years, the Enhanced Livelihoods in the Mander Triangle (ELMT) Program seeks to increase the self-reliance and resiliency of the targeted population through improving livelihoods in the drought prone pastoral areas of the region.

The Second Quarter of ELMT saw the expanded launching of field activities. ELMT Consortium Members finalized the identification of their operational areas, short-listed viable sub-grantees, solicited proposals from sub-grantees and initiated the sub-grant approval process through the RCU. They also finalized their detailed implementation plans (DIPS) and subsequently, developed a consolidated log-frame for the overall ELMT Consortium. A number of planning meetings were also held with RELPA partners, (e.g., PACT/EA, FEG, PACAPS, and SWALIM) and other stakeholders to identify and/or develop opportunities for collaboration.

Several technical working groups (TWGs) met for the first time to define their aims and working modalities, and also review their membership. A number of preparatory trainings/workshops took place in collaboration with other RELPA partners, e.g. a *contingency planning* workshop which was facilitated by SC/UK and FEG, while the *conflict sensitive service delivery* training provided by PACT/MSI. ELMT consortium members developed and revised their contingency plans and reviewed their activities for conflict sensitivity.

#### **Achievements in the Second Quarter (December 2007 – February 2008) included:**

- Livestock Services TWG meeting, Addis Ababa, 29<sup>th</sup> November
- NRM TWG meetings Nairobi/Addis 14<sup>th</sup> December;
- Livelihood Diversification & Marketing TWG meeting: Nairobi 18<sup>th</sup> December
- Livestock Services TWG meeting, Nairobi, 23<sup>rd</sup> January
- FEG/SC/UK Contingency Planning Workshop – Addis Ababa – 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2008
- FEG/SC/UK Contingency Planning Workshop – Nairobi – 30<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008
- Livelihood protection TWG meeting: Nairobi, 1<sup>st</sup> February
- PACT/MSI Conflict Sensitivity Training: Moyale – 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008
- PACT/MSI Conflict Sensitivity Training: Nairobi – 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008
- PACT/MSI Conflict Sensitivity Training: Mander – 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008
- Submission of first round of sub-grantees to USAID/EA for approval by the AO and CTO;



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- Submission and approval of the first sub-grant by the AO;
- Submission of DCoP candidate for approval by AO;
- Semi-finalization of DIPs and log frame
- Preparation for the 2nd ELMT Consortium meeting.

Responding to a localized drought, SC/US and CARE Ethiopia implemented early response interventions in ELMT areas of southern Ethiopia using complementary and cost-share funds. CARE Ethiopia carried out supplementary feeding of core herds while SC/US provided support to grain banks, supplementary feed for livestock, supported animal health activities in collaboration with the Government and promoted increased off-take of livestock. CARE Kenya, under a complementary emergency water and sanitation project, undertook water trucking with other partners in Mandera West district. A planned rapid drought assessment by ELMT EI-Wak team will also give direction on the role and scope of ELMT emergency involvement in Mandera. In Somalia, the situation is at alert stage and the partners there have been elaborating their contingency plans and monitoring the situation.

ELMT consortium members also launched a number of key field activities. For example, VSF-Suisse undertook a training course for a study in Northern Kenya on Hemorrhagic Septicemia in camels and identified private veterinary infrastructure for possible technical and financial support. VSF-Suisse also carried out fodder assessments in Northern Kenya and Southern Somalia. SC/US supported several meetings of customary institutions to discuss NRM, conflict resolution, peace-building and related policy issues. SC/US also provided support including technical, seed money and business and management training to 12 women's income generation groups and supported 12 community managed cereal banks. CARE-Ethiopia and CARE-Kenya have also initiated scoping studies for livelihood diversification activities for Northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia.

#### **Recent Activities (March – May 2008):**

- ELMT TWG meetings – Addis Ababa, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2008
- ELMT Semi-Annual Consortium meeting – Addis Ababa, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2008
- Approval of first sub-grant by USAID – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008
- Arrival of the DCOP – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008
- Participated in 'Pastoral Policy Framework for Africa' meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2008
- Co-organized and participated in PACAPS/RELPA – Linking Early Warning to Early Response – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008
- Finalization of DIPs and log-frame and submission of ELMT annual activity plan – April 2008
- CARE-Ethiopia launch meeting of ELSE/ELMT project at Borana Zonal level – 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008
- Participated in BBC World Service Trust Stakeholders Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008
- Federal Agreement (April) and 3 Regional agreements (May) signed in Ethiopia
- VSF Suisse established 5 private veterinary pharmacies in Northern Kenya
- VSF Suisse established 3 pilot sites for fodder production
- Early Warning/Early Response Workshop by ELSE Consortium – Moyale, Ethiopia, 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008
- SAVE-US established 5 new livestock marketing groups in Somali Region
- SAVE-US provided business management training for 2 honey producing & gum-incense collection groups
- CARE-Somalia organized coordination meeting of partners to finalize workplans – Dollo, 3-5 May 2008
- RCU attended KCF and undertook monitoring trip to NorthEast Kenya
- Ethiopia-Somalia Cross-border meeting for zonal authorities – Dollo, Somalia, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008. (Involved religious leaders, community elders and women rep's to address access to grazing lands and related issues).
- Traditional Early Warning Systems Meeting – Dollo, Somalia, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2008 (Afmadow, Dollo, Dollo-Ado)
- Stakeholders Meeting on Livestock Marketing – Afmadow, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008

#### **Upcoming Activities:**

- Finalize sub-grants agreements with local partners
- Conflict Sensitivity Analysis Workshop/PACT – Addis Ababa
- Cross-border EW/ER workshop in Mandera, Kenya – August 2008
- Financial review of ELMT Consortium Members
- Participatory NRM mapping and CAP and NRM training for SC/US and GoE staff
- Holistic Management International field visit to Northern Kenya
- ELSE partners to conduct participatory impact assessment on the Borana drought response.
- ELSE partners to support elders' council meetings to strengthen NRM and train of peace committees
- ECHO DP/II/RREAD Proposal to be funded
- RCU to undertake monitoring trips
- ELMT Consortium Meeting – October, 2008
- Communications: ELMT Newsletter, ELMT E-Bulletin
- GIS/Mapping: ongoing discussions with SWALIM & DEPHA; sub-grant to LVIA consortium