

7th RELPA Technical Steering and Coordination Group Meeting Minutes
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PACAPS offices, Nairobi

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Date and venue of next meeting: June 29, 2009 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Welcoming/Introductory Remarks

- USAID Kenya were not represented at the meeting, WIK informed the meeting that this was due to commitments with the Ambassador on Emergency issues regarding the drought currently facing the country. Brief introductions were then done by each attendee. (*Refer Annex 2*)

Minute 7/1: Review of minutes of 6th TSCG meeting

Action Item: WIK had wanted wider input to ToR of the Pastoralist Atlas, now renamed “pastoral resource guide”.

Minute 7/2: Updates on RELPA Component's

(Refer to Annex 3)

➤ **Success reporting (WIK)**

USAID EA & Kenya has established bimonthly updates. Dialogue is currently on going with PCI-DGPP which is a UK DFID program.

- The Food security stakeholders' database by FEWSNET should be going on line soon.
- HoA Pastoral Network members' contacts should be made available and shared out.
- The RELPA contact data base could also go online as part of RELPA Outputs.

Carey Farley: ELMT offered to upload pages for various RELPA components e.g. PACAPS page or HoA Page onto the new ELMT website.

Minute 7/2/1: COMESA-CAADP Progress report (Abdiweli Mohamed)

(Refer to Annex 4)

- John Mungai the CAADP Kenya focal point suggests that the launch should be scheduled for around June 09.

- The Djibouti CAADP document has already been translated from English to French, this is now waiting for the official signing and the launch.

Question: is RELPA expected to support Djibouti? There has not been any budget Modifications by COMESA in this regard. Abdiweli: it would be ideal for USAID to consider funding the Djibouti CAADP compact.

- From the COMESA quarterly report submitted by Dr. Daka, a question was raised regarding the Centre of Excellence for Livestock to be based in Nairobi, as agreed during a East African Productivity Programme Meeting 25-28 Feb 2009. This is actually a Regional Dairy Centre of Excellence and is meant to advance cutting edge research to increase the competitiveness of the region in dairy products, incl. improved dairy breeds, disease management, quality assurance and standards, and capacity building. This is a new kind of World Bank project – linked soft loans to selected countries, with additional funds earmarked for coordination and sharing of benefits. It is part of their support to CAADP Pillar IV (Science, Technology, Research, Capacity Building).

- COMESA and GCC are organising a regional workshop on RVF prevention and control strategies. The Agenda for the meeting will be “Initiate a GCC investments in agricultural & Livestock” This is aimed at understanding what GCC countries are doing in their countries in response to RVF. COMESA will organise a workshop to bring the DVS's from either sides to discuss the harmonized response on RVF. COMESA will then proceed to bring up a high-level decision meeting in regards to RVF.

- Candace Buzzard: During the last CAADP Partnership plat form in Johannesburg, many donors showed an interest in the CAADP process, they wanted to go back and make sure that their field teams see this as an overarching issue and not an issue on the side

Minute 7/2/2: PACAPS Progress report (Francis Chabari)

(Refer to Annex 5)

➤ **Regional Coordination and Analysis**

The The Regional HOA disease control Harmonization was an activity under RELPA. After several consultations with various experts in the region, it was agreed that COMESA should

be involved in this. This is because the GCC were more interested in the Trade area than on the RVF per se.

The HoA Network mailing list was developed where information is being disseminated. The HoA Pastoral Network hopes to bring like minds to develop a long term strategy framework for pastoralists.

AU Continental Pastoral Policy Initiative was being funded by OCHA. AU-IBAR informed PACAPS that the reason for the inactiveness was the lack of funding. PACAPS is working on arrangements to technically support AU-IBAR in this regard. A call for a meeting of donors was made (March 20th) but the turnout was low.

FAO/IGAD LPI: Kenya is almost completing their pro-Poor pastoral policy. This is also happening in other IGAD countries. By June 2010 a policy should be ready for the IGAD Council of Ministers to endorse.

➤ **Early Warning/Early Response (Alexandra Crosskey)**
(Refer to Annex 5)

Audits of the various organisations involved in EW/ER is currently on going; this will help as an eye opener on who calls the shots when there is an emergency. The pilot for this was in Mandera, though it has moved to Wajir due to the current insecurity in Mandera.

Oxfam are in the region of Wajir; PACAPS can work with them or SC-UK (Kenya) in doing the audits. The main challenge is for organisations to move from development to emergency response. The donors say they can only release the emergency funds when the malnutrition rates reach a certain level. If there were district contingency funds, these will be a huge plus for the various regions within Kenya.

Cross border baseline survey: The two pilot areas are Hawd of Somali region Ethiopia Vs Hawd of Somalia and Mandera East –Kenya Vs Filtu Dolow in Ethiopia. The team is currently in Mandera. The work is basically comparing the livelihood zones from both sides of the border. There has been an interest by South Africa to have the lessons learnt in Eastern Africa so that they can use them. PEACE II, is undertaking trading for peace around Mandera Market, working with the Mandera District Livestock Marketing Council. The baseline survey can benefit from the PEACE II baseline survey carried out within the area of Mandera.

A HoA Pastoral Network (HoA PN) launching meeting was financed by PACAPS, a related Pastoralists Exhibition co-ordinated with FAO-ECHO, at ILRI, on February 27, 2009, promoted understanding on who does what in the region. Complimentary to that there were six presentations on what organizations are currently doing. This initiative was also backed up by FAO-ECHO and UN-OCHA.

ACTION: An exit strategy for PACAPS in this regard should be documented. There will be a REGLAP meeting where Oxfam will be inviting HoA Members to discuss the way forward for the HoA PN in this forum. The meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2009. It is linked to a day-long symposium on the State of Drylands.

➤ **Cross-border Animal Health Services**

(Refer to Annex 5)

During the Trade and Transboundary Animal Diseases workshop held in Karen from 31 March -3 April, 2009, there were 4 presentations supported via, or by, the PACAPS team.

These were made by Dawit Abebe, Yacob Aklilu , Berhanu Admassu and Gavin Thomson. Gavin Thompson gave a presentation last year at a Seychelles meeting of the COMESA Council of Ministers of Agriculture, and this was adopted with two key recommendations on Commodity Based Trade in livestock products.

PACAPS has been invited to the COMESA Council of Ministers meeting in Harare, where a push for the pastoralism issues would be included in the agenda. These are outcomes of the HoA meeting. CoP will attend the Council of ministers meeting which comes up with the agenda for the summit in June 09.

PACAPS has been involved with the CAADP Livestock and Pastoralism components for Kenya and Ethiopia. The launch of Kenya CAADP will take place in the next 2 months.

➤ **Pastoral and Livestock Trade Policy**
(Refer to Annex 5)

Two trainings have been done in Garissa and Nazareth. PACAPS has initiated Policy briefs which bear the COMESA logo. Three briefs have been published; another two are in waiting to be published as policy papers. Within the next two months PACAPS will be having some more policy briefs from the short term experts.

PACAPS hosted the 2nd COMESA RL & P Forum. The deliberations made in the HoA meeting were reported and discussed at the COMESA meeting. Dawit is mainstreaming livestock and pastoralism in the four CAADP pillars and has done a paper proposing how to mainstream these

Minute 7/2/3: ELMT| ELSE Progress report – Carey Farley
(Refer to Annex 6)

Care Somalia formally closed early Jan 09. All ELMT activities were stopped due to multiple threats from extremists. Partners applied the unused funds for a NCE. A Budget modification has been forwarded to USAID consisting of reallocation of the Care Somalia funds, to the RCU and VSF Suisse, and some of the other partners and sub-grantees. The funds have been applied thru Dec 09. With approval ELMT would be operational until Dec 09. A quarterly consortium meeting was held in Ethiopia and was headed by Girma Kassa. The next Consortium meeting will be held in Oct, 09 in Garissa and Wajir.

There have been various quarterly coordination meetings in Ethiopia and others in NBO. Later on April 09, the first Camel Husbandry workshop will be held in Moyale. A Fodder survey looking at potential value added and fodder productions systems will be conducted in Mandera. ELMT is also linking with ASAL to provide training and TOT support to ELMT consortium members on rangeland management and fodder production.

Providing consultancy to Holistic Management to come up and undertake various workshops in managing holistic. ELMT is also working at providing a research center to develop regional rangeland guidelines to provide communities CBOs, INGOs with tools which will enable them to monitor and manage their rangelands. Bio-Enterprise feasibility assessment with certification guidelines is also currently going on with Natural Resource Management Trust and the Laikipia rangeland Management.

PIAs: these should be starting in May thru Aug, 09 on 5 different topics. There are ongoing discussions on the topics.

ELMT will have a final evaluation which will include the help of some outside actors; this will be held between Sept/Oct 09. ELMT has approached ODI to evaluate and look at how ELMT has functioned as a consortium. This is in plan to have a number of publications from this effort.

The Pastoral atlas has now been changed to the Pastoral resource guide: this will have the 6 main IRs and the scope will be broadened. ELMT will be looking at inviting other actors into the project including PACAPS. This will raise the profile of the document and issues in it.

The main target is the Pastoral Network Members; currently it is with the Pastoral Network core group who will give their recommendations which will be forwarded back to ELMT. A steering committee is anticipated to be established in this regards.

The TWG have come with drafts and 2 outputs are already out (TWG briefs.)
The ELMT Website is up: www.elmt-relpa.org

Minute 7/2/4: RCPM Progress Report (Girma Kassa/Roselyn Mungai/Tecla Wanjala)

This was initially led by PACT Kenya; currently under ELMT and still collaborating with PACT. This RCPM task order under PACT Kenya ended in Nov 08. They are supporting ELMT during the transition. They have done training for the Program Management unit for Care Somalia on conflict sensitivity. They are trying to revive the TWG on conflict. Roselyn Mungai is currently with ELMT working with the new conflict advisor of care Somalia on a good practice guideline. ELMT wants to see how this relates practically with the sub grantees. This document will be published once it is thru.

Girma Kassa has been in communication with Izzy Birch in regards to the PEACE II project on issues of concept note development. This has been given to Arid Lands to implement. The Minister is of the opinion that there are various projects that start and halt along the way. The government has to be involved and the community has to be engaged both in Kenya and Ethiopia. In ET there is only CEWARN and Min of Federal government involved.

The areas where the work is to be done is to be defined; Media, Capacity building and conflict and mitigation. A high level meeting is to be called with the ministers from both sides involved

There is a need for info sharing for the various district peace committees which are rather weak. It would be ideal for Care Kenya to sit in one of those meetings to push the agenda of strengthening district committees. Currently there are peace committee structures in various districts with no election having taken place. The DC has been requested to facilitate the process of coming up with working structures in those districts. It is required to be a whole process and not done in bits and pieces. A needs assessment was done and with assistance from PACT Kenya, helped identify the problem areas as Garissa Mandera and Ijara. There is a need for the restructuring of the Peace Committees which is currently a one man show. PEACE II has halted the work in Ethiopia. CEWARN, USAID/Ethiopia and PEACE II has requested for an MOU for this. Work is in progress in Wajir, Somali and Ijara. In these areas, partners have been identified thru participatory action.

UNDP is focused in building the capacity of the peace committees in order to work effectively. The National Steering committee has been depending on the partners e.g. Oxfam, Care Kenya and PACT Kenya.

The main focus is capacity building of communities working in the region, and mobilizing in identification of various peace dividends. Kenya being a reactionary country has most of its peace committees focusing on the Northern part of Kenya; but there is a need to replicate these committees in various other parts though the dynamics are very different.

This year the government gave a budget allocation for the peace committees. In Ethiopia CEWARN has mobilized funding to the tune of 800,000 US\$.

Rapid Response has been done by PACT Kenya; they held a meeting with key stakeholders to come up with mechanisms for the Rapid response which would then develop consolidated finances by various partners and a long term resilience funds.

Minute 7/3 Team and Staffing development, Leave Plans

A new conflict Advisor has been hired by CARE Somalia (Justus Nyang'aya), he is currently working with RDD and ELMT.

Mohammed Abdinoor has left SC-UK to join USAID/Ethiopia as pastoralsim and livestock technical advisor; his replacement is yet to be identified.

Carey Farley: will be on leave from Mid May to Mid June

Francis Chabari: will be on leave from 20 April for 2 weeks

Alexandra Crosskey: will be on leave in July

Minutes 7/4: Progress, successes and challenges with Coordination of RELPA

USAID will do an evaluation and design exercise to be done latest June 09; this will involve field visits, this will take 4 weeks in total.

ELMT:

- Internal Audit in Sept, 2009 by and external team
- Final evaluation by ELMT conducted by an external body

PACAPS:

- Internal wrap up meeting by PACAPS; technical team to guide on final audit of deliverables will be held June/July 09
- Food Security frame work June 08-13, 2009: Either Nairobi or Lusaka
- Launch of cross-border harmonization products: End June, 09
- 3rd COMESA RL & P F before Sept 09

COMESA:

- Ethiopia & Kenya CAADP compact launch scheduled for in June 09
- GCC COMESA RVF meeting at technical level is scheduled for May 09; this is yet to be confirmed. MOU to be signed by July/August 09

- RELPA Final Report Planning

ACTION: All components to send WIK their foreseeable time frames with dates of key events coming up.

Minute 7/5: Specific Issues

- Gulf Cooperation Council & COMESA MoU progress

The MOU should be ready and signed by July/August 09

- Information and Communications: newsletters, websites, emails, etc. (WIK)
What is RELPA's legacy in terms of products? Currently ELMT website allows for this.
Including COMESA documents
ReSAKSS currently hosted by ILRI, their website www.resakss.org. It is very interactive and could have a RELPA tab. CAADP products are supposed to be on the site, but this has not been done consistently.
- Sharing -- other initiatives & opportunities to be aware of & capitalize upon as apt: synergies, catalysis, leveraging...
New RFA coming up which is currently in the contracts office; this should be out by end April, then 60 days for the proposals to come. 30 days from this will be a bidder's workshop in Washington.
The Global Livestock conference will be held in June, 09 and all RELPA interested parties will be invited. This will be held in Naivasha.
- "Beyond RELPA" discussion

There are possibilities for a second Phase for RELPA

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda

RELPA's 7th Technical Steering and Coordination Group meeting

Monday, April 6, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in PACAPS Office, Nairobi

AGENDA

<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>
9:00	1. Calling to order, welcome, introductions
	2. Review of minutes of 6th TSCG meeting Dec. 8, 2008, Nairobi
9:15	3. Updates from all RELPA components (up to 15 min each): implementation status, results, work planning, coordination, etc.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview (WIK): status, plans for RELPA evaluation • Success reporting (WIK) • COMESA-CAADP (CAADP; Regional Pastoral & Livestock Trade) • PACAPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Coordination & Analysis ○ Early Warning/Early Response ○ Cross-border Animal Health Services ○ Pastoral and Livestock Trade Policy • Regional Conflict Prevention and Mitigation (RCPM) – Pact/ELMT
10:00	Break
10:15	3. cont'd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELMT/ELSE (Ethiopia, Kenya , Somalia, subgrants, technical working groups' status, etc.) • USAID (Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, OFDA)
11:00	4. Team and Staffing developments, Leave plans (USAID/EA, Ethiopia, Kenya, ELMT, PACAPS, RCPM, COMESA)
11:15	5. Progress , successes and challenges with Coordination within RELPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade & TRAD Workshop • HoA Pastoral Network & COMESA 2nd Regional Livestock and Pastoralism Forum • Maximizing synchrony in final phase, wrap-up planning, workshop • RELPA Final Report Planning
11:45	Specific Issues Discussion, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCPM, CSSD & ELMT./ELSE • “Wajir Pilot” in long-term livelihoods support planning & strategy • Participatory Impact Assessments – where are we? • Gulf Cooperation Council & COMESA MoU progress • Information and Communications: newsletters, websites, emails, etc. • RELPA’s regional value –added, geographic presence, scope: where are we? • Sharing -- other initiatives & opportunities to be aware of & capitalize upon as apt: synergies, catalysis, leveraging... • “Beyond RELPA” discussion
12:45	AOB, Discussion, Next Steps
13:00	Adjourn

Annex 2: Seventh RELPA TS &CG meeting Attendees List

**7th RELPA TS & CG MEETING
PACAPS office, Nairobi
LIST OF ATTENDEES**

No	Name	Position	Organisation
1	Alexandra Crosskey	Snr Livelihoods advisor	PACAPS
2	Carey Farley	Chief of Party	ELMT
3	Girma Kassa	Deputy Chief of Party	ELMT
4	Francis Chabari	Chief of Party	PACAPS
5	Mildred Obadha	Logistics Coordinator	PACAPS
6	Abdiweli Mohamed	Livestock Advisor	COMESA
7	Walter Knausenberger	RELPA CTO	USAID EA
8	Roselyn Mungai	ELMT RCPM Support	
9	Candace Buzzard	REGI Director	USAID EA
10	Ed Pons	Program Manager	USAID EA RCMG
11	Tecla Wanjala	Deputy Chief of Party	PACT Kenya
12	Joyce Turk	Senior Livestock Advisor	USAID DC

Annex 3: RELPA COTR report

RELPA AOTR Report¹: Illustrative Activities/Outcomes 7th TSCG Quarterly Meeting – 6 April 2009 Dec. 2008 – April 2009

RELPA Management

- Regular meetings with CoPs: DQA, Work Plan, Quarterly and Annual (Final) Reporting review and budget modification discussions for (1) COMESA CAADP RELPA LSGA, (2) ELMT, (3) PACAPS, & (4) RCPM (ended 30 Nov. 2008).
- Reg. Conflict Prevention & Management task order (MSI/Pact) close-out and dissemination in transition.
- Networking and information sharing regularly, e.g., via USAID HoA Pastoralism Working Group mailing list.
- Regular meetings with USAID/.Kenya NEPDP manager, less regular with USAID/Ethiopia PLI managers.
- Lots of USAID internal reporting, planning.

Linkages, Synchrony, Convergence Promoted outside of but relevant to RELPA

- USAID/EA Regional Conflict Mitigation & Governance & USAID/Kenya Managing Justly and Democratically teams and partners Coordination Meetings - bi-monthly
- Engagement with and promoting linkages with PCI DGPP (Democracy, Growth and Peace for Pastoralists - Evaluation Dec. 2008. A project of UK DFID delivered by Pastoralist Consultants International).
- COMESA AAMP African Agric.Marketing Proj (World Bank) Trade policy workshop in Nairobi, December 2008.
- Attended UN-OCHA High-level Meeting on Horn of Africa Crisis (Feb. 10-11, 2009), and actively contributed. A PACAPS presentation was adapted by Oxfam and presented on new approaches to early response (towards livelihood support strategies) stimulated good discussion.
- Livestock and Poverty Reduction Strategy meetings – Gates Foundation (Feb. 24-25, 2009). USAID/EA participation, WIK input.
- Regular contact with ECHO RDD program (FAO Regional Coordinator Minjauw, Lammert Zwaagstra and his replacement Benoit Collin, Buzz Sharp, REGLAP, etc.). Participated in several meetings, incl. informant for the RDD Evaluation team.

¹ RELPA's "Agreement Officer's Technical Representative." In a given month, this is functionally 50-70 % of my work load as Sr. Regional Environmental Advisor covering East & Central Africa.

- Regular engagement with UNDP African Drought Adaptation Forum

USAID/East Africa funded initiatives linked to and advocated for with view to a future for “RELPA and beyond”

- Global Food Security Response (Food Price Challenge) planning and regional coordination, in this case around livestock value chain and sectors, many meetings and planning sessions, involves Washington staff of AFR and DCHA Bureaus, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Sudan, Malawi.
- GFSR field trip organized to Garissa District with CARE/Kenya partners, NEPDP and Millennium Village. (Team from WDC in Kenya, March 17-22)
- COMESA Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern and Southern Africa (ACTESA) supported via GFSR.
- USAID/EA’s Market Linkages Initiative (MLI) in support of ACTESA, with Famine Prevention Funds, contributes to CAADP Pillar II (Markets & Trade) and Pillar III (Food Security)
- Efficiency of Transit Corridors in East Africa (USAID/EA with DFID convened) 17-19 Mar 2009)

Examples of Knausenberger’s particular initiative / leadership “in the spirit of RELPA”

- Livestock and livestock products accepted as a food staple and commodity in ACTESA, USAID Global Food Security Response (GFSR).
- USAID-USDA Trade and Transboundary Animal Diseases workshop planning in high gear, Dec.08-Mar. 09 – brought PACAPS, AU_IBAR & COMESA on board as co-sponsoring & cost-sharing elements.
- FEWSNet Horn of Africa Food Security Stakeholders’ Database initiative, online resource, possible linkage to other regional interest.
- “RELPA Contacts” Database on Outlook & Excel (>600 names)
- Guided development of USAID/EA supported ASARECA Call for Proposals on NRM and Biodiversity in the Drylands of Eastern and Central Africa. Due May 11, 2009.
- Helping to shape an OFDA ECARO regional Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) strategy for East and Central Africa.
- Evaluation of RELPA “collective” – SOW being developed. To be completed by end of June 2009.

Rangeland Management & Monitoring Initiatives by Knausenberger

- Jayne Belnap, USGS, Embassy Science Fellow in Kenya for third visit, Jan. 17- Feb. 7, 2009. Joint Rangeland Monitoring Initiative for Laikipia-Samburu (and beyond), based at Mpala Research Centre, linked to ELMT, providing sub-grant to MRC for HoA rangeland monitoring guide for pastoralists. Also, USAID/Kenya funds Laikipia Wildlife Forum and Northern Rangelands Trust, and NSF funds Grazing Rangelands for Sustainable Services (GRASS) and MRC.
- Belnap returning with a USFS range ecologist Jeff Herrick for “Rangeland Monitoring Resources for the Horn of Africa Region” project in Kenya, May 28 - June 10, 2009, and again in November 2009.
- National Science Foundation in dialogue regarding field visit (April 14-20, 2009) and workshop(s) on “state of the art” in rangeland management and carbon sequestration in East Africa. NSF has 64+ current projects in Kenya alone, funded at over \$16 million, most in the biosciences and geosciences..

Participation in RELPA Activities/Linkages/Networking

- ELMT NRM TWG Prosopis workshop (15-17 Dec. 2008)
- PACAPS EW-ER donor-actor livelihoods support meetings (Dec. 08, Jan. 09 and workshop.
- PACAPS-led HoA Pastoral Networking initiative, first organizational meeting 2-3 March 2009, and
- 4-5 March 2nd COMESA Regional Livestock and Pastoralism Forum. Also, Pastoral Stakeholder Display and Presentations at ILRI Feb. 27, 2009, well attended (> 60).

Climate Change and Carbon Sequestration: Major emerging issue of relevance to RELPA

- COMESA Ministers of Agriculture and Environment meeting on UNFCCC, and joint declaration on Bio-Carbon Initiative – attended final sessions and influenced language regarding rangelands and carbon sequestration.
- UNEP Africa Climate Change Adaptation meeting Jan. 18-20, 2009
- UN-OCHA Mitigating the Humanitarian Implications of Climate Change Jan. 27-28, 2009
- Prepared article on RELPA & ELMT in USAID’s Global Climate Change Monthly Newsletter – internal to USAID.

Annex 4: COMESA-CAADP progress report

**COMESA-CAADP Report to the
7th RELPA Technical Steering and Coordination Group Quarterly Meeting
(April 06, 2009)
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By Angel Daka, CAADP Pillar III Coordinator**

**(A) COMESA - CAADP RETREAT:
(Kafue Gorge: Zambia 13th-15th January 2009)**

KENYA:

- Kenya reported CAADP process completed but awaits alignment of the Agricultural Sector Development Strategy (ASDS) which the compact seeks to enhance and build on for targeted growth in the agriculture sector.
- A harmonization stakeholder workshop will be held and it was observed that the Livestock document should be visible in the final IFPRI analytical report.
- The CAADP compact will be finalised and signed at the same time as the launching of ASDS.

ETHIOPIA:

- Stocktaking is going on as planned and funds have been transferred to allow uninterrupted progression.
- Ethiopia indicated that there is a strong engagement between the private sector and government in trying to push the CAADP agenda.
- Ethiopia estimates to complete the process by June 2009.

BURUNDI:

- At the time of this Report, Burundi has completed the stocktaking and the document is being translated from French to English by COMESA.
- An Investment option analysis will follow along with preparation of a compact document.
- The drafting of the Burundi stock-taking CAADP report was supported by FAO's documents and guidelines for bankable projects and World Bank's National Agricultural Strategy. However the meeting noted that the World Bank and FAO were planning to hold separate national roundtables. This is planned to take place at the same time as the CAADP roundtable and compact signing in early March 2009.
- Signing of a Compact is expected by June 2009.

(B) Early Action Progress-RELPA:

- Resolved that COMESA should lead efforts to liaise with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member countries and also organize a regional workshop for the horn of Africa to develop harmonised RVF prevention and control strategies that meet requirements of trading partners.

- Under the livestock program, an important intervention was the holding of the Rift Valley Fever (RVF) strategy meeting.
- COMESA Food and Nutrition Security Interventions included drafting an EC-Food Facility proposal which has been approved.
- Drafted a memorandum of understanding to work with Wetlands Action International and Improved Management of Agriculture Water in Eastern and Southern Africa with a view to diversifying livelihoods by increasing food production, supply and responses to food crisis.

(C) CAADP MISSIONS:

1: ZIMBABWE: February 2009

- Set the stage for accelerated implementation of the CAADP process which had stalled.
- Aligned development partners to rally behind the CAADP in-country roundtable processes including the stock-taking by consultants.
- Clarified the required number of consultants and their Terms Of Reference (TOR) and
- Urged Government to set the official date for the launch of the CAADP Roundtable processes in Zimbabwe.
- Met with FAO and IFAD who have pledged to help with the Roundtable processes.

2: NAIROBI: 28th February 2009 – 6th March 2009

(i) East African Productivity Programme Meeting (25th – 28th Feb 2009)

- Established four centres of excellences i.e. Livestock (Nairobi), Wheat (Ethiopia), Cassava (Uganda) and Rice (Tanzania)
- FARA with coordination from ASARECA will lead the activities of increasing agricultural productivity.
- COMESA will step up actions under CAADP Pillar IV and will closely with FARA in leading these efforts.

(ii) CAADP Pillar IV Meeting (2nd – 3rd March 2009)

- Formation of an Expert Reference Group to provide Advisory role to pillar implementation
- Identified stakeholder demands under pillar iv
- Will ensure evidence-based reports to support financing and development.
- Need more innovations to increase agricultural productivity – increase investment and resource mobilization.

(iii) 2ND Livestock And Pastoralism Forum (4TH – 5TH March 2009)

- Raised awareness of livestock and Pastoralism
- Identified key-policy issues with respect to livestock mobility and marketing
- Made recommendations for policy formulation in Livestock and Pastoralism

IMPORTANT COMMENTS :

- Statistics of livestock show that this is an important sector. We need to scale up activities that will catalyze its development. The major problem is that we have failed to distinguish livestock from Pastoralism. This has to be understood.
- Pastoralists measure well-being and not poverty.
- Ability to access veterinary services to ensure animals are disease free.
- Pastoralists participants appreciated being at this workshop. However, they needed to know when we will be acting rather than talking in workshops. Many issues are known but we need tangible projects and arrive at poverty eradication. Drought in semi-arid areas causes lots of problems and relief is provided in piece-meal without lasting solutions.
- Tourism has used pastoralists a lot to generate money and its time Governments put ploughed back to the community. Prices for livestock are low in pastoral areas and there is no incentive.
- Model livestock trade at Kasumbalesa border in Zambia gives incentives to livestock traders.
- Grading system for meat quality- facilities for trading.
- Marginal lands for crop production are high potential areas for livestock and Pastoralism production.
- Carrying capacities of rangelands should be determined.
- Food relief perspective in pastoral areas is relative between the donor and recipients. Maize given to pastoralists is given to cattle for them to produce more milk so that they can have more milk to drink every day

3: JOHANESBURG – CAADP Partnership Platform (21 March – 28th March 2009)

The main agreements from the meetings were that:

- CAADP should primarily be considered as a *framework* to stimulate African countries and regions to enhance agricultural development.
- There is need to assign roles to countries (programme implementation), RECs (coordination; regional level implementation) and NEPAD Secretariat (facilitation; mobilization of resources and expertise)
- Multi-disciplinary CAADP country teams should be formed as opposed to having only focal point persons moving the CAADP agenda at national level;
- There should be a shift in focus from CAADP Compacts to impacts and outcomes negotiated with the countries for improved performance and sustained 6% growth;
- Key AU institutions (AUC/DREA, NEPAD/Agriculture Unit, RECs) should provide wide-ranging support to CAADP at country level;
- It is of the utmost importance to strengthen and mainstream political will and support at country level to the CAADP process and agenda, including involvement of the private sector, producer organisations and civil society;
- There is need to design strategies for post-compact implementation;
- The development partners would make available emergency funds for advanced countries to continue CAADP RT processes;
- Monitoring and Evaluation and peer review should be put in place.

Annex 5: PACAPS progress report

7TH RELPA STEERING & COORDINATION GROUP MEETING PACAPS BRIEFING NOTES

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Bench marks: Signed May 18, 2007
Launched Aug 01, 2007 (20 months now)
Initial end date: May 17 2009
Internal Mid-term review: June 05 – 06 2008

NCE: Proposal to extend without cost until Sept 30 2009 [Budget modification with WP and Tufts official request with USAID]

Administrative/Other Issues

- ✓ Project scaling down towards closure
 - Operations Manager left mid Dec 2008
 - Office Manager and Office Assistant left end Feb 2009
 - Unused funds from the administrative support budget lines (mainly under Chemonics International Inc.) reallocated to Activity budget-lines to allow NCE.
- ✓ PACAPS activities loaded heavy in Yr1. Main activities extending beyond May 2009 include **PIAs, Third part of COMESA training (June 08 – 13), second part of country livestock market studies, facilitating COMESA-GCC trade links, Analysis/write-up of Harmonization study of the X-border livelihoods in MT**
----- **then putting together all the PACAPS Activity deliverables & documenting success stories.**

Program Coordination:

- ✓ List of RELPA Technical Steering & Coordination meetings done until September 2009
- ✓ Participation in ELMT Technical Working groups (All technical staff in PACAPS)
- ✓ Dissemination of NRM, livestock & pastoralism info to most of the partners focusing on HoA
- ✓ Participation in HoA partners' meetings: in Nairobi and in region. Now counting about **5 International, 26 Regional & 8 National organizations** actively engaging with PACAPS. Many of the partnerships involve EW-ER partners to which PACAPS has been expected to build EW-ER response capacity
- ✓ Participation at regional policy initiatives:
 - AU Continental Pastoral Policy Initiative... reactivated (new timelines)
 - FAO/IGAD LPI... on-going and at National Hub policy level. This program ends June 2010 and hopes to have IGAD Ministerial consent by then
 - Participation in the Trade & TADs meeting in Nairobi last week: 4 key presentations supported by PACAPS
- ✓ Contribution to CAADP processes for Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti. Hopefully Kenya will launch Compact in next two months (still some concerns on the quality of livestock and pastoralism info). Issues raised at the HoA meeting will hopefully form significant part of the Regional compact

- ✓ Strategic use of STTA in trainings and workshops

Cross-Border Animal Health:

- ✓ Involvement of Chiefs of Veterinary Services of IGAD region in harmonization of TADs control : emphasis on minimum conditions for maintaining access to Gulf markets
- ✓ COMESA-GCC Livestock Health & Trade links under discussion. Will build on the discussion of the just concluded USADA/USAID Trade & TADs workshop

Pastoral Policy and Livestock & L- Commodity Marketing

- ✓ Two COMESA Trainings already completed (Garissa & Nazreth). Focused on pastoral livelihoods, X-border livestock marketing, policy issues – historical and current, Pastoral Mobility for NR use and Markets, Conflict issues and impact on livelihoods
- ✓ 3 policy briefs published. Two more on way in EW-ER topics.
- ✓ Discernible mind set change regarding pastoralism among COMESA policy staff. COMESA has requested PACAPS staff to join expert meeting preparing Agenda for Council of Ministers in Harare, May 11-15th 2009, to push the pastoralism issues
- ✓ 2nd Reg Livestock & Pastoralism Forum meeting held March 04 – 05, in Nairobi
- ✓ PACAPS contribution to mainstreaming livestock and pastoralism in all CAADP pillars.
- ✓ Livestock policies for Kenya and Ethiopia documented. Report has received very positive comments/feedback
- ✓ Mauritius study well received. Second country study (Gabon) mission aborted for lack of cooperation from Gabon Foreign Ministry and Immigration. Possible replacement country under discussion.... DRC or Congo

YEAR 2 – PACAPS/FEG Activities & Progress

Objective 1 Strong technical coordination of RELPA activities to enable effective developmental programming, effective early response in the event of crises and systematic assessments to inform regional pastoral food security policy

Objective 1.2 Improved capacity of ELMT partners to support timely and harmonized livelihoods-based cross-border relief interventions, informed by a regional perspective of livelihood conditions

Result 1.2.1 ER plans developed with ELMT partners, with triggers for early livelihoods-based response, technical protocols for implementation, and supportive budgetary and procurement arrangements.

Activity	Details	Who	When	Expected Deliverables
Continue to mentor NGOs and provide customized technical support according to individual NGO constraints to support early response.	Agency workshops reviewing preparedness	SC UK, VSF, OXFAM	March/April 09	Agency level response audit lessons learnt
In selected ELMT operational areas, facilitate harmonized decision-making and early response procedures among government, NGO and donors EW/ER	Capacity audit Capacity building of DSG partner members	Echo, Dfid, Ofda, Usaid, OGB, SC UK, VSF & CARE Gov't EW/ER dep't	March 09 April 09	Document process – HPN type paper

Objective 3 EW/ER and livelihoods-based analytical approaches introduced within organizations, and used to incorporate cross-border livelihoods and drought cycle management approaches into the long-term pastoral development strategies of key actors

Result 3.2 Enhanced regional EW capacity to analyze livelihood impacts of crisis events on cross-border populations

Activity	Details	Who	When	Expected Deliverables
Produce briefs comparing livelihoods in these cross-border zones. Identify what cross-border information is required for regional EW.	Field work ongoing with partners - SC UK, FSAU & FEWS-NET Profiles and document process Outcome analysis on cross border livelihoods	Field teams including SC UK, FSAU & FEWS-NET	March – May	Field tools Lessons learnt Report and cross border profiles
Technical support to improve regional EW/ER analysis	Support to incorporate cross-border analysis into national and regional FEWS and FSNWG reports	FEWS-NET & FSNWG	Continuous	Improved regional EW/ER products

Result 3.3 Livelihoods analysis and drought cycle management principles strengthened in regional long-term pastoral development strategies of key actors

Activity	Details	Who	When	Expected Deliverables
Capacity building in outcome analysis focused on cross-border issues/impacts with regional level EW systems e.g. FEWS-NET.	Continue to work with FEWS-NET & FSNWG in incorporating outcome analysis in their regional EW presentations	FEWS-NET, FSNWG & SC UK	Continuous	Presentations of outcome analysis incorporated into EW forums
In the event of crises, present relevant livelihood analysis to ELMT partners & other regional response agencies	Presentation at the FSNWG April 2 nd meeting Meeting next week?	ELMT partners & HoA Pastoral Network members	April	Meeting reports and analysis
Mentoring NGOs and other actors to incorporate livelihoods thinking and triggers into long-term pastoral development strategies	Core steering member on the development of the HoA Pastoral Network PACAPS facilitates the 1 st seminar meeting ‘ Towards a long-term pastoral development strategy framework’ Advisory support to the ELMT Pastoral Resource Guide	HoA Pastoral Network	March & April Continuous	Concept note Seminar report

RELPA/ELMT Progress Report

TCSG Meeting – Nairobi – April 7, 2009

ELMT Quarterly Update (1st December 2008 – 29th February 2009)

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 Enhanced Livelihoods in the Mandera Triangle (ELMT) Program is the primary field-based component of RELPA and 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), together with some 16 international resource agencies and local organizations. Funded for two years, the Enhanced Livelihoods in the Mandera 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 sixth quarter of ELMT saw the close out of the CARE Somalia ELMT activities due the fact that threat received by CARE Somalia last year from Al Shabaab was not lifted. VSF Suisse Kenya and CARE Kenya's subgrantee EPAG resumed activities around Mandera as the clan fighting subsided.

Recent activities (December 2008 - February 2009)

SAVE-UK:

- Produced a livelihood situation update in January;
- Produced a synopsis for the rainfall watch and status for *deyr* 2008;
- Provided support to the Government led seasonal outlook assessment in Southern Ethiopia;
- Organized and supported the ELMT-PACAPS Early Warning and Response Workshop in Addis Ababa in December, 2008
- Made a joint presentation with PACAPS during the 3rd African Drought Adaptation Forum, Addis Ababa

CARE Ethiopia:

- Organized and supported one multi-agency food security assessments and analysis;
- Conducted an EW/ER workshop for 148 pastoral leaders and women;
- Carried out an assessment of prevailing early warning systems in Borana zone;
- Updated district contingency plans for 5 districts;
- Provided refresher training on contingency plans for 43 NGO and government staff;
- Trained 19 Government and NGO staff on participatory disease search and conducted sero-surveillance in two *woredas*;
- Conducted skills gap assessment for CAHWs;
- Collected monthly cross-border livestock prices;
- Supported 20 elders council meetings at *madda* level;
- Supported bush thinning of 330 ha;
- Training of 12 income generation groups (IGGs) in business management;
- Provision of small grants to four IGGs to scale-up and 3 IGGs to start new businesses;
- Organized quarterly partners' coordination meeting;
- CIFA organized a cross-border conflict resolution workshop;
- Grass-root level peace building sessions held for peace committees;
- Prepared and erected sign boards for branding.

SAVE-US:

- Supported 8 elders councils to hold regular rangeland management fora;

- Rehabilitated one traditional well;
- Supported enclosures of 2,730ha;
- Supported the establishment of 6 women's income generation groups;
- Trained on marketing for 95 individuals;
- Continued supporting literacy training for 14 women's income generation groups;
- Provided TOT on business development skills for 17 individuals;
- Facilitated a prosopis workshop in Nairobi;
- Produced a good practice bibliography on NRM mapping;

CARE Kenya

- Conducted business development training for 10 livelihoods group members (150 women and 38 men).
- Conducted institutional capacity building for 5 livelihoods groups (with 100 women and 33 men attending) as a result 3 groups refined their by-laws;
- Two onsite demonstrations held by Honeycare for members of 3 income generating groups (7 men and 17 women participated). Five women said that they had overcome their fear of handling bees.
- *OXFAM GB partners:*
- Trained and linked 66 food and 11 peace monitors on conflict sensitivity;
- Mapped conflict hot spots in the greater Wajir District;
- Trained 65 pastoral association and customary leaders training on peace & conflict sensitivity and mapping conflict hot spots of wet and dry grazing reserves;
- Organized a cross border problem solving dialogue meeting between IDPs from the Mandera conflict and the Wajir community which led to a reduction in tension;
- Trained 40 members of peace committees, PAs, water users associations on peace and provided support to the Al Fatah elders to carry out rapid response in Wajir South;
- Supported 5 rapid response interventions by the Al Fatah elders which lead to peaceful resolution of all except one.
- *CIFA:*
- Provided an orientation to 30 DSG members of the new Chalbi and Laisamis districts on early warning systems/approaches and links to early response;
- Trained two environmental management committees (EMCs) and customary elders on natural resource management (43 men and 6 women);
- Workshops with customary institutions and EMCs to promote collaboration on natural resource management (77 males and 15 women participated);
- *EPAG:*
- Trained 25 participants from 5 groups on modern bee keeping and distributed 21 demonstration Langstroth hives;

VSF Suisse Kenya

- Reviewed the training manual for CASPROs and the draft document used for the training session of CASPROs. Further revision and finalization of the manual is in progress.
- Facilitated two CASPRO trainings in conjunction with KCA for 29 men and 12 women;
- Trained pastoralists in animal husbandry in Dardajabulla and Takaba;
- Provided refresher training for CAHWs and linkages to pharmacy in Ngurunit;;
- Training of two women's groups on improved milk handling and hygiene.
- PEAR Innovations recruited a consultant in marketing and design who trained the women's group on the same. The construction of the community design centre is half way complete.

VSF Suisse Somalia

- CAHWs so far treated 249,353 livestock in 11567 hhs;
- Drugs worth Kshs. 41,471 sold in supported pharmacies;
- 220 kg Sudan grass seeds and 50 kg Mucuna seeds distributed;
- 17700 kgs of grass harvested and sold and 366 bales of hay harvested and sold;
- Trained two women's milk groups on milk hygiene;

CARE Somalia

- Close out plan developed and implemented;
- Several activities handed over to VSF Suisse Somalia including contingency planning, DFCS, and single market day in Afmadow etc.

- PM employed as a Technical Advisor covering NRM in Nairobi, supporting activities transferred to VSF Suisse and providing support to the RCU;
- Employment and induction of ELMT Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Building Technical Advisor;
- DFCS fodder farmers sold 4,000 bales of fodder to the market and 3,000 bails to the co-operative as an emergency reserve;

RCU:

- ELSE partners meeting in Addis in December to review progress and achievements;
- Support for preparations for a meeting on “Building and sustaining effective communication with pastoralists”, in order to discuss the Ministry of Northern Kenya’s visions, strategies and programs;
- The DCoP participated in the Horn of Pastoralist Network Meeting and contributed to the development of the long-term common strategy for pastoralists;
- The CoP and DCoP participated in the Horn of Africa Pastoralist Fair at ILRI;
- The CoP and DCoP undertook a monitoring visit in ELSE project areas in Southern Ethiopia;
- The L, M and E Advisor undertook monitoring visits to Oxfam GB and VSF Suisse Kenya in Wajir and Dardajabulla
- The L,M and E Advisor facilitated a one day workshop in Awassa for SC/US’s Food Security Unit on Monitoring and Evaluation and evidence of change;
- The ELMT-RELPA website was developed and is now available at www.relpa-elmt.org
- A concept paper was developed for the production of a Pastoral Resource Guide and will be discussed with other actors
- Initial discussions on the prospective PIAs were held with PACAPS and it was agreed that PIA workshops would be carried out with the field teams to develop questions and tools for specific PIAs;
- Consideration of support to SCUUK to help PACAPS carry out cross border HEA analysis;

Upcoming activities: March to May 2009

SAVE-UK:

- Support PACAPS in piloting an early warning and response initiative in Wajir, Kenya & Ethiopia;
- Provide training for Zonal staff of Somali regional in early warning and response;
- Field visits to southern Ethiopia and northern Kenya to monitor and assess livelihood situation;

CARE Ethiopia:

- Up scaling NRM activities in Borena;
- Participatory NRM mapping with SoS Sahel;
- Harmonization of vet services with Regional Government of Oromia;
- Assessment of IGG activities in Borena;
- Finalization of documentation of women and milk marketing and shoat marketing;

SAVE-US:

- Up scaling NRM activities;
- Mobility workshop in Afder zone;
- Organizing zonal workshop to roll out the MoARD National Guidelines;
- Finalization of NRM mapping guidelines and dissemination workshop;
- Development of consultancy on rangeland products assessment;

CARE-Kenya:

- Conduct 7 BDS training for PPGs in Garissa, Isiolo, Moyale;
- Provide BDS training for EPAG income generation groups;
- Carry out study on ecotourism for Ministry of Northern Kenya;
- Make preparations for livestock marketing workshop;
- Finalise consultancies on the Lipfund;

KCA:

- Conduct the Annual Kenya Camel Forum in Moyale;

CIFA:

- Support two districts in Marsabit in developing/updating contingency plans;
- Training on fodder production in Gadamoji division, Marsabit;

- Rehabilitate/protect strategic shallow wells in Marsabit;

Oxfam GB partners:

- Finalize conflict mapping and carry out appropriate advocacy;
- Facilitate exchange visits between communities on conflict early warning approaches and livelihoods enterprises;
- Provide TOT training for resource persons for Wajir Peace Institute;
- Continue to provide capacity building support to new district level peace committees.

VSF Suisse Kenya

- Organizing CASPRO training in Southern Ethiopia;
- Refresher training of CAHWs (focus on disease surveillance and reporting);
- Finalization of training manual for CASPROs
- Finalizing identification of communities for training on good husbandry practices in Mandera West District
- Refresher training for pharmacy owners (VSF Suisse & VSF Germany)
- Refresher training for pharmacy attendants
- Training on good husbandry practices
- Review of implementation strategy for fodder in Mandera
- Supporting construction of fodder stores in Mandera
- 3rd training on fodder production in Mandera
- Study Tour for fodder producers (in collaboration with CARE Ethiopia)
- Developing an implementation strategy for the support of the milk market and supply chain in Wajir District
- Training of women groups on milk hygiene in Wajir
- PEAR: finalize construction of Community Centre, development of marketing and advertising materials creation-photos, information collection, web site design, branding strategy

VSF Suisse Somalia

- Engage local leaders, livestock professionals and LNGOs in review of contingency plans in Dollow;
- Identify roles of livestock professionals, drug stores owners, CAHWs, local authorities and community in early response livestock intervention;
- Refresher training of CAHWs;
- Training of new female CAHWs;
- Facilitate the construction of 2 crushes in Gedo;
- Train 10 camel service providers (CASPROS) in husbandry, health and management;
- Identification and training of 2 communities on best livestock husbandry practices;
- Carry out practical field days on animal health and production and on the farm training;
- Training and follow up of AFREC-selected CAHWs;
- Training of women on milk hygiene, preservation, handling, storage and basic business development services skills;
- Establishment of 2 new fodder demonstration sites;
- Training of new groups on production, preservation, utilization, supply and marketing for fodder;
- Facilitate establishment of fodder stores and reserve banks for seeds;
- Support and follow up MODA on fodder and seeds production in Gedweyne;
- Support and follow up AFREC on bee keeping in Badhaade;
- Conduct fodder market survey;

CARE Somalia

- Cross border workshop on protection of key tree species in Mandera;
- Cross border workshop on livestock marketing in Garissa;
- Study on traditional early warning systems;
- Community peace building and conflict resolution workshop across the Somalia/Ethiopia border around Dollo;

RCU

- Submission and follow on of budget modification and work plan;
- Fourth consortium meeting in Arba Minch and Yabello, Ethiopia;
- Support Ministry of Northern Kenya workshop with pastoralists;
- L, M & E Advisor and CoP, to undertake monitoring visits to El Wak and Ngurunit respectively;
- L, M and E Advisor to support VSF Kenya M and E training.