

8th RELPA Technical Steering and Coordination Group Meeting Minutes July 13, 2009 ELMT offices, Nairobi

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Date and venue of next meeting: TBD

Calling the meeting to order, welcoming remarks and introductions:

Welcome note from WIK and introductions by all. WIK introduced Jo Jean Elenes, Health and Nutrition Expert, from USAID EA. She is currently working on Regional and cross-border issues.

Minute 8/1: Review of Minutes of 7th TSCG meeting in April 6, 2009 at PACAPS office
MSI Pact formally closed out; Component of ELMT has been engaged in some of the conflict issues that were initially done by PACT. All key components have been extended. COMESA and ELMT have been extended to the end of Dec 2009 and PACAPS to the end of Sept 09.

Minute 8/2: Updates from all RELPA components; implementation status, result, work planning, coordination etc

- a. Overview (WIK): Status plans for RELPA evaluation
- b. Evaluation of RELPA is supposed to be done; the scope of work has been stalled for the time being; though there is an intention to still have it before the end of PACAPS.
- c. Success reporting (WIK)

The success stories have been in the Bi weekly newsletter. This is a 2 page document showing events that represent progress of the RELPA program. EA USAID Newsletters, ELMT newsletters and Monthly E Bulletin; other formats for disseminating results can be the WISP newsletters, and the newly launched UN African climate change network newsletters, CAADP Newsletters and the COMESA Newsletters. All components were asked to think of those forms of success reporting. Info on publications and upcoming events are also incorporated in the ELMT E Bulletin.

Minute 8/2/1: ELMT/ELSE Progress report by Carey Farley
(Refer to Annex 3)

Status of Events in Somalia:

Highlights of consortium members achievement (Mar 1 to May 31,09)

- **IR1:** Activities primarily by SCUK and Care ET. With periodic updates, last one in Mar 09. The study that Care ET and SCUK undertook with IUCN and ISD and a number of consortium to look and various pastoral communities in Sheneli and Borena region. The Final report expected in be end of Sept as well as a video documentary as the final outputs on this IR.
- **IR2:** Activities by Care ET completed a week long refresher training workshop for CAHWs in ET. Camel Husbandry training in Somali region of ET concluded recently; aim was to build the capacity of the Vets in the region in regards to Camel husbandry, health, epidemiology etc. VSF Suisse will have a follow-up workshop in ET next month. The ministry of Agriculture in ET is in the process of updating the currently guidelines on CAHWs training and this is spearheaded by Tufts university. There are differences in views on what CAHWs can do. There is a document signed by the Director of Veterinary Services in Kenya in regards to the training of CAHWs. At dist level and below there is training on CAHWs, There will be a project to be done in conjunction with a new project in Kenya to look at the component of how the CAHWs operate and the impact on livelihood levels. The LEGS guidelines accept the role of the CAHWs. The CAHWs will be part and parcel of the process in ET; the guidelines have not been finalized, which will incorporate the national guidelines and emergency. ELMT & PACAPS starting the PIA in the north eastern province at the end of July 09
- Care Kenya also supported at the Kenya Camel forum thru VSF Suisse. ELMT/ELSE is looking at assisting ET partners to establish a Camel forum. This will be picked up by PLI 2 and will be taken beyond ELMT. There is the growing recognition and growing interest in the Camel in the pastoral livelihoods e.g. the Borans who have turned to camel husbandry.
- **IR 3:** Save US has continued to have monthly reflection meetings amongst pastoral communities. About 3000ha of grazing land has been put up as dry season grazing land. A variety of migration routes have also been opened. There is privatization of range-lands e.g. the Laikipia Wildlife foundation. A new consultancy with Savory should take up these activities. Much of the rangeland activities have been hampered by poor rainfall.
- **IR4:** Complementary livelihoods, working with Care Kenya to provide business service delivery programs. These have proven to be quiet popular and successful with demands from women groups to provide additional and in-depth training.

- **IR5:** Strengthening customary institutions working with Min of Arid Lands, conducted a stakeholders meeting with the new minister. A 3 day workshop report will be out soon and a video documentary will be release soon. It is ELMT support to the ministry to open up support dialogue with the pastoral community. Working with the min of Arid and Ethiopia to hold a cross border peace building workshop. Due to the sensitivity of this meeting, CEWARN has taken up the lead in this, and a week ago the Ethiopian and their Kenyan counterparts agreed to take this forward, ELMT will support these government bodies to talk about peace-building. The main aim is for the groups is to sit down together discuss issues related to peace building and not come up with a solution. Girma is taking the initiative in this using his previous contacts with CEWARN.
- The Attorney General of Kenya is in the process of working on a policy to reduce the number of ministries and Northern Kenya ministry is part of those to survive. And if the law passes it means that this ministry will be permanent and survive on its own.
- There will be a Peace Building meeting which will take place next week in Turkana with high level delegation from both Kenya and Ethiopia. The peace building campaign has been going on for the last 6 months. This was advised by Minister Mohamed Elmi, and is supported by ELMT. The meeting will have a sizeable attendance including pastoralists and other stakeholders. The aim of these meetings should be to build the capacity of the traditional customary peace building structures; as opposed to the state's interventions which takes the power and authority away from the traditional mechanisms without replacing with any other form creating a vacuum for other means of interventions.
- **IR6:** The ELMT partners have not had much progress in this IR, but on the flip side it is very challenging and engaging in this regard. A series of ELMT technical briefs and 'good practice' bibliographies have been produced and are available on the ELMT website www.elmt-relpa.org. Half a dozen briefs to be produced in the next 6 months and will be available on the website. Web pages have been made available for PACAPS and COMESA to have links from the site. Anyone willing to post a document is encouraged to make use of the website.

ACTION: Carey and WIK to discuss how to take this forward after ELMT.

- ELMT Cross border programming update indicates some of the sharing and cross-country activities currently going on.
- Save US; will have continuous training on CAHWs for women. Fiona Flinton in the process of doing a Range management Manual. This is an output from the NRM/Drylands TWG.
- Indications should be made on issues that need to have a continuity; to enable engagements on how this can be done.
- There are 6-10 identified possibilities with PIA to be undertaken or an assessment evaluation on what has taken place to-date. This is still ongoing with the partners. Methodologies and skills should be updated. A Practicum will be done at the end of the course and this is more on animal health.
- On going roll out of business service delivery program with Care Kenya together with its other partners. The consultant for Care Kenya has just completed the Eco-tourism study for northern Kenya, and the draft report is out. Izzy Birch has advised that the study should be rolled out soon; and before the

end of summer a workshop on this should be held. The minister Mohamed Elmi is interested in new opportunities and this could be one of those.

- VSF Suisse has been working with a number of NGOs to produce a camel husbandry manual, the first draft is out and this should be published and distributed. This will be a substantive contribution to camel husbandry in the region. This document should be out before the end of the year. This is primarily targeting the CAWHs. VSF Suisse has also been doing training with CASPRO. It has increased working with women in Milk storage, hygienic and business services basically in Garba tulla and Isiolo in areas of fodder production and provision of supplementary feeding. A Partnership has been formed with KASALS under KARI and has recently provided training in fodder and fodder seeds. A fodder PIA will also be done soon in the greater Mandera which due to the rains would not be as impactful as initially anticipated. Ibrahim Nur (Care Somalia) is now associated with RCU and working with Reconcile to organize a training for all ELMT consortium member (IR6) with an aim on how to go about the advocacy.
- Upcoming ELMT Activities (*Refer to Annex 3*)
- WIK: The next event would have a link to the RELPA achievements. USAID Ethiopia confirms that a one day event in Ethiopia on this could be held like the HoA; FAO organized meeting/exhibition in Ethiopia.

Key upcoming activities

1. PIA Training Workshop (ELMT & PACAPS): late July, Garissa, Kenya
2. Camel Husbandry Workshop II: 16-22 August, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia
3. Livestock Marketing and Trade Workshop: early October, Kenya
4. Peace-building Workshop: late-August/early Sept with Kenya and Ethiopia
5. Holistic Management TOT Workshop: October, Kenya
6. External ELMT Audit: September/October. The final report should be out by Mid Nov 09. A call for proposals has also been sent out.
7. External ELMT Evaluation: October/November: ODI will be part of this process with a couple of other consultants.
8. ELMT Consortium Meeting: 23-25 November, Garissa/Nairobi, Kenya: This will be looking at their findings and the final evaluation.

ELMT was given a NCE until end of Dec 09.

Minute 8/2/2: PACAPS Progress report by Francis Chabari

(*Refer to Annex 4*)

- The main activity that PACAPS is waiting to complete with before its closure is the PIA training, finalization of the X-border livelihoods harmonization report and the RVF audit in the HoA countries and linking this to requirements of the GCC in relation to trade.
- There was a suggestion from Tufts University to have one person from PACAPS team stay on in the COMESA secretariat beyond September 09 to push for the legislation and operationalization of the Pastoral Food Security Policy.

- **Program Collaboration:** The HoA Pastoral Network was picked well by the REGLAP Project, which has been hosting follow up program policy and advocacy discussions under the HoA Pastoral Network umbrella.
- PACAPS and REGLAP have supported RECONCILE to take over secretariat of the HoA PN. It was noted however that RECONCILE still has limited spread and capacity, so far limited to links in Kenya, TZ and UG. The whole objective was to determine how to take the discussions forward. This can be linked with the ELMT bazaar to build on the spirit of the HoA Network process. Ced Hesse of IIED developed the concept that the Minister for Development of Northern Kenya and Other Arid Lands presented in London recently. Ced has also enquired whether the donors linked to the HoA PN can support training for pastoral policy makers on pastoralist friendly policy making. There is already a structure of training which could be used with a change in the country context.
- **Carey Farley: ELMT could be able to find funds for this kind of training for both Kenya and Ethiopia.**
- **ACTION:** Francis to Link up Carey with Ced Hesse and Mike Odhiambo in regards to organizing this training of pastoral policy makers.
- PACAPS has contributed to the on-going restructuring and strategy development in Northern Kenya by the Ministry for development of Northern Kenya and other Arid-lands by holding discussions with Steve Anderson from FEG regarding institutional set-up and Jeremy Swift (IDS) looking at the operational structure of the DSG. The proposed structure is basically to embrace the other actors. The ministry will require accountability for any organisation purporting to be doing dev work in the structure, including the Monitoring of the NGOs and religious institutions providing development assistance in the districts.
- FC also reported that Cordaid wishes to strengthen the funding and policy links between the European Funding institutions and the pastoral organizations and development efforts in Eastern Africa. HoA Pastoral Network will be linked to Cordaid for coherence.
- FC represented PACAPS at the ASARECA - NRM & Forestry program planning meeting in Dar es Salaam July 06-11, 2009. Clearly most of the participants were not informed on the significance and contribution of drylands and pastoralism in the ASARECA region.
- PIA Training of the ELMT partners planned for July 27 to August 01, followed by a field assessment of selected VSF-S intervention in northern Kenya.
- EW/ER
 - Data collection in the x-border livelihoods harmonization is completed. The draft report is yet to be sent out. The pilot area was the Hawd area in Somali Land and the Harshin-Dagahbur and the Mandera side of Kenya (Dolow). This was done in Partnership with FEWSNET, FSNAU and SCUK.
 - SL had started doing some response preparedness work with DSG Wajir, which was halted, and he is currently writing a process report on capacity building and partner mobilization in the ER. He is currently working with ELMT to build the capacity with ELMT partners.
CF: ELMT talking to Save UK ET to fund Save UK Kenya to contribute to the larger piece of work on Livelihoods mapping
- Cross-border Animal Health (Francis Chabari/Abdiweli Mohamed)
 - The process has basically between COMESA and AU-IBAR.

- This has to happen during the month of August when Dr Dawit will be available for this.
- Food/ Drought Response training and Pastoral Food Policy Framework
 - The training was done and the 4th day was used to outline a draft strategy on the policy. A timeline was done based on the COMESA ministers meeting activities. By end of Sept a draft could be available for the ministers to review. This is part of the reason why Dr Dawit Abebe should stay longer beyond Sept to ensure this process.
 - The 2nd Phase of the Livestock Products marketing study in Gabon had faced hurdles. The trip has been cancelled to save funds for Dr Dawit's HoA RVF missions. Mission has been shifted to DRC. HoA RVF mission to proceed as planned.

Minute 8/2/3: COMESA-CAADP Progress report by Abdiweli Mohamed
(Refer to Annex5)

- There has been synergy between COMESA, AU-IBAR and PACAPS. During the period April June 2009, COMESA was overwhelmed.
- The RELPA program in COMESA was to close in July 30th due to funding exhaustion; budget amendments were done and a NCE was awarded for upto Dec 09.
- An invitation to Ministry of Trade and Industry in Yemen; was delivered by the COMESA Livestock Advisor, the invitation was inviting them to sign a protocol; which did not happened though they have since promised to send a delegation to COMESA to do the signing.

Minute 8/3: USAID (EA, Ethiopia, Kenya, OFDA-APS)

Minute 8/3/1: USAID Kenya report by Makeda Tsegaye

- NEPDP is operating on its 3rd NCE and is ending in October 09. The NCE was granted to enable implementation of the microfinance program which is underway. The micro-finance program is being implemented by AU-IBAR in concern with the 1st community bank in Garissa and other implementing partners. The program covers 5 target districts (Garissa, Wajir, Ijara, Tana river and Mandera) The last trnche of financial disbursement will be completed in July. The program promotes womens groups that are involved in Milk production, nyiri nyiri and other livestock-based activities. NEPDP funds also enabled the construction of milk shades to improve the quality and hygiene of milk production in Garissa.
- Establishment and implementation of the micro-finance program has been extremely challenging mainly for two reasons; a) lack of financial institutions in Kenya (more so in NEP) that comply with Sharia laws regarding payment of interest; and b) lack of institutional capacity within AU-IBAR to implement a business-oriented micro-finance program.
- Evaluation of this program will be conducted in Oct/Nov to get some lessons learned in regards to what worked and what did not
- The NEPDP program ends in October 2009.

- USAID/Kenya intends to implement a follow-up livestock program targeting NEP and other pastoral areas. The new livestock development program is part of USAID's new initiative to respond to the Global Food Security Crisis. It will be a multi-year program aimed at promoting trade in livestock and livestock products, thereby enhancing pastoralists' household incomes and their food security needs.
- USAID/Kenya is working with other development agencies to ensure program complementarity and synergy.
- Min of Arid-lands is actively engaged in coordinating activities in NEP which is a key step to moving the development agenda forward.
- Increasing reports about MPs undue interference in development and humanitarian works is especially worrying and should be monitored closely
- NEPDP is working with Care/Kenya and VSF Suisse. The program manager in Garissa is mandated to coordinate with these ELMT partners and others to avoid duplication of efforts.
- Final evaluation of the NEPDP program should highlight key strengths and weaknesses in terms of coordination and overall program implementation, providing critical information for follow-on programs.
- In relations to the new program; it's hoped that PACAPS and ELMT partners will be available to share their experience and provide lessons learned.

Minute 8/3/2: USAID Ethiopia by Mohamed Abdinoor

- The PLI II has started and is a SC USA led consortium (SC/UK, Mercy Corps, IRC, and CARE). This was signed in May 11, 2009. US\$11M 4 year (operate in Somali Borana and Afar region) (in addition to US\$1m from OFDA and \$2.3M from Health and HIV related activities in-pastoral areas. Additional funding for educational activities in pastoral areas is expected soon from the USAID/Ethiopia Education Office. The idea is to have a 4 year program with incremental funding. The team is currently doing a concept note to respond to the emerging drought in the southern parts of Ethiopia. The Tufts component has PIA support activities for the PLI partners, and there will be components on livestock policy program and agriculture with training of Policy makers in pastoral areas in Ethiopia. Regional coordination element; with Tufts supporting the regional governments in coordinating the activities
- The OFDA supported project RAIN (Revitalizing Agricultural/ Pastoral Income) US\$17M; supported by Mercy corps and SC UK and will have a component in livestock production and supporting micro finance institutions. It works around Jijiga, Oromiya region, Shebel. FHI has a US\$3.5 million working on agricultural areas.
- Rinderpest celebration in July 25th; Ethiopia is now declared Rinderpest free by the OIE (Free from Rinderpest). The min of agriculture will officially undertake this. This is a program that has been supported by USAID in the 1960's-1970 through Joint Program: JP15.
- CAADP round table happened in June, 5, 2009
- Drought in Southern Ethiopia and North Eastern Kenya: livestock migration especially in Dollow is happening; what is the way forward on this? OFDA is supporting PLI-II partners to respond to the drought in the

southern parts of Ethiopia.

- Carey: VSF Suisse is carrying out some destocking activities. Care Kenya currently has a new country director with new program heads therefore there is no pro active report on this. OFDA gave money to ARC which is pretty small and the consortium is pretty new.

Minute 8/3/3: USAID EA (WIK)

- The Global food security plan has the global team coming in towards mid September. This activity is meant to be linked with cross-border. A number of evaluations should be designed to enable continuity for what RELPA is formed for. COMPETE project have a substantial investment lining up with customs improvement and financial sector services.
- ACTESA is now formalized and completed by the Council of ministers. COMESA will be the lead on this.
- We can get the Arid-lands and marginalized lands consortium in Kenya and find out how they can be engaged. For Ethiopia it is more of a PLI II
- Follow-up issues on the Trade and TADS can involve PACAPS.
- FSNAU, SCUUK, FEWSNET and PACAPS are working together on the x-border harmonization.
- **Highlight of next meeting:** How initiatives are transferred and who picks them up for longevity.
- The request to OFDA to include RELPA in the regional approaches in its issues including conflict mitigation; which has not bore fruit.

Minute 8/4: USAID RELPA Evaluation status

This has been postponed due to technicalities with the Key decision makers.

ACTION: WIK to communicate this info on the evaluation as soon as it is available.

ACTION: CoPs for each component to meet separately with WIK to discuss:

- the wrap-up
- issues of evaluation
- looking at long term homes for various initiatives.

ACTION: WIK to broker the link between COMESA and USDA

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda

RELPA's 8th Technical Steering and Coordination Group meeting

Monday, July 13, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in ELMT Regional Coordination Unit,
CARE Somalia Offices, Nairobi
(map attached)

AGENDA

Time	Item
9:00	1. Calling to order, welcome, introductions
	2. Review of minutes of 6th TSCG meeting April 6, 2009, PACAPS, 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
11:45	<i>Specific Issues Discussion</i>
12:45	AOB, Discussion, Next Steps
13:00	Adjourn

Annex 2: List of Attendees

RELPA 8TH Technical Steering and Coordination Group Meeting Attendance List

Date: 13/07/09

Venue: ELMT offices

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