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RESILIENCE IN PASTORAL AREAS (RIPA - NORTH)

Background

Ethiopia's lowlands face significant challenges to build a vibrant and resilient community as a result of climate variability, population growth, and risk of conflicts. In recent times, drought has heavily affected pastoralists and their livelihoods, and diminished livestock productivity, associated income, and threatened food security.

Opportunities for economic growth and flourishing businesses have been hampered by gaps in enabling environment, access to finance and advisory services. Despite difficulties, people are hoping for better systems and support, while transitioning to new livelihoods and build their resilience to shocks and stresses.

RIPA – North In Brief

Resilience in Pastoral Areas (RIPA – North) is extension of Mercy Corps' long years of resilience building work in the pastoral and agro pastoral areas of Ethiopia. The program aims at **improving resilience capacities of households, markets and governance institutions and contribute to enhanced food security and inclusive economic growth.**

The five-year (2020 -2025) program, funded by USAID, and implemented with CARE, employs market systems development approach. RIPA also supports communities to cope with emergencies and sustain development gains, as a means of protecting development gains.



22 Woredas

Afar
Oromia
Somali



\$ 24.2 Million
RIPA North

\$ 11.1 Million
Crisis Modifier 1 & 2



129,000
Households

Program
Participants



COMPONENTS

C1

IMPROVED DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY

This component, implemented by CARE, works to strengthen government and community disaster risk management systems. It also contributes to improved and sustained health of rangeland.

C2

DIVERSIFIED AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TRANSITIONING OUT OF PASTORALISM (TOPS)

RiPA is supporting the improvement of enabling environment, access to finance and business advisory services to catalyze inclusive and effective labor markets, financial services and a dynamic private sector to improve economic opportunities for ToPs.

C3

INTENSIFIED AND SUSTAINED PASTORAL AND AGRO-PASTORAL PRODUCTION AND MARKETING

This component of the program is contributing to increased production and marketing of livestock and crop systems. RiPA is also driving pro-poor job growth in the livestock sector through government and private sector investment.

C4

IMPROVED AND SUSTAINED NUTRITION AND HYGIENE OUTCOMES FOR PLWS, ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND CHILDREN UNDER 2

RiPA works towards improved and sustained nutrition and hygiene outcomes for children and women through behavior change approaches, and capacity building of institutions.

CM – 2 – CRISIS MODIFIER

RiPA is responding to the drought crises in its operation areas to save lives and livelihoods and protect development gains. Two rounds of crisis response activities have been implemented so far in response to the drought in eastern Ethiopia.

RIPA NORTH

RESULTS BY THE
NUMBERS (Sep 2023)

2,750 Institutions/
Partners

7,517
MSMEs

150 Government
Institutions DRM
capacity strengthened in
22 Woredas

15, 733
Women and youth
gained employment or
self-employment in C2 &
C3 interventions

4,118
Farmers and agro-
pastoralists accessed
improved farm services
and opportunities

25 K +
Pastoralists and agro-
pastoralists accessed
improved livestock
services and
opportunities

Dietary Diversity Increased
19 % to 27%
Exclusive Breast Feeding
Increased
41 % to 44%

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