

KEY PARTNERS

ORGANIZATION	TYPE	AL SUPPORT
National Drought Management Agency (NDMA)	Gov	Organizational development
Joint Agricultural Sector Steering Committee (JASSCOM)	Gov	Capacity building support, meeting facilitation
Agriculture Council of Kenya (AgCK)	NGO	Capacity building support
Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development	Academic	Organizational development
Agriculture Rural Development Donor Group	Donor	Capacity building support

ACTIVITIES

- Organizational Support to Tegemeo Research Institute. Africa Lead facilitated a two-day validation workshop in January. Thirty-five senior technical staff attended from the Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development at Egerton University to review and validate the draft organizational capacity assessment (OCA) and Capacity Development Plan. Tegemeo and USAID approved and finalized the report and plan in February.
- Training of Trainers to Roll Out Champions for Change (C4C) Training throughout Kenya. Africa Lead oversaw a four-day C4C Training of Trainers conference from March 20-24 in Nakuru, Kenya. Partnering with the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), the German Federal Enterprise for International Cooperation (GIZ), the Agricultural Sector Development Support Program (ASDSP), Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), and the Ministry of



Agricultural, Livestock and Fisheries (MoALF), the ToT facilitated the handover of C4C to GIZ and ASDSP, who will now lead and cover the cost of C4C expansion to all 47 counties. Africa Lead had previously trained more than 500 beneficiaries in 22 counties.

- Support for National and County Governments to Effectively Coordinate Agricultural Policy Implementation. Africa Lead provided technical and logistical support to the convening of the first Joint Agricultural Sector Steering Committee (JASSCOM) held on February I, 2017. The meeting brought together the Agricultural Committee of the Council of Governors (CoG) and the Cabinet Secretary from the MOALF to discuss key agricultural sector priorities. These priorities included: constitution of a taskforce to spearhead the development of a new sector strategy and investment plan, appointment of interim Joint Agriculture Secretariat (JAS) to operationalize the Joint Agricultural Sector Consultation and Cooperation Mechanism (JASCCM), and the development of a multi-stakeholder committee to address prevailing fertilizer and agricultural input challenges. Based on JASSCOM recommendations in February, Africa Lead provided further technical support that led to the development of a JASCCM Action Plan on key agricultural priority issues. Africa Lead also provided technical support in partnership with GIZ and the Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP) on the design of an overarching JASCCM Program Document that describes the mechanism's structure, roles, and responsibilities.
- Support for the Agriculture Council of Kenya (AgCK). Africa Lead continued to provide institutional and technical support to AgCK to further enhance its role in inclusive policy dialogue and decision-making at the county and national level. Africa Lead supported AgCK's steering committee to develop an activity workplan and establish a Secretariat to promote and strengthen membership. Africa Lead also supported representatives from Young Professionals in Agriculture and Rural Development (YPARD), an affiliate member of AgCK, to participate in countrywide consultations led by the MoALF to finalize the national youth in agribusiness strategy.
- Strengthening of Agriculture Rural Development Donor Coordination. Africa Lead provided targeted technical support this quarter to the Agriculture Rural Development Donor Group (ARDDG) to ensure their effective participation in several meetings the first JASSCOM held on February 1, 2017; a separate planning meeting with the MoALF; and monthly meetings with the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands Donor Group (ASALDG). Africa Lead also designed a donor-mapping tool for ARDDG and the ASALDG that is now being rolled out to donor partners. The tool was developed to show the geographic and sector coverage of donor investment by county. Mapping analysis will guide future donor investment decisions as well as inform the Government of Kenya on the extent to which donors are aligned to national sector priorities.
- Facilitation of the Partnership for Resilience and Economic (PREG) Joint Work Planning and Team-Building Workshops. During the quarter, Africa Lead facilitated joint work-planning and team-building workshops in four counties, including Turkana, Marsabit, Wajir, and Isiolo. Participants included USAID implementing partners, county government officials, National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) representatives, and USAID officials. Africa Lead designed a curriculum that introduced more than 50 workshop participants to the PREG Standard Operating Principles and increased their understanding of the rationale for partnership and collaboration. At the end of each workshop, participants in each county singled out two sites where they were already implementing different activities and identified ways to coordinate and integrate their activities to benefit the respective communities.
- Production of Videos to Enhance PREG Collaboration and Learning. Africa Lead developed three learning videos this quarter to foster collaboration and learning among PREG county teams and partners. These videos focused on nutrition and hand-washing, community disease reporting, and best practices for county meetings. Africa Lead also developed an About PREG video, a PowerPoint presentation for USAID, updated the USAID PREG fact sheet and brochure, and circulated monthly

PREG Learning e-Updates. The PREG Communications Learning Group, facilitated by Africa Lead, also met monthly to discuss how different PREG partners are responding to the ongoing drought in Kenya. Information gathered in these meetings was shared with USAID to inform their internal and external drought-response communications.

- Facilitation of a PREG Learning Event in Turkana. Africa Lead partnered with USAID and three PREG partners (World Food Program [WFP], USAID/Kenya Resilient Arid Lands Partnership for Integrated Development, and Mercy Corps) to design and conduct a PREG Learning Event in Turkana County in March 2017. The learning event focused on experiences and insights from three thematic areas in the arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs) of Kenya: nutrition, peace-building and conflict mitigation, and transitioning from humanitarian assistance to development assistance. More than 60 participants from Nairobi, Wajir, Isiolo, and Turkana took part in field visits, plenary sessions, and presentations focused on lessons learned and best practices.
- Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA) with the National Drought Management Agency (NDMA). Africa Lead facilitated data collection and the review of key documents as part of the OCA process for the Kenya NDMA. In collaboration with NDMA, Africa Lead held county-level consultations on the OCA in Isiolo, Kitui, and Baringo Counties and supported a stakeholder brainstorming session in Nairobi with county- and national-level participants. Africa Lead consolidated preliminary findings and recommendations from the consultative sessions into a draft report and presented the report to NDMA officials for their input.

LEVERAGING

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