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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Resilience and Economic Growth in the Arid Lands-Accelerated Growth (REGAL-AG), USAID contract No.AID-623-C-12-00002 is a five-year project that aims to increase economic growth in selected rural communities in Kenya, by building a more inclusive and competitive livestock value chain. REGAL-AG fosters a vibrant livestock value chain that generates opportunities for those all along the value chain, including pastoralist livestock keepers. The project encourages growth by improving market access through the Community Contracting Fund (CCF), which entails livestock market construction and the provision of grants to businesses looking to start or expand in products or services related to the livestock value chain. Another project element focuses on developing policy advice and best practice guides for topics such as animal health and market management. REGAL-AG is also increasing the availability and affordability of inputs and services needed to benefit from market participation, and working with livestock keepers to reduce their vulnerability. This report gives progress of project achievements for November 2015.

## **II. ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2015**

### **Program Activity Update**

In Marsabit County, REGAL-AG team attended two County Coordination meetings organized by the county government and two sector specific forums: a meeting organized by Agriculture Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP) and a meeting to launch the energy sector development plan 2015 – 2025. Additionally PREG members and the Ministry of Livestock department in Marsabit County held three consultative meeting to plan and prepare for the pasture week reseeded activities.

In Isiolo County, REGAL-AG received and introduced the newly funded Millennium Water Alliance implementer (FH and consortium members) to their relevant County government offices (Water & Livestock). They are undertaking an assessment on the water requirements in all the livestock markets including REGAL-AG supported markets. In addition, Isiolo Water & Sanitation Company (IWASCO) is planning to install to an overhead steel water tank for Isiolo Central Market that is being developed by REGAL-AG. During the month, a joint consultative meeting was held to identify the ideal location of installing the water tank based on the market design developed by REGAL-AG. Other collaborative activities in Isiolo County include planning and implementation of pasture reseeded activities that REGAL-AG has been collaborating with WFP, Action Aid, County Government, NDMA, REGAL-IR, Sidai, and community fodder groups.

In terms of project M&E, the REGAL-AG MERL Advisor, with assistance from the Isiolo-based Community Investment Specialist and Community Facilitator based in Oldonyiro, conducted beneficiary data verification for Oldonyiro livestock market. The team visited the market and carried out a gate tally of all people entering the market while at the same time interviewing market actors which included livestock sellers/buyers, cloth and food vendors, agrovets, transporters, and food kiosk operators. The visit established that during the market day (24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015), a total of 3,244 sellers and buyers entered the market. A review of secondary data maintained by WFP/Action Aid field team in Oldonyiro established that the livestock market serves a total of 1,890 households within Oldonyiro location. Further analysis of the data collected will be done and market beneficiary profiles reported in FY2016 quarter one report.

In an effort to strengthen inclusivity in project interventions, the Isiolo-based Community Facilitator attended a workshop on Gender, HIV/Nutrition, and gender based violence (GBV) for livestock actors organized by the Food & Agriculture Organization. The workshop focused on gender inclusivity, awareness creation on HIV/AIDS, and promotion of proper nutrition among local communities living in ASAL areas.

### **Component I: Improving Enabling Environment**

#### **A. Implementation/Dissemination of Market Best Practices**

During the reporting month, the REGAL-AG team in Marsabit County held a meeting with LMA members of the Merille livestock market to develop an action plan on the implementation of the various sections of the manual including market

management. In Nairobi, REGAL-AG COP met with a team from AHADI project to further refine the modalities of how the AHADI project will move forward in the implementations of the various policy and regulatory guidelines that REGAL-AG has developed.

## **B. Review of Animal Health Best Practices Guide**

During the month, REGAL-AG received feedback from USAID on the draft Animal Health Best Practices guide. The comments are currently being reviewed by the REGAL-AG team led by the DCOP, Dr. Bonface Kaberia. Once finalized, the guide will be formatted as a manual for eventual dissemination to animal health actors in Isiolo and Marsabit counties.

## **Component 2: Expanding End Market Opportunities and Catalyzing Commercial Investments**

In the period of 1st – 30th November 2015, the following activities were implemented in relation to the market and business development grants.

### **A. CONSTRUCTION OF MAIN LIVESTOCK MARKETS**

#### **a) Moyale Livestock Market**

On November 24, 2015 REGAL-AG obtained approval, from USAID, of the Moyale market construction contract that was issued to the winning bidder, Gombo Trading Co. Ltd. Construction of this market is set to commence on the first week of December, 2015.

#### **b) Oldonyiro and Merille Livestock Market**

In the period of November 16-20, 2015 an inspection exercise was conducted on both the Oldonyiro and Merille livestock markets to determine whether the contractor had finalized all the construction works. This involved measuring and counting all aspects of the external fencing, sales yards, loading ramps, hides and skin store, hay store, veterinary center, screening room, LMA office, market stalls, resting shed, main gate houses, and ablution blocks. In the process of inspection, a few items pending completion were noted and the contractor was instructed to finalize them before the official market handovers.



#### **c) Isiolo Livestock Market**

In the previous month, REGAL-AG commenced design work for the Isiolo livestock market in Isiolo County. This was done after a consultative process with the county government and the Isiolo livestock market association (LMA) to identify and prioritize structures for infrastructure development. REGAL-AG is in the process of obtaining relevant approvals on these designs and finalizing related bills of quantities before tendering for this market in the coming month.

In the previous month, REGAL-AG conducted public consultation and collected data on the market site and in the month of November 2015 has been working on finalizing the environmental impact assessment report for this market. It is expected that this report will be forwarded for National and Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) approval in December 2015.

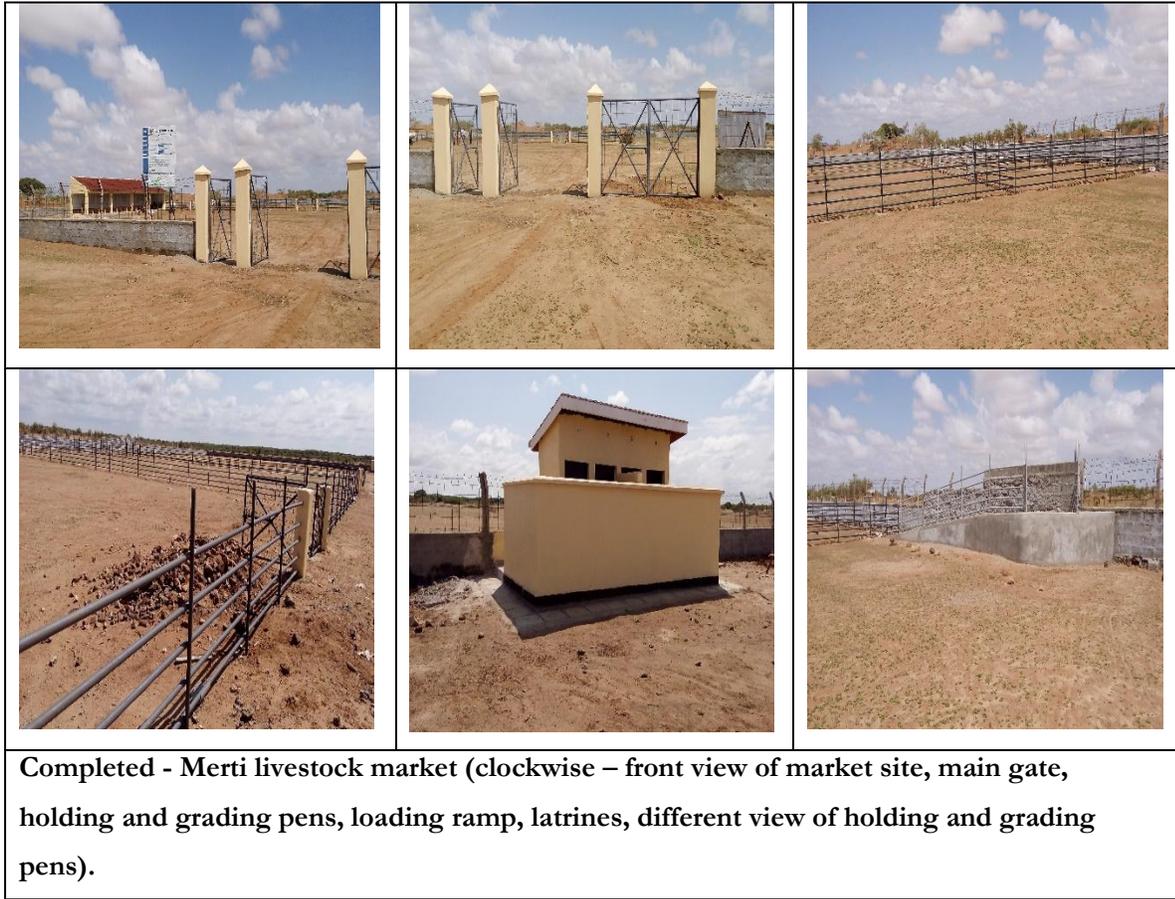
## **B. CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **a) Construction Monitoring-Eskot and Merti (Isiolo) Livestock Markets**

In the period of November 16-20, 2015 an inspection exercise was conducted on both the Eskot and Merti livestock markets to determine whether the contractor had finalized all of the construction works. This involved measuring and counting all aspects of the external fencing, sales yards, loading ramps, LMA office, market stalls, resting shed, and ablution blocks. In the process of inspection, a few items pending completion were noted and contractor instructed to finalize before official market handovers.



**Completed - Eskot livestock market (clockwise – market stalls, LMA office, perimeter fence, holding and grading pens, latrines, and main gate).**



**b) Duse Livestock Market in Isiolo County**

In the month of November 2015, all construction work in Duse livestock market was suspended as a result of clashes that broke out between the Boran and Meru communities that border the market. The contractor is expected to resume construction works early December 2015 following the restoration of peace in the general area.

**c) Construction Monitoring- Korr Livestock Market in Marsabit County**

On November 11-12, 2015 a monitoring visit was conducted for the Korr livestock market. It was noted that the contractor had finalized the sub-structural works and was now working on super structural parts and roofing works. This included masonry works for the perimeter fence, super structural works for the resting shed and offices, and latrine.

**Certification of Completion Progress for On-going Construction Work**

In the same period, an inspection exercise was conducted for the Korr livestock market under construction to determine the level of work completed. The work was inspected and certified for each site and it was established that the overall percentage of work completed at the Korr livestock market was at 59.90%.



**Current site view of the Korr livestock market under construction**

**d) Construction Monitoring, Turbi Livestock Market in Marsabit County**

As a follow-up to the commencement of construction works at the Turbi livestock market at the beginning of November 2015, two construction monitoring visits were conducted in the month to review progress of works done. It was noted that the contractor had finalized both sub-structural and super-structural works. This includes work on the market stalls, offices, grading pens, etc.



**Turbi Market-Holding and Grading Pens**



**Turbi Market-Market stalls under construction at the beam level**

**e) Kipsing Livestock Market in Isiolo County**

In the previous month, REGAL-AG finalized the selection of a contractor for the Kipsing market. However, in the month of November 2015, the decision to invest in Kipsing livestock market was abandoned following the allocation of the market to African Development Bank (ADB) by the Isiolo county government.

## C. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS:

### APS-01: General Business Development Grants

#### a) Round 1 & 2 Applications

##### Emmaus Sixty Two General Enterprise – Construction of hay barn

Emmaus is one of the grantees in Marsabit receiving funding for the commercialization of hay production and sale; REGAL-AG is providing the business with support for the construction of a hay barn storage facility and procurement of harvesting and baling equipment.

In November 2015, REGAL-AG monitored the progress on the construction of the Emmaus hay barn which commenced in the previous month. The construction, which is estimated to be at 50% completion rate, is expected to be completed in the next 1-2 months.

##### Northern Meat grant – USAID Grant Approval

Northern Meat Products is a recently established business seeking to produce camel meat

Sausages and later on venture into other value-added camel meat products such as burgers, kebabs and camel nuggets. REGAL-AG's support to this business is in the procurement of meat processing equipment. The grantee will also provide leverage for additional equipment necessary for operating the business.

**Emmaus hay barn metal frame. REGAL-AG Fodder Specialist overlooking the hay barn structure**



On November 16, 2015, REGAL-AG received USAID's approval on this grant and has commenced on the procurement process for equipment approved under this grant.

##### Afro-natural Dairy – Revised USAID Grant Approval & EIA Activities

Afro-natural Dairy Ltd. is proposing to establish a camel milk and cattle milk dairy processing plant in Isiolo County; REGAL-AG will be supporting the business with the construction of the dairy processing plant while the grantee will provide leverage for the purchase of processing equipment necessary to operate the business.

In November 2015, REGAL-AG re-submitted to USAID a request for a revised grant award based on the final bid amount for the construction contract post-tender. USAID approval of this revised grant award amount was received on November 23, 2015. EIA activities are on-going and are expected to be finalized in about one month, especially on clarification of land ownership matters for the business.

### APS-02: GENERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

#### a) Round 1 Applications

#### b)

##### Gulaid Farm Investments –EIA Submission & USAID Grant Approval

The grantee is proposing to commercialize hay and pasture seeds in Sololo, Moyale sub-county; REGAL-AG plans to provide in-kind support to this business through the construction of a hay barn and procurement of equipment for harvesting and baling hay.

In the month of November 2015, REGAL-AG completed and submitted the Gulaid Farm environmental impact assessment (EIA) report to NEMA for their approval; REGAL-AG anticipates to receive an EIA license from the environmental authority in the next one month. On November 23, 2015, REGAL-AG received USAID's approval of the Gulaid grant. As a follow-up to this, REGAL-AG requested USAID approval of the Gulaid contractor contract following the selection of the winning bidder for the Gulaid hay barn tender that was awarded to Famo Contractors Ltd.

##### Korkora Supplies Ltd – USAID Grant Approval

This is a woman-owned business that intends to put up a milk processing plant in Karare, Marsabit town. REGAL-AG plans to provide in-kind support to this business through the construction of a milk processing plant and procurement of milk processing equipment; the grantee will also provide leverage in additional milk processing equipment for the business.

On November 9, 2015, the Korkora grant package was submitted to USAID for their approval. This was followed by an approval from USAID on this grant on November 23, 2015. As a follow-up to this, on December 1<sup>st</sup>, REGAL-AG will issue a tender to all its prequalified contractors for the construction of the milk processing plant.

### **Business Planning & Grant Negotiations**

The following prospective grants are still in negotiation;

**Kulamawe Poultry Farm:** This is a youth-owned business proposing to venture into advanced value addition in poultry processing. The business plans to process live chicken into dressed capons, assorted chicken parts, premium chicken sausages, deboned chicken, minced chicken, raw chicken burgers, diced chicken kebabs and soup packs. Negotiations with the Kulamawe Poultry Farm are in their final stages and a request for approval is expected to be submitted to USAID in December, 2015.

**Green Meal Feeds:** This is a youth-owned business proposing to manufacture animal feed products and nutritional additives for livestock feeds as well as pet animals in Isiolo town.

**Darara Poultry Farmers:** This is a group enterprise proposing the business of poultry production and will operate in Moyale sub-county, Marsabit.

#### **c) Round 2 Applications**

REGAL-AG continued with the process of business planning and grant negotiations for prospective grantees selected for funding under Round 2 of APS-02. More details on these grants are listed below and included in Annex 1.

- **Ansim Company** - Proposing the business of poultry farming in Isiolo central, Isiolo County
- **Invem Agencies** – Proposing the business of dairy farming in Mwangaza, Isiolo County
- **Nkamathi Farm Products** – Proposing the business of poultry farming in Isiolo central, Isiolo County
- **Halimarhido Enterprises** – Proposing to put up a modern butchery complex with about 14 stalls that will be rented out to butchery owners in Marsabit town, Marsabit County

#### **d) Round 3 Applications**

REGAL-AG continued with the process of business planning for the two selected grantees under Round 3. More details on these grants are listed below and included in Annex 1.

- **Tawakal Women Group** – Proposing to do camel meat value-added products (nyirnyir) in Isiolo central, Isiolo county
- **Kalel Enterprise** - Proposing to do hydroponic fodder production in Marsabit central, Marsabit County.

#### **e) Round 4 Applications**

### **Compliance and Technical Review**

At the close of APS02-Round 4 applications in October 2015, REGAL-AG received 27 applications. These were subjected to a compliance review based on the submission requirements of the APS; out of the 27 applications received, 24 applications passed the compliance review.

On November 13, 2015, a technical review was conducted for all applications that passed the compliance review. The technical review committee was comprised of both scoring members (mainly technical staff) and non-scoring members (mainly grant administrative staff). The technical review was conducted based on the evaluation criteria outlined in the APS/call for applications document. Out of the 24 applicants that underwent the technical review, 10 were selected to move to the next phase of business feasibility assessment.

## Business Assessments

In the period November 16-20, 2015, business feasibility assessments were conducted for 6 out of the 10 applicants that were selected from the technical review conducted in the month. The business assessments were conducted by a team of six REGAL-AG staff comprised of the COP, Business Development Specialists (2), Community Investment Specialist and Grant Officers(2). Based on the assessments conducted, one applicant moved to the next phase of business planning; Sagante Investments, based in Marsabit town, proposes to operate a feedlot business for the fattening of bulls. REGAL-AG plans to conduct another round of assessments for the remaining 4 applicants in second week of December, 2015.

### RFA-01: Animal Health Business Development Grants

REGAL-AG is still in the process of working with the 22 selected agrovets for funding in finalizing their business plans and in preparing grant packages for approval. All 22 selected agrovets have submitted their business plans, which are currently under review. REGAL-AG anticipates finalizing and forwarding these grant packages for USAID's approval in January 2015.

### Component 3: Improving Livestock Productivity

#### Commercial fodder production activities

##### Pasture reseeding and rangeland rehabilitation planning

In Isiolo county, REGAL-AG partnerered with WFP/ Action Aid, NDMA, and the county government in the reseeding of 216.5 acres of land in all the WFP/Action aid FFA sites, a fattening farm in Garba Tulla, Kampi ya Juu, Tuale, and Merti areas. The REGAL-AG team offered technical support during the reseeding events while other organizations purchased the grass seeds. The summary of fodder activities in Isiolo County is summarized in the table below:

Place	Organization	Quantity of seed distributed(Kgs)	Acreage covered
All FFA sites in Isiolo County	Action Aid, NDMA, Livestock production Dpt.	881	113 acres
Garbatula Farm	REGAL AG	50	80 acres
Tuale	REGAL AG	57	10 acres
Kambi ya Juu	REGAL AG	12	1.5 acres
Merti	REGAL AG	51	12 acres



Reseeding in Labarishereki, Oldonyiro Location

In Marsabit County, REGAL-AG organized and supported pasture rehabilitation/reseeding events that were launched in three sub-counties (Moyale, Laisamis, and North Horr) and 228 acres of land was planted with suitable varieties of grass seed. The team also supported Emmaus Company to hold discussion with Korr livestock market LMA on fodder supply to the market

during market days. During the pasture rehabilitation activities, the REGAL-AG fodder specialist undertook on-site training for 142 people (67 males, 75 females) on pasture establishment, management, and commercialization.

## Scale up of Agrovet Activities

During the month, animal health change agents/agrovets disseminated animal health and commercial pastoralist messages to 291 pastoralists. In Isiolo County, commercial pastoralism messages were disseminated by 9 animal health change agents (Ramat, Oasis, Habib, Eskot, Tulla, Day Merti, Elhamd, Raya and Shani Agrovets) reaching a total of 239 pastoralists (152 males, 87 females). The agrovets sales stood at Kshs 475,530 as a result of the outreach events during the month. In Marsabit County, two animal health change agents (In Loglogo and Turbi markets) disseminated animal health and commercial pastoralism messages to 52 pastoralists (34 males, 18 females) during the reporting month.

## IV. TRENDING ISSUES IN THE MEDIA IN NOVEMBER 2015

November 2015	
Topic	Where and when published
<b>Security</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isiolo County: Despite Interior Cabinet Secretary Joseph Nkaisery warning leaders against worsening disputes between Isiolo and Meru communities, Meru political leaders led by Senator Kiraitu Murungi have given Isiolo herders 48 hours to leave the county.</li> <li>Isiolo County: Three officials among them award representative were yesterday charged with incitement, resulting in clashes between Borana and Meru youths in Isiolo Town last week.</li> <li>Isiolo County: Some chiefs and their assistants have been accused of participating in cattle rustling and inter-clan clashes. Four of them have been interdicted in a move aimed at stopping run-away cattle rustling, banditry and inter-clan clashes.</li> <li>Isiolo County: George Natembeya, County Commissioner, has vowed to enforce a shoot-to-kill order for anyone found with illegal arms.</li> <li>Isiolo County: Four chiefs in Isiolo have been ordered to settle and counsel families who fled a village following inter-community clashes six months ago.</li> <li>Marsabit County: Kenyan security personnel have been deployed along the border in Sololo, following the killing of three police officers by Ethiopian soldiers.</li> <li>Isiolo County: Isiolo County Commissioner George Natembeya has raised the alarm over the rise in the number of illegal immigrants in the region, saying they pose a security threat. At least 130 Ethiopians were arrested on Monday on the Isiolo-Archer's Post road.</li> <li>Marsabit County: The government has been petitioned to compensate the families of officers killed by Ethiopian soldiers on Friday. During the burial of one of the officers, Edwin Bagajo, Hon. Roba Duba, MP for Sololo said that both the Kenyan and Ethiopian governments should be held responsible for the deaths.</li> <li>Isiolo County: Three people were arrested in Isiolo County for allegedly trafficking in 130 Ethiopian immigrants. Police also impounded four Lorries the three are said to</li> </ul>	<p>The Standard, Tuesday November 3, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>Daily Nation, Thursday November 5, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>The Standard, Friday November 6, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>Daily Nation, Thursday November 19, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>Daily Nation, Friday November 20, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>Daily Nation, Monday November 23, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>Daily Nation, Wednesday November 25, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>The Standard, Tuesday November 24, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>Daily Nation, Monday November 30, 2015</p>

<p>have been using for the illegal activity on Saturday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isiolo County: Authorities in the county have warned rogue motorists plying Isiolo-Moyale route against ferrying in foreigners in their vehicles.</li> <li>• Isiolo County: An operation comprising of security teams from Isiolo and Laikipia counties has been launched to recover livestock stolen during a raid last month. Mr. Apollo Okello, Laikipia County Commissioner and his Isiolo counterpart, Mr. George Natembeya, said that those who were behind the raid will be arrested and prosecuted.</li> </ul>	<hr/> <p>Daily Nation, Monday November 30, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>Daily Nation, Monday November 30, 2015</p>
<p><b>Climate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marsabit County: A ravaging drought in parts of Marsabit County has claimed two lives, local elders have said. Mzee Barille Roba said that locals were at the risk of dying from hunger related issues as the number of people in need of relief food increases following the harsh weather.</li> <li>• Marsabit County: Herders in Marsabit County are counting losses after hundreds of their emaciated animals were swept away by raging floods in North Horr on Monday.</li> <li>• Isiolo County: Five classrooms at St. Kizito Primary School, 23 houses in Olla Bule estate and a game lodge within Buffalo Springs Game Reserve were damaged in the first day of heavy storm accompanied by strong winds, which hit Isiolo town on Wednesday.</li> <li>• Isiolo County: Hundreds of families have been displaced by floods and property destroyed as El Nino rains continue to pound various parts of the county. About 100 families were displaced at the weekend in Ngaremara location.</li> <li>• Isiolo County: Floods have destroyed an infrastructure project worth Ksh. 800 million belonging to Isiolo Water and Sewerage Company (Iwasco). Mr. Joseph Guyo, Iwasco's Managing Director said that underground pipes for both water and sewerage system have been destroyed.</li> </ul>	<hr/> <p>Daily Nation, Tuesday November 3, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>Daily Nation, Thursday November 5, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>The Standard, Friday November 6, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>The Standard, Tuesday November 17, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>The Standard, Monday November 30, 2015</p>
<p><b>Infrastructure development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isiolo County: Isiolo residents, led by their leaders, have accused the Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport (Lapsset) Corridor Authority of not consulting them on projects earmarked for the region. Residents said a team from the authority, accompanied by contractors and surveyors, visited Kambi-Garba and Checheles estates in Isiolo town three weeks ago, and allegedly placed beacons in settlement areas without having talked to them.</li> <li>• Isiolo County: Three Lamu Part Southern Sudan Ethiopia Transport (Lapsset) corridor surveyors yesterday escaped unhurt after angry residents confronted them at Ngaremara in Isiolo.</li> <li>• Isiolo County: Surveyors from the national government started demarcating the Isiolo-Meru boundary to resolve a dispute between the two counties. They have begun placing beacons in Buuri, Isiolo and Kinna.</li> </ul>	<hr/> <p>The Standard, Tuesday November 3, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>Daily Nation, Wednesday November 18, 2015</p> <hr/> <p>Daily Nation, Tuesday November 24, 2015</p>

## V. PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2015

The following activities are planned for the month of December 2015:

1. Start the construction work for the Moyale livestock market
2. Conduct tendering of the Isiolo livestock market
3. Undertake submission of EIA report and USAID ERF/ERR for the Isiolo livestock market and submit Afro natural EIA report to NEMA
4. Finalize construction activities for Oldonyiro, Merti and Eskot markets in Isiolo County
5. Monitor the on-going construction activities for livestock markets and the Emmaus hay barn storage facility
6. Procure equipment for approved grants i.e. Emmaus, Gulaid Farm, Northern Meats, and Korkora and issue of tender for the Korkora milk processing plant
7. Preparation and submission of ERF/ERRs for Northern Meat, Gulaid Farm, Korkora, Kulamawe, Ansim, Nkamathi, Invems, Darara, Halimarhido, Green meals, and agrovet grants.
8. Submission of the Kulamawe Poultry Farm grant package to USAID
9. Finalization of business planning, design work and grant negotiations that are currently on-going for a selection of grantees (general business grants & animal health business grants)
10. Undertake business assessments for 4 applicants under round 4 applications of APS-02
11. Undertake on-going pasture rehabilitations and reseedling
12. Prepare for LMA meeting in Merille to operationalize vet centers
13. Undertake beneficiary household data verifications for Merille market
14. Finalization of sub-contract close-outs – PACIDA and VETAID.

**Annex 1: Summary of Business Development Grant (BDG) Activities:**

No.	Solicitation	Round	Organization Name	Type of Investment	County	Grant Status	Detailed Activities for the month of November 2015
1	APS-01	Round 1	Afro Natural Dairy	Camel and cattle dairy processing plant.	Isiolo	USAID grant approval received	- Revised USAID grant approval received - Environmental impact assessment activities on-going.
2	APS-01	Round 1	Northern Meat Products	Camel meat processor.	Isiolo	USAID grant approval received	- USAID grant approval received
3	APS-01	Round 1	Emmaus Sixty Two General Enterprise	Fodder/Hay Production	Marsabit	Signed/fully executed	- Construction of the Emmaus hay barn storage facility on-going
4	APS-02	Round 1	Gulaid Farm Investment	Fodder/Hay Production	Marsabit	USAID grant approval received	- USAID grant approval received
5	APS-02	Round 1	Green Meals Feeds	Feeds milling factory	Isiolo	Final stages of grant negotiation	- Final stages of grant negotiation.
6	APS-02	Round 1	Kulamawe Poultry Farm	Small scale poultry and fish processing plant.	Isiolo	Final stages of grant negotiation	- Final stages of grant negotiation.
7	APS-02	Round 1	Korkora Supplies	Camel and cattle dairy processing plant.	Marsabit	USAID grant approval received	- USAID grant approval received
8	APS-02	Round 1	Darara Poultry Farmers	Poultry farming	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Final stages of business planning and grant negotiation.
9	APS-02	Round 2	Nkamathi Farm Products	Poultry rearing	Isiolo	Business planning stage	- Final stages of business planning and grant negotiation in process.
10	APS-02	Round 2	Invems Agencies	Poultry rearing	Isiolo	Business planning stage	- Final stages of business planning and grant negotiation in process.
11	APS-02	Round 2	Ansim Company Ltd	Poultry rearing	Isiolo	Business planning stage	- Final stages of business planning and grant negotiation in process.
12	APS-02	Round 2	Hali-dyan Enterprise	Modern meat butchery	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Final stages of business planning and grant negotiation in process.

No.	Solicitation	Round	Organization Name	Type of Investment	County	Grant Status	Detailed Activities for the month of November 2015
13	APS-02	Round 3	Tawakal Women Group	Camel Milk and Camel Meat (Nyiri-nyiri)	Isiolo	Business planning stage	- Initial stages of business planning and grant negotiation in process.
14	APS-02	Round 3	Kalel Enterprise	Hydrophic Fodder Production	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Initial stages of business planning and grant negotiation in process.
15	RFA-01	N/A	Oasis Agrovat	Agrovat business	Isiolo	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Cold chain facility &amp; solar installation, cooler box, tent and PA system</i>
16	RFA-01	N/A	Ramat Agrovat	Agrovat business	Isiolo	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Tent and PA system</i>
17	RFA-01	N/A	Shani Agrovat	Agrovat business	Isiolo	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Electric cold chain facility and cooler box</i>
18	RFA-01	N/A	Habib Agrovat	Agrovat business	Isiolo	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Tent</i>
19	RFA-01	N/A	Kinna Sidai Agrovat	Agrovat business	Isiolo	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Tent and PA system</i>
20	RFA-01	N/A	Sericho Agrovat	Agrovat business	Isiolo	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Tent and PA system</i>
21	RFA-01	N/A	Tula Agrovat	Agrovat business	Isiolo	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Tent and PA system.</i>
22	RFA-01	N/A	Rayaan Agrovat	Agrovat business	Isiolo	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Electricity cold chain facility, cooler box, tent and PA system</i>
23	RFA-01	N/A	Day Merti Agrovat	Agrovat business	Isiolo	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Tent and PA system</i>
24	RFA-01	N/A	Larapasi Agrovat	Agrovat business	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Tent and PA system</i>

No.	Solicitation	Round	Organization Name	Type of Investment	County	Grant Status	Detailed Activities for the month of November 2015
25	RFA-01	N/A	Mugor Agrovet	Agrovet business	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Tent and PA system</i>
26	RFA-01	N/A	Beitu Company Ltd	Agrovet business	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Tent and PA system</i>
27	RFA-01	N/A	Maikona Agrovet	Agrovet business	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Tent and PA system</i>
28	RFA-01	N/A	Kalacha Agrovet	Agrovet business	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Tent and PA system</i>
29	RFA-01	N/A	Wano Agrovet	Agrovet business	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Electric cold chain facility, cooler box, tent and PA system</i>
30	RFA-01	N/A	Wakulima Agrovet	Agrovet business	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Tent and PA system</i>
31	RFA-01	N/A	Illeret Agrovet	Agrovet business	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Cold chain facility &amp; solar installation, cooler box, tent and PA system</i>
32	RFA-01	N/A	Ramatta Agrovet	Agrovet business	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Electric cold chain facility, cooler box, tent and PA system</i>
33	RFA-01	N/A	Rabsu Agrovet	Agrovet business	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Cold chain facility &amp; solar installation, cooler box, tent and PA system</i>
34	RFA-01	N/A	Wamo Agrovet	Agrovet business	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Cold chain facility &amp; solar installation, cooler box, tent and PA system</i>
35	RFA-01	N/A	Shurr Agrovet	Agrovet business	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Tent and PA system</i>
36	RFA-01	N/A	Mifugo Services	Agrovet business	Marsabit	Business planning stage	- Business planning in process. Applicant approved to receive: <i>Electric cold chain facility, cooler box, tent and PA system</i>

## Annex 2: Case Study

### Pasture commercialization gains momentum in Marsabit County

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REGAL-AG has been instrumental in building the capacity of fodder producers—individuals and groups—in Marsabit and Isiolo Counties. It does this by putting up demonstration plots that serve as learning sites to illustrate ways of tilling the land, planting seeds, and processing hay baling and storage, in preparation of imminent disasters caused by drought in these regions. One such group is Jaldesa community group, a fodder production group based in Marsabit County that was started in 2014 with support from REGAL-AG project.

Last month, the Jaldesa community group, comprising of 52 members (30 men and 22 women), undertook a pasture reseeding exercise in Jaldesa, in preparation for an upcoming pasture week event. The objective of organizing the event is to create behavior change among communities, so that they can learn how to increase pasture production.

During the proposed pasture week event, Partnership for Resilience and Economic Growth (PREG) members in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in Marsabit County, will conduct onsite training on fodder production, while the Jaldesa community group will demonstrate fodder harvesting, as well as hay baling and storage. Participants will be drawn from regions bordering Jaldesa, and beyond.

PREG, in collaboration with Marsabit County government, identified Jaldesa, a 100 acre parcel of land, as a center for commercial pasture demonstration and fodder production. The land, which is protected by a fence, has a hay barn with a storage capacity of 10,000 bales which are to be used during the drought seasons. It will also be used to supply hay to a new abattoir currently under construction in Segel in Marsabit County.

The center will be run by Jaldesa community group, which is registered under the Ministry of Culture and Social Services as an income generating project. Plans are underway to put up a borehole and install an irrigation system.

Through its work with beneficiaries such as the Jaldesa community group, REGAL-AG improves livestock productivity by increasing access to animal feed in all seasons, as a way of improving the affordability of animal feed and herd health. It also promotes pasture commercialization to individuals and groups, and links them to sale points that include dairy cattle farmers, Agrovet, and livestock marketing associations.



**Jaldesa community group members during the pasture reseeding exercise. The members have expressed a lot of enthusiasm in adapting pasture commercialization.**