



#### 4. Implementing Partners

The initiative is implemented in partnership with civil society and community based organizations on both sides of the border and in collaboration with local and national government administration. The principal partners are the Mander District Peace Committee (MDPC) in Kenya and the Belet Haawo NGO Consortium in Somalia. MDPC coordinates activities through the Gedo Peace Group, Women for Peace, Youth for Peace, Lafey Development Association, Elders for Peace, and Women Care and Concern.

#### 5. Principal Activities

The core activities in this Initiative include:

- Developing and enforcing mechanisms to ensure peaceful interaction at the livestock market.
- Organizing and facilitating problem-solving cross-border dialogues.
- Providing targeted institutional strengthening to implementing partners.

#### 6. Expected Results and Outcomes

Results and outcomes are:

- Mechanisms will be agreed, established and enforced to enhance peaceful trading at the regional livestock market
- Inter-clan, cross-border dialogue fora will result in increased trust and reduced level of conflict.
- CMPR capacity of partners working across borders will be strengthened.
- Social contracts (Xeer) will be negotiated and enforced to sustain peace and prevent future conflict.

#### 7. Progress to Date

Notable milestones and progress are:

- In April 2005 a Peace Accord was signed between Garre and Murrule to end active conflict.
- In September 2005, a Peace Accord was signed between the Garre and Marehan including a ceasefire agreement to stop fighting between the two groups in El Wak, Somalia and Kenya.

- PEACE partners are disseminating information on the two Peace Accords among the affected communities.
- Improved security has led to the re-opening of the Kenya-Somalia border.
- A Livestock Market Management Committee comprising market users from Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia, has been formed.
- The Livestock Market Management Committee has been trained on conflict resolution mechanisms.
- Refugees and IDPs (from Kenya and Gedo Region, Somalia) are returning to El Wak, Somalia
- Trade and economic activity have resumed in El Wak, Somalia.
- Humanitarian aid activity that was previously suspended because of the security situation in El Wak, Somalia has resumed
- A cross-border conflict rapid response committee has been formed to act on early warning information in order to avert potential conflict.



• IDPs from Gedo Region return to El Wak, Somalia after the Peace Accord between the Marehan and Garre was signed



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