Executive Board Consultation

Kenya Livestock Commercialisation Project (KeLCoP) | Additional Financing

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KeLCoP AT A GLANCE

Duration:	Original: 6 years (2021-2027) + **Additional Financing (AF) extension of 4 years (to 2031)**
Project Area	**10 counties**: Original coverage of 40 wards (4 per county) to be **expanded to at least 50** wards during AF to deepen commercialization and strengthen value chain clusters.
Financing	**Total Project Cost: US$144.89 million** • Original IFAD financing: US$54.75 million • **Additional IFAD Financing: US$54.776 million** • Government of Kenya: US$18.97 million • Participating Financial Institutions (PFI) financing: US$4.55 million • Project participants contribution: US$11.85 million
Implementing Agency	State Department for Livestock Development (SDLD), Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
Target group	**160,000 households** (110,000 original + **50,000 AF**). Approximately **55% women** and **30% youth** targeted

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PROJECT Theory of Change

Project Context

- Low **productivity** of small ruminant, poultry and apiculture value chains.
- Weak integration of producers into **markets and value chains**.
- Limited access to **productive assets, quality breeds, inputs, financial services** and markets
- High exposure to **climate variability**
- Persistent constraints affecting **women and youth** participation in commercial livestock enterprises.

Interventions

- Adoption of improved **livestock breeds.**
- Implementation of **climate-smart livestock production practices.**
- Enhance **commercialization and market access services** for livestock producers.
- **Business development and entrepreneurship** support services.
- **Build institutional capacity** for effective livestock sector governance and service delivery.

Results

- **Improved breeds, animal health** and production technologies.
- Climate-smart and resilient livestock production systems.
- **Increased market participation, linkages** and commercialization services.
- Access to **producer organizations, finance** and business development services.
- Supportive **policies, institutions and enabling environment**.

AF – Rationale and Project Activities

Rationale for Scaling Up

- Addresses **financing gaps**
- **Consolidates gains** achieved since project launch.
- Responds to **strong demand and high uptake by communities** and counties.
- **Scale up successful interventions**, including water infrastructure etc
- Deepen **private sector engagement** and producer-market linkages.
- **Expand outreach** from 110,000 to 160,000 households

Original Project Components	Original Focus	AF Focus / Scale-Up Priorities
Component 1: Climate-Smart Production Enhancement for Small Livestock	Productivity enhancement Breed improvement, Animal health services, Climate-smart practices, E-extension services	Deepen breed improvement Expand **water access,** Strengthen **climate-resilient production systems** Expand **e-voucher and digital delivery systems**
Component 2: Support to Livestock Market Development	Market infrastructure, Value chain development Enterprise support, Market access and commercialization	Scale commercialization – **stronger private-sector partnerships** Expanded market infrastructures, Matching **grants to youth,** Enterprise growth and **market linkages.**
Component 3: Project Management and Coordination	Policy support, institutional strengthening, project management and coordination	Strengthen enabling environment for commercialization, Support rollout of **livestock regulations and policies**,

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SPECIAL FEATURES

Mainstreaming Themes	Building on Good Practices	Partnerships & Strategic Alignment
Gender Transformative: Women's participation and leadership in producer organizations, women's economic empowerment and decision-making	Strong community mobilization and producer group development.	**Government of Kenya** through State Department for Livestock Development and County Governments.
Youth Sensitive: **Employment** and **enterprise opportunities** for youth along the value chain; while **strengthening their access to skills**, technologies and markets	Established Multi-Stakeholder Platforms (MSPs) in all counties.	**Private sector partnerships** across input supply, aggregation, processing, finance and digital solutions.
Climate Finance / Climate Adaptation: drought resilience, rangeland management, water infrastructure, climate-smart livestock systems.	Digital extension services and emerging e-voucher systems.	Participating Financial Institutions to facilitate access to rural finance.
Nutrition Sensitive: Increased availability and consumption of nutrient-rich livestock products, improving dietary diversity, and integrating nutrition awareness and behavior change.	Strong county ownership and successful commercialization pilots.	Alignment with **Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP) strategic objectives**, and **Kenya Livestock Sector Strategies.**

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Thank You

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