



ROME-BASED AGENCY COLLABORATION IN KENYA

Kenya Cereal Enhancement Programme – Climate Resilient Agricultural Livelihoods Window

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In 2015 WFP, FAO, IFAD (the “Rome-based agencies”) and the Government of Kenya partnered to support hundreds of thousands of smallholder farmers in the arid and semi-arid counties of Kenya to sustainably transition out of food insecurity. This partnership is implemented through the seven-year “Kenya Cereals Enhancement Project – Climate Resilient Agricultural Livelihoods Window” (KCEP-CRAL) by Kenya’s Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation. Financial support from all partners is more than US\$350 million, including US\$33 million from the European Union.

The foundation of this effort is the WFP-led resilience-building activities, which support vulnerable communities to sustainably manage the limited resources of poor smallholder farmers – land, water and labour – to enhance production and increase food security. WFP assists communities in i) building and managing water pans, small irrigation systems, farm ponds and agro-forestry plots; ii) dryland farming; and iii) producing fodder and managing rangeland.

FAO is layering support on these same farmers to practice conservation agriculture to achieve higher yields sustainably as well as improving linkages to markets. To date, farmers have signed supply contracts worth over US\$40 million. As farmers begin to produce surpluses, IFAD then steps in to provide subsidized farm inputs through an innovative e-voucher platform where farmers with customized debit cards can access these inputs (certified seed, fertilizer, tarpaulins, hermetic bags, conservation services, crop insurance) as well as support for credit and market linkages, among other training and capacity building efforts. Together, these interventions deliver a package that no single agency could provide on its own.



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Financial support from all partners towards the Kenya Cereals Enhancement Project – Climate Resilient Agricultural Window (KCEP-CRAL)

What has been achieved?

The key achievement so far has been the transition of nearly 100,000 farmers out of WFP cash transfer assistance. Approximately 6,000 farmers qualified to participate in the KCEP-CRAL partnership.

Farmers have then benefited from staggered support for commercialization of their agriculture from both county governments and FAO and IFAD commencing with agricultural inputs through an e-voucher platform, training on post-harvest management and improving market linkages for farmers.

Recent and ongoing activities in 2019

- Two regional Rome-based-agency technical working groups have been formed to improve field level coordination in Eastern-Central and Coastal counties.

- Joint targeting criteria have been developed and used to transparently and objectively select sub-counties and beneficiaries of the eight target programme counties. For the 2019 long and short rains, the identification of beneficiary farmers started in December 2018, with some now being enrolled into an e-voucher system. The eligible farmers will receive agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilizers, tarpaulins, hermetic bags, agri-insurance and conservation agricultural services).
- FAO, IFAD and WFP supported and participated in county and regional sensitization of the programme to new county government structures and development of the road map for its implementation. Consequently, county, sub-county and ward structures have been established in all eight targeted counties, with incremental technical support from County Implementation Support Team involving the PCU, WFP, FAO and NDMA. Field activities are progressing.
- FAO has trained over 1420 service providers on Conservation Agriculture (CA) of which many of them are enrolled in the e-voucher platform to provide CA services directly to e-voucher beneficiaries. Furthermore, KCEP-CRAL is leveraging on FAO trained Master Trainers and Trainer of Farmers on CA and good agricultural practices in the targeted ASAL Counties.
- The programme has developed a recipe booklet for traditional and neglected dishes to serve as a training manual for use in nutritional promotion and education.
- Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology has developed technical guidance

manuals that will support the implementation of livelihood programmes.

Other Rome-Based Agency Collaboration

WFP and FAO maintain close collaboration on a number of policy and programmatic activities:

- **Kalobeyei Integrated Social and Economic Development Programme:** This is a multi-agency initiative led by UNHCR. It aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of refugees and host communities; prepare the host community to take advantage of emerging economic opportunities and potential irrigation-fed agriculture; reduce over-dependence on humanitarian aid; and support refugees to achieve durable solutions. WFP and FAO, in collaboration with Turkana County Government, are jointly implementing an EU-funded project aimed at promoting long-term food security and enhancing economic opportunities for refugees and their hosts. WFP is supporting refugee and host communities to develop rainwater harvesting structures and irrigation schemes to improve productivity. Meanwhile, FAO is training the same community on good agricultural practices, setting up farmer and livestock field schools, and developing a land use plan for Kalobeyei settlement. Refugee households have developed kitchen gardens based on this support. WFP and FAO have agreed to conduct a joint study/consultancy on appropriate water harvesting technologies to guide large-scale food production in the settlement and are also collaborating on a value chain study to guide agricultural and market-based support.

- **Kenya Food Security Steering Group:** WFP and FAO are key members of this multi-sectoral and multi-agency body which brings together relevant government sectors, UN agencies and technically qualified NGOs under the leadership of the National Drought Management Authority, co-chaired by WFP. The group carries out the assessments in partnership with the multi-sectoral and multi-agency county steering groups, whose membership includes local leaders. The assessment reports are the definitive statement on food security in arid and semi-arid counties of Kenya.
- **Sharing fuel supply and office space:** WFP and FAO have formally agreed to share fuel supplies and office space in the remote Lodwar and Kakuma sub-offices of Turkana County. This cooperation reduces overheads and increases efficiencies of agency operation.

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