

STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE IN PASTORAL AREAS OF ETHIOPIA

Resilience in Pastoral Areas (RiPA North)

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About RiPA North

Being a pastoralist in the lowlands of Ethiopia is increasingly challenging as environmental and health shocks grow more severe, rangeland conditions are deteriorating, the population swells, and conflict risks increase. As a result, livestock production and productivity and associated income as well as food security are diminishing. Life is getting harder for those who continue pastoralist production systems, while people transitioning to new livelihoods face numerous structural barriers. Yet, we focus on opportunities!

Leveraging the experience and learning of the USAID funded PRIME activity, **RiPA North takes a systems-based approach to improve the resilience capacities of households, markets and governance institutions across 22 woredas in the Somali, Afar and Oromia regions.** RiPA North will contribute to enhanced food security and inclusive economic growth for over 129,000 households, including an estimated 40% women and 5% people living with disabilities.

RiPA North Implementing period: 2020-2025

Budget: \$24,145,000 USD & \$7,150,000 USD (crisis modifier)

Lead agency: Mercy Corps

Consortium partner: CARE

Key stakeholders: Ministry of Peace, Regional Governments, Ministry of Agriculture, private sector, research institutions, NGO partners and civil society.

RiPA North's Resilience Approach

Systems thinking and adaptive management are at the heart of RiPA's design. Four Technical themed Components with targeted activities are integrated across intervention geographies and a 'crisis modifier' will help protect development gains against shocks and stresses.



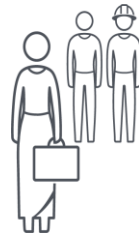
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Component 1: Improved Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Systems and Capacity.



RiPA will leverage achievements under PRIME to scale and expand DRM systems and (agro) pastoralist households' resilience to ecological and social shocks and stresses.

Component 2: Diversified and Sustainable Economic Opportunities for People Transitioning out of Pastoralism (ToPs) particularly youth and women.



RiPA will catalyze inclusive and effective labor markets, financial services and a dynamic private sector to improve economic opportunities for ToPs. Activities will also tackle the supply and demand dynamics that drive employment opportunities.

Component 3: Intensified and Sustained Pastoral and Agro-Pastoral Production and Marketing



RiPA will contribute to increased production and productivity of livestock and crop systems, strengthen rangeland management, improve livestock and crop marketing, and drive pro-poor job growth in the livestock sector through government and private sector investment.

Component 4: Improved and Sustained Nutrition and Hygiene Practices



RiPA North will tackle the multi-dimensional and multi-sectoral causes of malnutrition in the lowlands by expanding on PRIME's nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive best practices adding critical hygiene and sanitation interventions. Social Behavior Change and Communication (SBCC) will be used to address deep rooted social norms increase demand for and uptake of services.

Component 5: Crisis Modifier



RiPA has inbuilt supplemental funding resources to enable responses to anticipated or observed crises to maintain development gains using systems and structures developed during the regular program implementation.

Crosscutting Priorities

RiPA Will Prioritize **Women and youth**, mainstreaming gender effectively and accounting for local gender and social norms in each activity.

Social cohesion is another crosscutting priority which RiPA will promote through explicit peace-focused activities in conflict 'hotspots' and through conflict-sensitive design of market systems, nutrition, DRM and NRM activities.

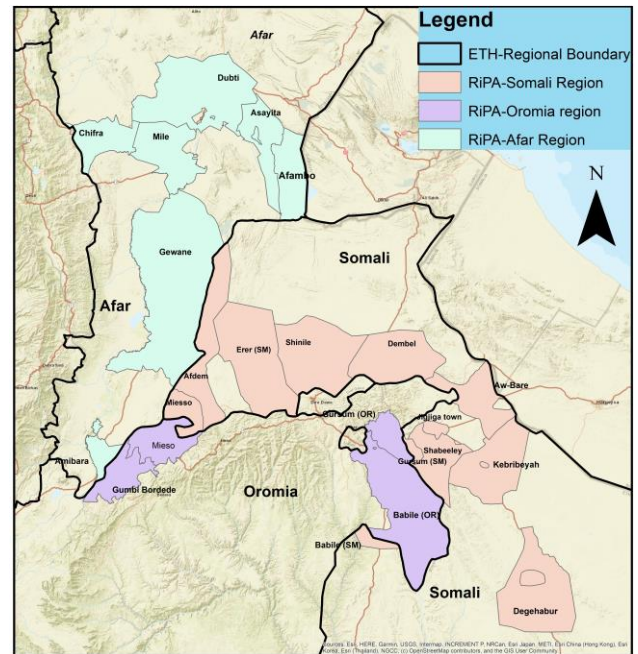
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PRIME Impact

Pastoralist Areas Resilience Improvement through Market Expansion (PRIME) was a USAID Feed the Future and Climate Change Adaptation funded project implemented by Mercy Corps between 2012 and 2019. PRIME demonstrated the value of a market systems approach to resilience programming and climate change adaptation.

Increased household income 78%

PRIME households' income increased on average to an equivalent of \$2,287 USD per year.

Positive impacts in food security

Despite record drought, PRIME households showed only 4% decline in food security compared to 30% in others.

Marginalized people have greater resilience

2,252,404 people benefited from PRIME were enabled to better withstand shock and stresses.

