

Regional Pastoral Livelihoods Resilience Project – Ethiopia

SNNP REGIONAL STATE: WOMEN GOAT BREEDING INITIATIVE

THE CHALLENGE

Pastoralists and agro-pastoralists of the region were affected by drought, conflicts, flood, diseases and hazards for several years and lost huge number of their livestock. Many of them withdraw from pastoral livelihood system and engaged in different livelihood activities. RPLRP developed a strategy to support and strengthen their livelihood activities.

RPLRP livelihood support component (food and feed production, livestock production and health, and livestock diversification sub-components) aim to lift the target community from the fragile socio economic situation.

PROJECT INTERVENTION AND RESULTS

- The poorest, drop-outs & female groups were organized as breeding groups (having 6 members (5F +1M) per group), and provided 6 breeding goats through grant per member to support their livelihood & build their asset.
- 51 groups having 306 (255F & 51M) members were established in Nyangatom, Dasenech, Hamer and Surma Woredas. The project provided 1,824 breeding goats for members.
- The goats multiplied and increased to 2,850. The estimated current value is 3,912,670 ETB.

Sela Gumad with her shoats, Arbore, Hamer



Sela Gumad lives in Arbore kebele, Hamer woreda. She was struggling to feed her family and repeatedly asked the area administration and the village community to get support. She was nominated to be a beneficiary of the breeding programme and to be a member of a breeding group that got six breeding goats through a grant. Now, she has 12 goats and 5 sheep, which are estimated at 18,600 ETB.

“I and my family were confused and out of the system of pastoralist life due to lack of assets, particularly livestock. Now thanks to the RPLRP breeding program, our family life has changed totally,” she says.

Bokawo Artaba overcomes disability through goat rearing in Arbore, Hamer

Bokawo Artaba of Arbore kebele is a woman living with a disability. She was confronted by multiple oppresions because of her gender, disability, culture and poverty, and was not able to feed her family.

RPLRP selected Bokawo Artaba as beneficiary of its breeding program and started to teach her how to raise small animals and how to look after them. She learnt how to make houses for her goats, vaccinate and treat them when they are sick. The project also gave her 6 goats - 1 male and 5 females. She says: “I have used the knowledge to raise the goats and when I had problems, the community animal health workers, who were trained by RPLRP helped me.”

She now has 13 goats, with an estimated value of 16,100 ETB. She can sell some of them to buy food for her family.

“It was not difficult to raise the goats, they are fast growing and give birth twice a year. Raising goats is a very good income for my family,” she says.



These stories are milestones and will definitely prove helpful in ensuring participation of other pastoralists for their economic development.