



**ENHANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN
(EOW) WHILE REDUCING THE IMPACTS OF
CLIMATE CHANGE IN MARSABIT COUNTY**

1.0 BACKGROUND

The purpose of the project is to enhance empowerment of women and building their resilience to the impact of climate change through capacity building on entrepreneurship skills and livelihood support. At the heart of the project is the need to boost the start-up and development of women's businesses in rural areas in Marsabit through a combination of enterprise development, social transformation and policy advocacy interventions.

The project aims to increase the income of 4,927 female pastoral and agricultural entrepreneurs by increasing their business skills and access to inputs, productive assets, finance and markets focusing on the creation of sustainable jobs that increase at the same time climate change adaptation capacities of the respective communities.



“4,927 female pastoral and agricultural entrepreneurs targeted”

2.0 PURPOSE

The “Enhancing Opportunities for Women (EOW) while reducing the Impacts of Climate Change in Marsabit County” is a transformative project implemented by PACIDA in Marsabit County and supported through the support of Federal Ministry Republic of Austria Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, innovation and Technology in collaboration Caritas Austria.

The project is hinged on the fact that empowering women and building their resilience to the impact of climate change contributes to the reduction of negative effects of droughts and other natural disasters to sustain lives of the community members and their livelihoods and foundation of community assets. To realise this, the project has been seeking to increase incomes of women entrepreneurs and women groups by promoting and introducing sustainable climate change adaptive and relevant business ideas, concepts and models.

The project focuses on business creation and enhancement in the following sectors:

1. Climate Adaptive Pastoralist Value Chain Development and Climate Resilient Agricultural Production
2. Sustainable Water Management
3. Alternative Livelihoods.

3.0 PROGRESS REPORT



EOW Progress summary

	Project Activities	Units	Status as	Remarks
Output 1.1	Climate change adapted and resilient business ideas and practices in the sectors of pastoralism and agriculture/horticulture introduced			
	1.1.1 BUSINESS SKILL TRAININGS: Facilitate 16 trainings in commercialisation of sustainable pastoral and agricultural value chain production (12 pastoral women groups and 4 farmer women groups)	Trainings	Complete	Successfully done
	1.1.2 MARKET LINKAGES: Facilitate market linkages for 4 pastoral and 4 farmer women groups to existing SMEs and facilitating the conduct of market surveys (same groups as above)	8 Linkages	On going	4 achieved, 4 planned in April / May 2025
	1.1.3 CAMEL MILK VALUE CHAINS: Support of 4 women groups in the development of Camel Milk Products (e.g. milk for national market, yoghurt, cheese, etc.) with the provision of milk processing and value addition tools and equipment.	4 groups	On going	1 achieved, 3 planned in April / May 2025
	1.1.4 CAMEL MEAT VALUE CHAINS: Support of 4 women groups in the development of Camel Meat Products (e.g. fried or dried meat / Nyir Nyir, etc.) with the provision of meat processing and value addition tools and equipment	2 groups	On going	1 achieved, 1 planned in April / May 2025
	1.1.5 FODDER PRODUCTION: Support of 4 women groups with a sub total membership of 30 women per group and a total of 60 women in fodder production with the provision of tools and equipment (machines for value addition and commercialization), fencing of fodder plots, construction of fodder stores, etc.	4 groups	On going	2 achieved, 2 planned in March / April 2025

	1.1.6 CAPACITY BUILDING FORUMS SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE: Facilitate 6 Forums in agrar- ecology, local drought tolerant crops, crop diversification and small-scale irrigation-based subsistence farming on household level (4 farmer women groups)	6 Forums	On going	5 achieved, 1 planned in March 2025
	1.1.7 DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDLINGS: Provide drought resistant horticulture and fruit tree seedlings to 4 farmer women groups (same groups as above)	4 Groups	Complete	Successfully done
	1.1.8 WATER HARVESTING: Supply 60 medium-size plastic tanks for water harvesting to support kitchen gardening/horticulture production and planting of fruit tree	60 Tanks	Complete	Successfully done
	1.1.9 WATER EARTH-PANS: Support construction and fencing of 20 small water harvesting earth-pans (9mx6m & 1,5 m deep) at household level to enhance rain water run-off harvesting to support 20 kitchen gardening and watering of few households milking herd (sheep and goats)	20 Pans	Complete	Successfully done
	1.1.5 FODDER PRODUCTION: Support of 4 women groups with a sub total membership of 30 women per group and a total of 60 women in fodder production with the provision of tools and equipment (machines for value addition and commercialization), fencing of fodder plots, construction of fodder stores, etc.	4 groups	On going	2 achieved, 2 planned in March / April 2025
Output 1.2	Women-led sustainable water management schemes for increased resilience introduced and water infrastructure investments made.			
	1.2.1 CAPACITY BUILDING FORUMS ON WATER KIOSKS: Conduct 6 forums on token-based prepaid water meters to improve water management and transparent revenue collection as well as 6 forums on gender inclusivity, bookkeeping and financial management (3 water management committees)	12 Forums	On going	6 achieved, 6 planned in March / May 2025
	1.2.2 CONSTRUCTION WATER KIOSKS: Construction of 3 water kiosks installed with token- based prepaid water meters	3 Water Kiosks	On going	1 achieved, 2 planned in April / May 2025

	1.2.3 WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS: Improvement of 3 water distribution systems from the water source to water kiosks (additional activity for 1.2.2)	3 Systems	On going	1 achieved, 2 planned in April/ May 2025
	1.2.4 WATER STORAGE TANKS: Installation of 3 communal water storage tanks for domestic use (additional activity for 1.2.2)	3 Tanks	On going	1 achieved, 2 planned in April / May 2025
	1.2.5 PV SYSTEMS: Installation of 2 PV solar system on communal water sources (additional activity for 1.2.2)	2 PV System	On going	1 achieved, 2 planned in March
	1.2.6 TRAININGS FOR WATER CONSERVATION: 6 Women-led groups equipped with soil and water conservation skills on farm and management practices to promote environmental conservation	6 Groups	On going	4 achieved, 2 planned in April
	1.2.7 TOOLS FOR WATER CONSERVATION: 6 women-led groups equipped with soil and water conservation tools for soil and water conservation (same groups as above)	6 groups	Complete	Successfully done
	1.2.8 TREE PLANTING: Supply 6 women-led groups with 100 tree seedlings per groups to enhance soil and water conservation (same groups as above)	6 groups	Complete	Successfully done
	1.2.9 Installation of Installation of 3 m ³ /hr water desalination plant at El Boru Magadho borehole incl. associated accessories	RO plant	On going	Continuous - expected to be connccluded December 2025
	1.2.10 Training, capacity building and salary support for operation and management of the desalination plant	Lumpsum	On going	Continuous - expected to be connccluded December 2025

Output 2.1	Climate change adapted and resilient business ideas and practices in alternative livelihoods introduced			
	1.3.1 SEED INVESTMENTS ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS: Provide capital seed for 8 women entrepreneur groups of 30 women each for alternative livelihoods/ diversification	8 groups	complete	Successfully done
	1.3.2 CAPACITY BUILDING FORUM HONEY PRODUCTION: 5 Capacity building forums on honey production, harvesting and packaging (4 women groups, same groups as above)	5 Forums	complete	Successfully done
	1.3.3 HONEY VALUE CHAIN: Support of 4 women groups (same groups as above) through the provision of 10 beehives each, honey harvesting protective gears/equipment and packaging and preservation material	4 groups	complete	Successfully done
Output 2.2.	Participation of women groups in Marsabit County Climate Fund Act (CFA) and Regulation 2020 implementation promoted			
	2.2.1 WOMEN PARTICIPATE IN CCA WARD DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Support development of Ward Development plan for 5 wards with gender-sensitive Climate Change adaptation activities	5 ward plans	complete	
	2.2.2 CAPACITY BUILDING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING COMMITTEES: Conduct 5 capacity building forums for 5 Ward Climate Change Planning Committees (WCCPC) of climate change impact and probable activities for building climate change resilience and mitigation	5 forums	complete	
	EXTERNAL CONSULTANCY: Honey value chain	Consultancy	On going	To be concluded end of March 2025
	CAMEL STUDY: Conduct a camel case study by expert in Marsabit: 'Increasing Income by Decreasing Size of Camel Herds? (CCA through Quality Herding instead of Quantity Herding)'; external consultancy	Study	On going	To be concluded end of March 2025

4.0 PICTORIAL



Chororo Women Group after receiving bee keeping kits



Women in a leadership training



Women in front of their dairy company in Laisamis, Marsabit



Bee hives, all full with honey



A woman in their dairy plant



Chororo Women Group inspecting the bee keeping kits



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