



Addressing Vulnerabilities of Pastoralist Societies in Sub-Sahara Africa

SDC Experience Capitalization (CapEx) in Pastoralism

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Introduction:

SDC's portfolio in Western and Eastern African countries and in some parts of Asia increasingly includes programs addressing the vulnerability of pastoralist societies in a fast-changing context. At present, country strategies and country programmes are in the process to be revised or elaborated. In this context, the sub-group "Pastoralism" of SDC's Agriculture and Food Security (A+FS) network decided to launch an experience capitalization process (CapEx) addressing core challenges of pastoralism in Africa. Seventeen themes were identified; out of them, nine were selected as priority themes for the CapEx process in 2015:

- transhumance corridors
- harmonization of regional policies
- collective organisation such as federations
- voice at policy level
- alternative livelihoods
- livestock risk management (insurance)
- access to (veterinary) services
- maintenance of infrastructures
- natural resources management

The members of the sub-group "Pastoralism" of the A+FS network act as coordinators for one or two themes each. All members, partner organizations and outside sources contribute to the CapEx process aiming at elaborating CapEx briefs for all nine topics as a solid knowledge base for country programmes and policy dialogue. The Isiolo workshop is the culminating moment of the CapEx process with the goal to consolidate the accessible knowledge and to strengthen the A+FS network's Subgroup "Pastoralism".

Participants:

Members of the sub-group "Pastoralism" of SDC's Agriculture and Food Security Network, coming from various countries of Western and Eastern Africa, international and SDC experts and special invitees.

Workshop objectives:

To generate and share knowledge and draw evidence-based good and bad practices from development interventions. The specific value added is expected to be: a) Investment into capitalization (process and content, including critical debate of findings), b) Synthesis of evidence-based practices (CapEx briefs for the selected nine themes) as knowledge base for country programmes and policy dialogue at Head Office, c) Proposal for the follow-up and possible next steps in the CapEx process.

Workshop methodology:

- Keynotes on pastoralism in sub-Saharan Africa and SDC's programmes in pastoralism
- Sharing of the intermediate CapEx results in the form of exhibits and short presentations
- Collection of further material from participants' experience and the international context
- In-depth debates on the core themes of the CapEx
- Documenting and aggregating the capitalized experience in the form of CapEx briefs
- Assessing the value added of the CapEx process so far and elaborating a proposal for follow-up steps.

Keynotes, summaries, synthesis report, recommendations and videos of participants will be loaded onto the [A&FS Shareweb](#).