



RAPID CROSS-BORDER DROUGHT ASSESSMENT RESULTS

FAO and IGAD partnered together to conduct a rapid assessment from 12 to 18 January 2017, visiting 32 locations in cross-border areas of Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia to understand drought impact on livelihoods, food security and nutrition in order to inform appropriate and coordinated responses in affected areas.

In cross-border areas,



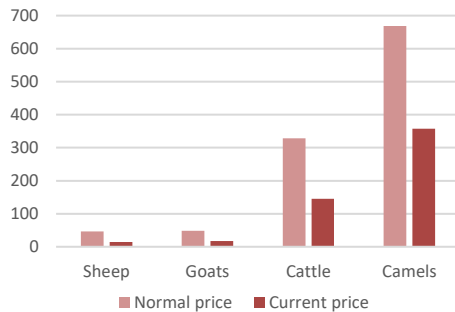
380 000 (agro)pastoral households are at high livelihood risk



6.5 million livestock are at high risk of morbidity and death

Severe drought has caused widespread deficits of water and pasture, contributing to **declining livestock body conditions**, increased rate of **disease outbreaks** and rising **mortalities**, especially among sheep and cattle.

AGGREGATED LIVESTOCK PRICE CHANGES IN ETHIOPIA, KENYA AND SOMALIA (USD)



Pastoral and agropastoral incomes have plummeted with low livestock value, demand and prices



Food access is decreasing – household milk and meat production is extremely low and market prices for cereals have significantly increased owing to regional below-average harvests



Food security and nutrition status are deteriorating

The region is recording mass cross-border migrations in search of feed and water – 85% of livestock from cross-border areas are on the move. Insecurity is increasing as tensions rise over access to natural resources.

RECOMMENDED RESPONSE ACTIONS

Immediate livelihood needs to ensure minimum losses	Livestock feed	distribution of roughage and feed concentrates (e.g. pellets, multinutrient blocks, range cubes); provision of fast-growing fodder seed
	Animal health	veterinary care, including prophylactic treatments against endemic diseases and parasites
	Water access	water trucking; collapsible water tanks; filling of existing tanks; water-efficient troughs
Enhanced access to cash to increase access to household needs	Destocking	boosting of pastoralists' income; provision of protein-rich meat to food insecure community members
	Cash-for-work	deepening of traditional wells or rehabilitating of boreholes; hygienic disposal of livestock carcasses
Strengthened monitoring, peace-building and coordination	Monitoring, peace building, coordination	scaled up monitoring; strengthened and scaled out peace initiatives; enhanced coordination at national and regional levels