Strengthening the resilience of pastoral and agro-pastoral communities in South Sudan’s cross-border areas with Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda

Donor: The European Union
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Project summary

The objective of this project is to improve household food security, nutrition and enhance income and livelihood resilience of pastoral and agro-pastoral communities, particularly in the Abyei cluster area with specific supporting activities in Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Warrap along the Sudan border, the North-East cluster including Maban and Renk, and the South-East/East cluster centered in Torit and Kapoeta, including Pibor and Akobo areas. This project fills the nexus between humanitarian and development programming in the areas of South Sudan to promote resilience of vulnerable households and communities.

Four interlinking results are intended to mitigate natural resource-based conflict and to reduce forced displacement and irregular migration in cross-border areas between South Sudan and neighbouring countries:

• Strengthen agriculture and food security policy in South Sudan through quality and timely information with a focus on pastoral and agro-pastoral cross-border areas, and agricultural and food security information systems.
• Establish transboundary livestock disease surveillance and control services in border areas.
• Support the productive capacity of local actors – including agro-pastoral communities, women, youth and disadvantaged groups - with viable alternative livelihood sources and promote livestock/animal products trade and marketing.
• Enhance natural resource management in border areas through community-based management and participatory planning, supported by strategic interventions to enhance access to water, pasture, forest and crop land.

This project builds on activities already initiated and implemented through actions previously funded by European Union, in particular the agriculture and food security information system and livestock activities in the Abyei Administrative Area.

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RESULT 1: Natural resources management in cross-border regions is improved; improve regional and national policy and response capacity.

RESULT 2: Transboundary animal diseases prevention, detection and control measures are strengthened and harmonised.

RESULT 3: Crop production, livelihood diversification and cross-border market access enhanced.

RESULT 4: Natural resource management in cross-border areas with Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda is improved.

Project implementation areas

Selected areas are within South Sudan bordering Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda and the entire country for food security and nutrition information systems.