



Women access safe water in a kiosk constructed with support of Kenya RAPID at Kapendo, Turkana County. Photo: USAID

KENYA

KENYA RESILIENT ARID LANDS PARTNERSHIP FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT (KENYA RAPID)

The Kenya Resilient Arid Lands Partnership for Integrated Development (Kenya RAPID) program brings together public and private institutions and communities with the goals of increasing access to water and sanitation for people and water for livestock, and rebuilding a healthy rangeland-management ecosystem. Kenya RAPID supports the Ending Drought Emergencies Common Program Framework launched by the Government of Kenya in November 2015, recognizing that “sustainable management of rangelands, water, crops, and increasing the contribution of livestock to the pastoral economy are critical to resilient livelihoods in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs).”

OUR WORK

From 2015 through 2020, the Kenya RAPID program will focus on five northern counties – Garissa, Isiolo, Marsabit, Turkana and Wajir. These counties have high poverty rates, chronic food and water insecurity, and low access to basic services. The program is designed to increase the average water coverage rate in the five counties from 37 percent to more than 50 percent, while building a model that can be adapted for use by other counties. The three strategic objectives that guide the program are:

1. A responsive and accountable governance framework is in place and operational at county government level that ensures sustainable provision of water and pasture;
2. Replicable and scalable business models for sustainable WASH and livestock service delivery have been developed and operationalized; and
3. Communities have increased access to sustainable WASH services and improved rangeland management.

The Kenya RAPID program uses a public-private partnership platform to combine the assets and experience of development actors, and private and public institutions to address the complex problems created by inadequate water access and poor governance of natural resources in the ASALs.

The identification of gaps, prioritization of needs, definition of strategic objectives, and the program's technical approach were developed in a collaborative process led by the Millennium Water Alliance (MWA) in consultation with national and county governments, donors, non-governmental organizations and the private sector. The Kenya RAPID program rejects the "business-as-usual" approach to development. All five counties and each of the partners is a co-investor contributing human and financial capital. Software, equipment and other organizational resources will be collectively employed to achieve impact.

This program also marks a significant shift in role of MWA members, which, as NGOs, are often direct program implementers. In Kenya RAPID, NGOs instead facilitate a program that is implemented by county governments for delivery of water and sanitation services under the 2010 Constitution of Kenya. This shift is reflected in the day-to-day operational 'heart' of the program – a County Coordination Unit located within the counties' administrative headquarters; a program decision-making structure that prioritizes national and county government representation and authority; and the provision for the direct transfer of program funds to county governments to support the program's objectives.

BUDGET: \$35.5 Million

DURATION

2015 – 2020

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Garissa, Isiolo, Marsabit, Turkana, Wajir

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Millennium Water Alliance

KEY PARTNERS

Government

County Ministries of Water, Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Health and Education of Isiolo, Garissa, Marsabit, Turkana and Wajir, National Ministries of Water, Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Health and Education

Development partners

CARE, Catholic Relief Services, Food for the Hungry, World Vision

Private sector partners

Acacia, Aqua for All, IBM Research, SweetSense Inc, the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, KCB Foundation, Vitof Foundation

Donors

USAID, Swiss Development Corporation (SDC)

ACHIEVEMENT SNAPSHOTS

- **184,172** people have access to improved access to safe and clean water
- More than **22,512** people gained access to basic sanitation services
- **314,510** livestock have improved access to water through livestock troughs constructed in the developed/rehabilitated water points.
- **11,026** out of **25,000** children **0-59** months reached through nutrition programs
- **4,302** farmers supported to apply improved technologies and management practices to increase household dietary diversity and income.
- **60,372** people reached with interventions through public-private partnership initiatives.

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