



Context

- Farming Systems Kenya through Brook EA is implementing an Equine welfare project in Kenya. Our target is majorly the working donkeys. Over many years, working donkeys in Kenya were a neglected species despite their use in drawing incomes and supporting other community livelihood activities.
- The project seeks to improve the welfare of the working donkeys in Kenya in collaboration with stakeholders
- The pasture projects is being implemented in Baringo, Bomet and Narok counties, with 12,500 donkey owners/users targeted to benefit

Our innovative approach

- Donkey owners identified various livelihood projects through FGDs. Pasture, sweet potatoes and Poultry projects were identified in different areas.
- We support the groups with start-ups and provision of technical capacity using pass-on model. One donkey owner is supported with seeds; the beneficiary in-turn passes on the seeds upon harvesting to his/her peer



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Diversification of livelihood alternatives to Donkey owners in Kenya.

- Welfare of working donkeys is very much related to the incomes of their owners and users
- Donkey owners with alternative income sources have been seen to take good care of their donkeys including affording animal health services
- Their donkeys also are less overworked and better health and body conditions



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Results/Impact

- 84 acres (84 donkey owners) of pastures established, seeds and hay (3680 bales) harvested for the first time. Harvested seeds passed on to the next 103 donkey owners-they too will establish another 103 acres of pastures
- Hay provides feed to donkeys and other Livestock- thus building resilience.
- Surplus hay sold for generating income



Photos

Future steps

- To have established pasture value chains in Narok, Baringo and Bomet to reach 6560 households

Partners

- Brooke EA
- World Vision
- County Governments of Baringo, Narok and Bomet



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