

THE JOINT IFAD/KeLCoP MISSION 2025



IFAD Country Director Ms. Mariatu Kamara addressing the joint IFAD/ KeLCoP Mid-Term Review Mission during the completion meeting in Nakuru, SAROVA Woodland Hotel.

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Government of Kenya (GOK) have fielded a Mid-Term Review (MTR) mission for the Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP) after an entry meeting launched by the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Mutahi Kagwe, on 5th May running up to 23rd May 2025. The mission's objective was to review the implementation progress and achievement of outputs and provide support to various constraints affecting the implementation of the project activities.

KeLCoP is a transformative USD 93.5 million initiative operating in 10 counties, co-funded by the Government of Kenya (GOK) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.

The mission visited six project counties (Busia, Siaya, Kakamega, Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo and Marsabit). During their visit, the mission made a courtesy call to the governors and the county commissioners, met the project teams and visited project sites in the counties. They assessed project progress and engaged stakeholders in identifying areas for strengthening implementation.

The Kenya Livestock Commercialization Project (KeLCoP) is a six-year project which came into force on 5th March 2021 with completion date on 31st March 2027 and a loan closing date on 30th September 2027.

The IFAD/ GOK mission team was led by IFAD country director Ms. Mariatu Kamara who in her remarks to the county governors and the implementing team acknowledged the strong support being provided by the counties through their staff and also appreciated the commitments at the grass root levels.

The goal of KeLCoP is to contribute to the government's Agricultural Transformation Agenda of increasing rural small scale farmers' income, food and nutrition security. The project areas are Semi-Arid counties (Elgeyo Marakwet and Baringo) and Arid counties (Marsabit and Samburu) and other areas like Busia, Bungoma, Kakamega, Siaya, Nakuru and Trans Nzoia.



(In the office of the County governor) IFAD Country Director Ms. Mariatu Kamara with Bungoma governor Hon. Kenneth Lusaka

During the visit of the mission, the governors from counties of Busia, Siaya, Bungoma, Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet and Marsabit made their commendations of the KeLCoP project and reaffirmed their commitments to collaborate fully with the implementation in order to uplift rural communities.

The mission team commended the leadership, innovations and development strategies embraced within the counties and recognized that transforming the livelihoods in the regions was so vital.



(Front): Dr. Moses Kembe KeLCoP project co-ordinator,
Elite sheep breeder Mr Mike Kipy a model farmer focusing on dorper sheep value chain,
Director Livestock Production Mr. Bishar File
and IFAD Country Director Ms. Mariatu Kamara (walking from behind)