

# CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMS

## A. OVERVIEW OF CHILDFUND INTERNATIONAL

ChildFund International is a non-governmental organization that works throughout Asia, Africa and the Americas to connect children with the people, resources and institutions they need to grow up safe, healthy, educated and skilled, wherever they are. Delivered through over 250 local implementing partner organizations, our programs address the underlying conditions that prevent any child or youth from achieving their full potential. We place a special emphasis on child protection throughout our approach because violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect can reverse developmental gains in an instant. Last year, we reached 13.6 million children and family members in 24 countries.



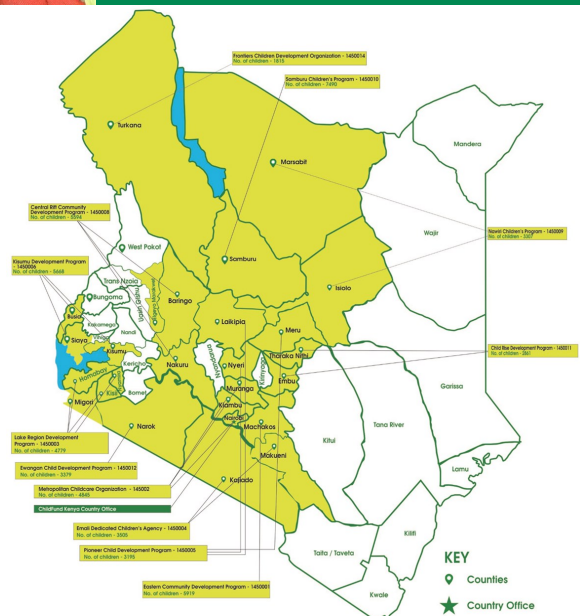
Women smiling after harvesting maize at the Kooliyo food for assets project site in Turkana County.

## B. OVERVIEW OF THE CHILDFUND KENYA OFFICE

ChildFund has been operating in Kenya since 1960. The organization works through 13 Local Partners reaching approximately 1.3 million people including children, youth and adults. Current ChildFund programming focuses on Child Protection and Advocacy, Early Childhood Development, Education, Household Economic Strengthening, WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene), Food Security, Emergency Response, Health and Nutrition, Resilience Building etc. In Financial Year 2019, ChildFund Kenya invested over US \$12 million in programs aiming to realize long-term, sustainable change for children, youth and their families.

## C. STRONG COMMUNITY PRESENCE

ChildFund Kenya works with 13 local implementing partner organizations in 26 counties; Nairobi, Kiambu, Murang'a, Kajiado, Narok, Makueni, Machakos, Kitui, Tharaka-Nithi, Embu, Isiolo, Marsabit, Samburu, Turkana, Elgeyo-Marakwet, Baringo, Nakuru, Siaya, Busia, Kisumu, Homa Bay, Migori, Kisii, Nakuru, Nanyuki, Meru, Laikipia and Nyeri. Through ChildFund's sponsorship programming and external grant funding, ChildFund has long-standing relationships with partner civil society organizations (CSO) and the government at Country and National level through units working directly in and around the well-being of children, youth and women.



## D. CHILDFUND'S APPROACH TO PARTNERSHIPS

ChildFund works in collaboration with a number of peer organizations to support and leverage on existing government structures at national, county and local levels to ensure efficient resource utilization and sustainability in all of its programme interventions. ChildFund brings vast experience of working with children, families and a network of local partners in communities with a broad constituency of mobilized and capacitated supporters that protect children and strengthen structures around their wellbeing.

## E. CHILDFUND'S EXPERIENCE IN CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD SECURITY

ChildFund recognizes the importance of promoting healthy physical, social, economic and environmental access to safe and sufficient nutritious food that meets dietary needs and preference. Our child-centered approach to programming; upholds food security and nutrition, ensuring that all children avoid malnutrition and have the best possible start to life. Through active engagement with caregivers and the community, our ability to innovatively respond to emergencies and building resilience through sensitization and capacity building around community structures, also contributes to improved methods for sustainable farming, livelihoods, nutritious crops and animal management.

## EXPERIENCE IN WORKING IN AGRICULTURE

### The Orange Fleshed Sweet Potato (OFSP) Nutrition Project

funded by ChildFund New Zealand has been implemented in Makueni and Kajiado counties. The intervention contributes to empowered and responsive caregivers, high quality health care and adequate nutrition for young children and expectant mothers. It continues to create awareness on the role of the OFSP in agripreneurship activities. Under the OFSP project, 1,600 children have benefitted through the 32 early childhood development (ECD) centers supported to grow nutritious foods such as OFSP, kales, spinach and capsicum. Fourteen greenhouses were set up in 14 ECD centers to boost modern farming methods of tomatoes and spinach. Eighteen farmers have benefitted from 50 micrometer size netting materials for vegetable growing which has addressed the challenge of bi-modal and inadequate rainfall patterns in Emali region. Through this project, 19 Voluntary Saving and Loaning (VS&L) groups (75% women 20% men, 5% youth and 5% other) have been established for the purpose of growing Orange Fleshed Sweet Potato. The groups benefit from a revolving fund of Ksh33,892 which has further enhanced table banking and agronomic activities. Social marketing fora on the dietary (rich in vitamin A, Band C, Iron, Magnesium and Zinc, prevents mother to child HIV/AIDS transmission) and win-win business of OFSP tubers and leaves have also been established and the progress of this project is measured using the Kobo tool collect.



**Agriculture Dairy and Economic Development Project (ADED)** funded by ChildFund New Zealand aims to deliver improved agriculture, diversify livelihoods and create reliable and beneficial market pathways for 1675 farming households in the Makueni & Kajiado counties. The project supports the increased milk output of dairy cows through better nutrition, improved genetics and improved animal health. The project trained, mobilized and engaged Dairy Farmers (mostly Maasai, 75% women) in milk collection and sale through networks of milk collection centers which are owned and managed by Samli Dairy Co-operative Ltd, a farmers' cooperative. The project trained 110 farmers (75% women, 5% youth) in Moringa farming, processing and marketing. Six hundred and three beneficiaries (75% women) have been trained on improved stock management and 656 most vulnerable beneficiaries (500 women, 156 men) have received chickens and goats in order to diversify their assets and build their resistance to both climatic and economic shocks. The project further engages Youths and children through vet clubs and youths are employed as Animal Health Assistants. The project works in line with the WHO and FAO recommendations of serving every family member and family with at least a glass of milk every day for improved nutrition whilst the surplus is offloaded to the market.

## CONTRIBUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

**Deepening Democracy Program (DDP) - Strengthening the Capacity of Pastoral Communities** project is a DAI/DFID funded initiative to build capacity of pastoral communities to better manage rangeland resources in Samburu North and Turkana Central Sub-Counties and promote resilience to climate risks. Thirty-seven Trainers of Trainers, 56 champions and 384 community representatives were trained on rangeland management, governance and climate change. The county government were strengthened on responsive and accountable management of rangeland units and governance to address climate shocks. Two local rangeland networks were organized to advocate for rangeland management across both counties and also support the establishment of range-land & weather situation information platforms. These structures are technology-based through SMS and satellite based android mapping to facilitate strengthened climate risk management systems that address pasture/browse availability by integrating traditional mechanisms to manage resources. The project is supporting policy formulation & advocacy dialogues on rangeland management; county level planning, budgeting and reporting cycles and has built linkages between communities and county government institutions.

## WORK IN RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

**Building Disaster Resilience in Kajiado South** This emergency response project was funded by ChildFund Korea to provide immediate lifesaving and life-sustaining assistance to the population affected by floods. The project achieved increased food security of 600 PLWs, improved access to nutritious food for 1,500 children in 9 ECD centers, adequate access to safe drinking water, reduced spread of malaria in the flood-affected communities. The project ensured that the flood-affected communities have a functioning community-based referral pathway for awareness on disaster preparedness/mitigation and formulation of flood preparedness plans. Child survival, growth, development and participation were cultivated enabling them to be self-reliant, resilient and responsible.



### **Locust invasion Emergency Response in Marsabit, Samburu and Isiolo Counties -April – June 2020 - Kes 1,513,025.**

The projects main aim is to protect and improve the well-being of Pregnant and Lactating women and farmers affected by the on-going locust invasion in Marsabit, Samburu and Isiolo Counties (reaching PLWs-200 and Farmers – 20). The 3 months emergency project seeks to achieve the following outcomes; a)To increase access to nutritious food for 200 PLWs affected by locust invasion in Marsabit, Samburu and Isiolo Counties. b) To improve access to safe water for 200 PLWs in Marsabit, Samburu and Isiolo Counties and c)To safeguard livelihoods of 20 farmers affected by locust invasion in Isiolo county. This will be achieved through; Procure and distribute dry rations food commodities to 200 PLWs in places that are most affected; Procure and distribute 100 jerricans of 20 litres each to 200 PLWs and procure and distribute water treatment reagents (Water Guard) to 100 PLWs. In addition, the project is providing 20 farmers with farm inputs to safe guard their livelihoods and ensure they have farm yields in the coming farming season.

## Disaster Risk Reduction, Child Protection and Climate Resilience in Marsabit County

ChildFund Kenya is implementing a 3-year project in Marsabit, Saku Sub-County. The project enhances communities develop adaptive measures towards which resilience and economic growth is built. The project goal is Improve resilience and adaptive capacity to disasters, climate change and enhance child protection in Marsabit County. This goal is realized through the following outcomes Increased food access in 12 ECDs and for 300 PLWs in Marsabit County by June 2020, Enhanced Agricultural and Agro-pastoral production, systems to improve food security in Saku sub-county by June 2020, strengthened community capacity, knowledge management, awareness creation and adaptation mechanisms to improve resilience on disasters and climate change in Saku by June 2020 and Increased capacity of local partner on Emergency Preparedness and Planning (EPP). The project is anchored in different outputs disaggregated for three years. These outputs range from benefiting children, women, youth and the larger population. They include therefore; Supplementary feeding programme to ECDs and take away dry rations to PLWs, Rangelands management and improvement through pasture reseeding and seed bulking, Asset creation and improvement of existing ones, Surveys, Needs assessment, Capacity building of communities on Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) , Voluntary Savings and Loans, awareness creation, exposure and exchange visits for learning purposes, MEAL (Monitoring, Evaluation, Adaptation and Learning).

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