Project Title

Protect and rehabilitate livelihoods for the most vulnerable pastoral communities through youth led animal health extension services.

POPULATION

Sheikh is located in the mountainous Golis Range between Berbera and Burao. It is 1,500 meters above sea level and has an average rainfall estimated to be 523 mm annually. It is suitable for livestock grazing and agricultural farming. Sheikh is an ideal place for tourism, beautiful weather and historical places.

The district is bordered by Burao 65 KMs to the South, Oodweyne 130 to the South West, Hargeisa 190 kms to the Northwest, Berbera 75 KMs to the North, and Sanaag 190 KMs to the East. The overall district population is estimated to be 42,560 persons of whom 8,600 people live in Sheikh City. Twenty-seven (27) villages come under its jurisdiction

**SUMMARY**

The strategic objective of this food security and livelihoods intervention is to protect livestock from diseases and pest through provision of veterinary services such as vaccinations and treatment to ensure increase in access and availability of health food amongst highly vulnerable male and female remote rural based pastoralist

This project will be targeted beneficiaries who keep livestock which are prone to pest and diseases, Provision of training to the community animal health workers (CAHWs) through veterinary doctors in conjunction with the state ministry of agriculture livestock and fisheries in Sheikh District the targeted beneficiaries will focus on those living in the camel, goats Sheep and cattle camps, villages and local markets. Distribution of livestock kits to the community animal health workers (CAHWs) in Sheikh District Provision of veterinary support services to the targeted livestock rearing beneficiaries (through HRI vet doctors and other livestock sector staff in conjunction with the state ministry of Agriculture livestock and establishment of rural vet pharmacies

The project will be led by a youth of 3 under 30 with assistance of HRI Executive Director, 20 youth school graduates will be selected from 10 villages each 1 female and 1 male, the selected youth will be given 10 days training of community based animal health workers training, at the end of the training, each will be given basic startup veterinary toolkit to carryout livestock treatment and vaccination pay charging livestock owners small fee to cover their daily life and drug payment after the end of the startup kit.

To ensure availability and access veterinary drugs Another 5 youth of females will be selected and trained veterinary pharmacist and drugs will be given as revolving loan to repay it installment with agreed timeframe. The 5 pharmacist trained youth will supply drugs to the trained community based animal health workers, after fully repayment of the loan the money will be used to train and set up another 5 pharmacist and well-functioning vet pharmacy.

**Project Justification**

Somalis are predominately pastoralists. According to local statistics provided by the Somalia Strategic Plan 2017-2018, more than 65% of the local people in Somalia are pastoralists therefore any shock that affects the livestock sector significantly creates an emergency and crisis situation. Following the continued dry spell and the below average rainfall in Somalia, livestock population has been majorly affected as they are dependent on water and resulting pasture.

Pastoralist move with their animals in search of water and pasture and are always based in hard to reach areas and veterinary professionals mostly based in bigger cities, The challenges facing the pastoralists includes livestock diseases, drought related livestock malnutrition, livestock deaths and a lack of animal health extension services.

This project will facilitate to establish reliable efficient and sustainable remote animal health extension services, Provisions of veterinary drugs were also a challenge to this remote rural areas, this project will setup 5 fully equipped veterinary pharmacy with well-trained pharmacist through credit based approach to supply vet drugs 24/7 to the trained youth community based animal health workers.

M&E

The monitoring and reporting of this project will fit into the existing M&E program of the organization. The HRI livestock activities (as per the log frame) in Sheikh District will be monitored and reported (weekly) to the Project Manager who will then disseminate the information accordingly. This will go hand in hand with the log frame and work plan. This will be done through regular visits to the selected villages So as to monitor staff activities, compile and analyze project records. In addition to this, assessment of any other internal or external variables that might have substantial effects on the project Thus seeing if there is need of modifying the work plan accordingly so as to achievement of the planned objective. All these will be done with respectability and accuracy as the yardstick. Data on livestock related issues in the three counties will collected and analyzed immediately on a continuous basis to allow for a flow of outputs and indicators. All the sectoral (livestock) staff will be responsible in

Their different capacities formulate their personal work plans which will auger well with timely compiling, monitoring and reporting of all the information gathered in this project. The

HRI staff will attend coordination meetings both at state and national level to ensure update information on the project shared and acquired whenever necessary. The monitoring methodologies will go hand in hand with the logical framework. HRI will provide mid and end of project report.