

At a Glance

Kenya RAPID



The Kenya Resilient Arid Lands Partnership for Integrated Development (Kenya RAPID), coordinated by the Millennium Water Alliance (MWA), mobilizes financial and technical resources from development partners, national government, county government and the private sector to support sustainable and resilient livelihoods. Through working with public, private and NGO partners, the project aims to improve water availability and services to increase access for people and livestock and improve rangeland management in Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands.

Project

GOAL

The project focuses on five northern counties that have high poverty rates, chronic food and water insecurity, and low access to basic services: Marsabit, Garissa, Isiolo, Wajir and Turkana. The project will create a model to be replicated in other counties in Kenya, contributing substantially to the national government's goal of universal access to water and sanitation by 2030.

SELECT ACTIVITIES

- Assess and address gaps in the water, livestock and natural resource management (NRM) policy environment.
- Train county planning and technical staff, information and communications technology departments, community members and water committees on sanitation, water supply sustainability and NRM.
- Hold information-gathering sessions to describe the processes of the community complaints mechanism.
- Assist financial institutions in assessing and reviewing investment risks and opportunities in the WASH and livestock sector.
- Identify suppliers of sanitation and hygiene products (latrine slabs, tippy-taps) and connect them to intervention communities.

Women's Empowerment

The program expects to benefit women and girls by giving them improved access to greater quantities of water and significantly reducing fetching times and distances to water points. The program also opens new business opportunities and training for women, and guarantees their representation on water management committees.

**Kenya
East Africa**

Duration:

September 2015 - 2020

(5 years)

Budget:

\$2.5 million

Partners:

USAID, Swiss Development Corporation, Aqua for All, IBM, SweetSense, Vitol Foundation, Acacia Water, Coca-Cola Africa Foundation

Impact:

450,000 people

250,000 women and girls

