

# Shoats Restocking

## LWF/DWS KAKUMA PROGRAM

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### Turkana Project

- Restocking Goats and Sheep

### LWF/DWS-Turkana Project Rebuilding Assets of Households affected by Drought

Turkana West was one of the many parts of the Horn of Africa to have been affected by the devastating drought this year. This area is made up of communities who depend on livestock for their livelihood. The Turkana are pastoralists and without their livestock they become vulnerable and dependant on food aid. During the drought many communities lost their livestock including sheep and goats.

LWF were able to raise funds through the Action for Churches Together (ACT) Alliance to respond to the drought. This funding is currently directed at activities on livestock and water. Under livestock, LWF is restocking communities with goats and sheep to support them and allow them to build up their livelihood again.



Moving forward LWF will also work on improving the communities resilience to disasters such as drought and building up their capacities to respond when future disasters occur.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November, the launch of the restocking activity took place in a village called Lolupe in Turkana west district. The day began with a trip from Kakuma by the Area coordinator, two project coordinators and several sector heads to this remote village. On arrival, the veterinary team was already on the ground inspecting, deworming, treating and branding about 1,000 sheep and goats.



“What is happening is that the animals are being inspected to ensure that they are healthy and of the breeding age, then they are dewormed and treated with antibiotics for disease prevention and finally branded with LWF logo for purposes

of identification and post distribution monitoring,” explains Dr. Erenius Nakadio (LWF Veterinary Officer) to the Kakuma team.

Dr Nakadio and his team had already spent time with communities conducting assessments to ascertain those that were most impacted by the drought and to select households for the distribution. This included awareness raising and mobilisation so that the communities were aware and empowered to be involved in the project.



On the day of the launch, time was spent with the community discussing the importance of the exercise and hearing from them about the drought and how it affected them. The LWF team then distributed 10 goats and sheep to each household with the involvement of the local chief. The exercise will continue to be carried out through the district in the coming weeks.

Paulina Nawar Achuka is one of the beneficiaries that received ten animals and talked briefly about this exercise. “We are very happy and grateful to LWF for giving us these animals, our main source of livelihood here. When we lost our animals due to drought, we were so desperate with our ourselves but now that LWF has done this we appreciate and can now start rebuilding our lives again,”

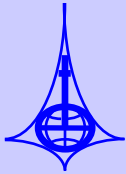
“In our Turkana culture, what is happening here today is like a wedding ceremony where each and every family member of the bride gets a share of the bride prize.”



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Women Participants during the shoats exercise.