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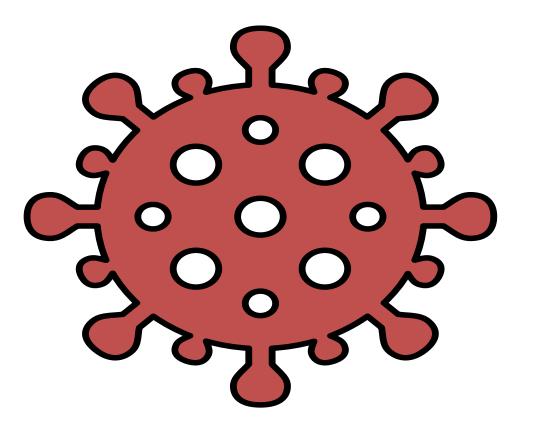


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Vulnerability challenge

- 80% of Kenya is Semi-Arid to Arid (ASAL) and highly impacted by climate change
- Pastorals, dependent on livestock for their

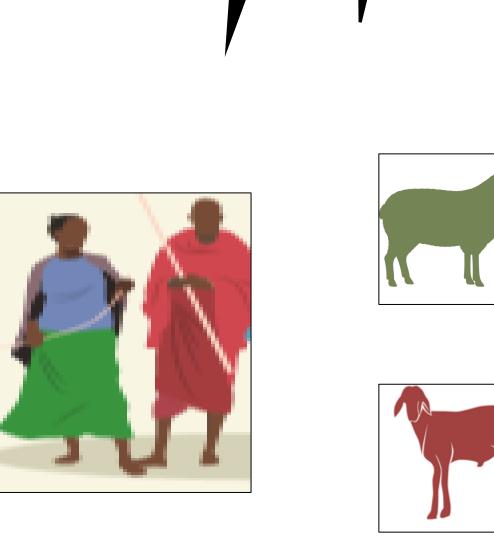


Impact on Pastoral Livelihoods

Mobility of pastoralists and their livestock curtailed

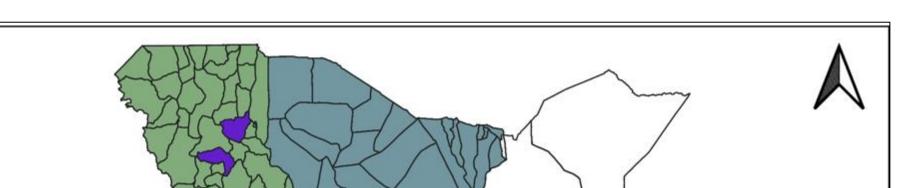
Access for household products, inputs,

- livelihoods occupy the ASAL
- Resources in pastoral communities flow through trade of live animals and livestock products
- Demand for pastoral products is highly driven by the rapidly growing populations in urban areas



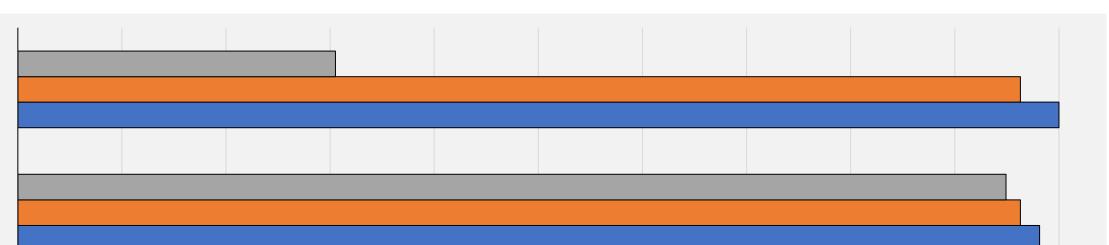
- and services for livestock production hindered
- Access to market actors and incomes from livestock products curtailed
- Increased dependency and vulnerability of households in the ASAL

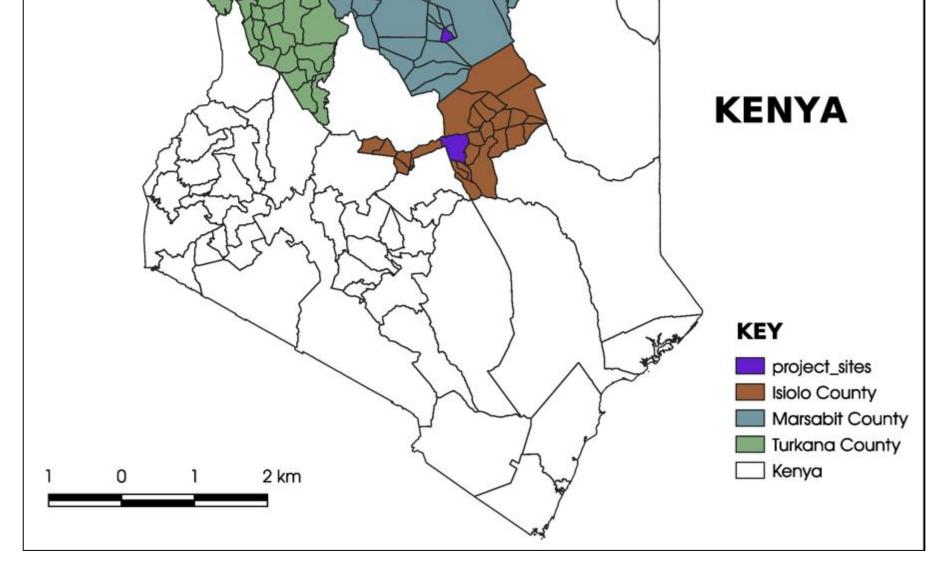
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Finding Farm labour for activities on sheep and goats has become more expensive

Acquiring livestock services has become harder





Areas monitored

Acquiring livestock inputs has become difficult

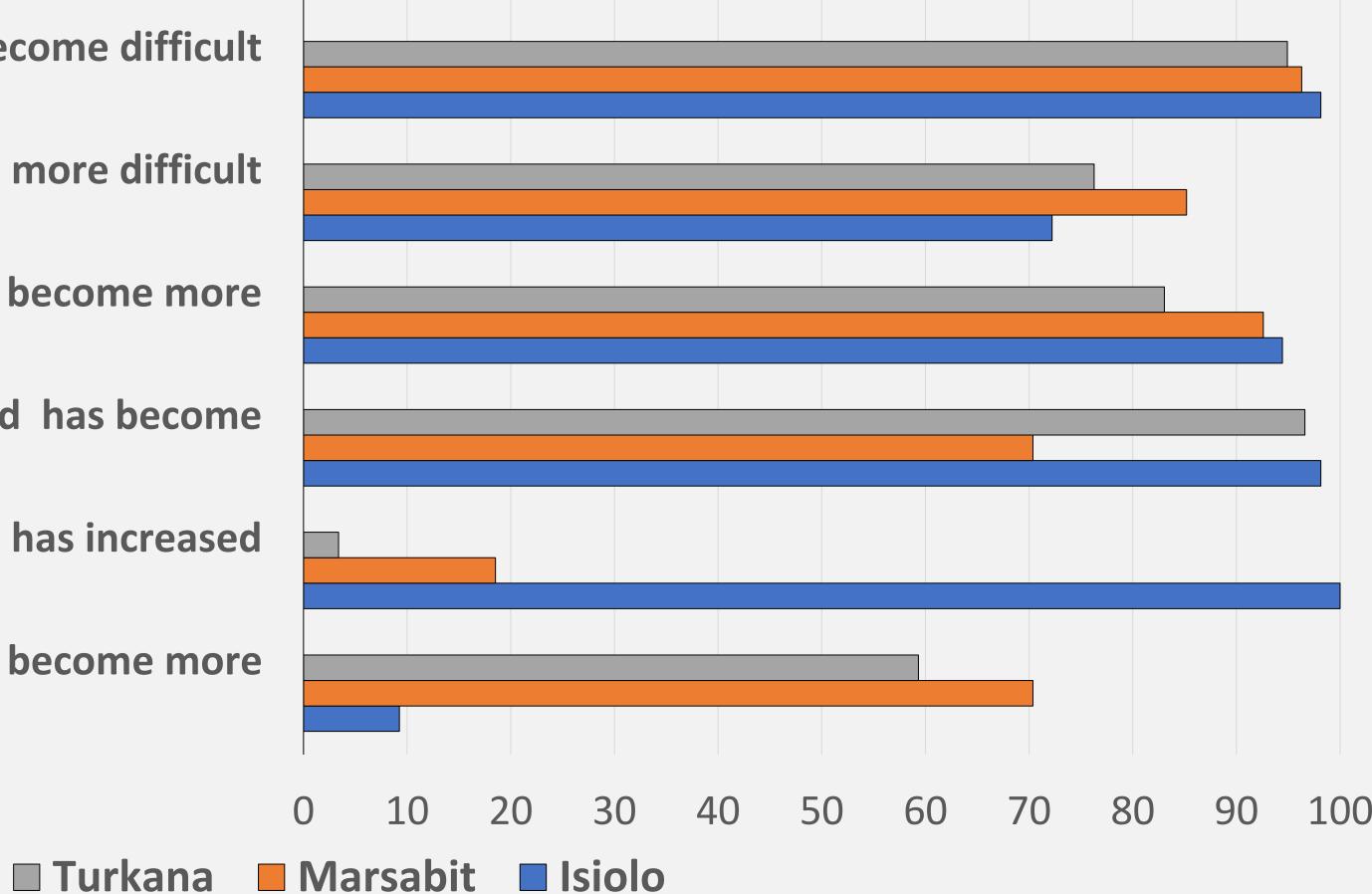
Sale of sheep or goats has become more difficult

Purchases of sheep and goats has become more difficult

Availability of food for my household has become expensive

The price of animals in the markets has increased

Obtaining breeding animals has become more difficult



Innovative Intervention Options

Harness, document and adapt interventions to integrate indigenous



knowledge and practices that enable sustainable use of livestock

resources in pastoral communities.

- Employ "Climate-smart" practices to propagate and sustain livestock resources in pastoral communities.
- Empower pastoral community group networks to adopt new technologies

and management practices for more efficient use of their livestock

resources.

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