



## Process case study

# Voucher scheme and meat distribution for livestock offtake in Kenya

CARE implemented a livestock offtake programme in Kenya in 2000. However, operating in the Garissa District was difficult, and access required military escorts because of security problems. Rather than using cash, payments were made using vouchers that could be cashed at CARE's office in Garissa. Participants could either give their vouchers to a trusted person to collect their cash, or they could take them to local, authorised traders and exchange them for cash there. Under the voucher system, 850 head of cattle and 250 sheep and goats were purchased.

CARE Kenya also supplemented its food distribution programme with meat supplied from its livestock offtake operations. Thirty-nine food distribution centres were allocated either 25 head of cattle or 50 sheep/goats. CARE staff witnessed the slaughtering of the animals, but distribution of the fresh meat to participants was left to the local relief committees. The relief committees were also entrusted with giving the hides and skins to women's groups.

**Source:** Akililu, Y. and Wekesa, M. (2002) Drought, Livestock and Livelihoods: Lessons from the 1999–2001 Emergency Response in the Pastoral Sector in Kenya, Humanitarian Practice Network Paper 40, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London.

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