



## SAUTI MOJA & ERDO FOOD AID

Caring for Marsabit's most vulnerable households

# Food aid for livestock beneficiaries

In 2012, Sauti Moja, with ERDO support, gave livestock to 110 widows with children. During the hunger period before goats had offspring, and produced milk, food aid was needed.



# Relief Food: the staples

Maize



Beans



# Food Ration Calculation

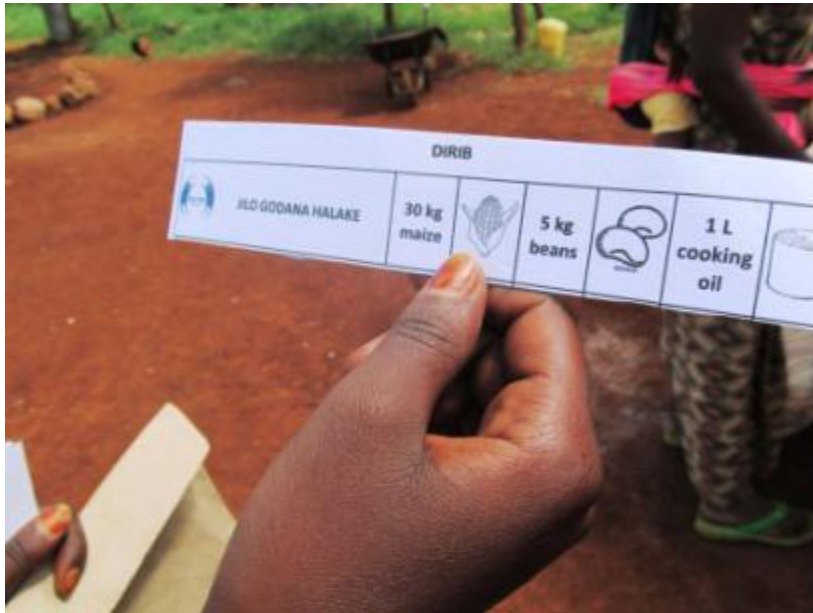
Food rations were based on number of children.

4 kg of maize was added for each beneficiary to share with other needy families.

Garqasa Food Aid (50% ration + 4 kg maize)					
			Bi-weekly Distribution		
			MAIZE (kg)	BEANS (kg)	OIL (Litre)
Name	Children	HH size			
ADHI ROB BARILE	1	2	10	1.25	0.5
AMINA GALGALO DUBA	5	6	23	3.75	0.75
BOKAYO BARUDA	7	8	30	5	1
BOKAYO HALAKE GUYO	2	3	13	2	0.5

# Easily-understood food vouchers

Vouchers had name of beneficiary and picture of her ration.



Community Facilitators gave each beneficiary her voucher.



# Beneficiaries wait in confidence

Distribution sites were well organized and widows were confident that food would be equitably distributed.



# Ensuring food quality

Secure and dry food storage



Check quality before distribution



# Distribution Sites

Open air distribution site



Local shopkeepers distributed from their shop





# Value of vouchers

**Beneficiaries were able to verify that they received adequate food.**



**Pictorial representation ensured few errors during distribution.**



# Beneficiaries monitor distribution

**Cooking oil was measured out according to voucher.**





























**Beneficiaries closely monitored measuring of all foodstuffs.**



# Voucher verification

When each woman had received her ration, she 'signed' with her thumb print – a standard practice.

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 <i>Sig</i> <b>ESTER LOITOIMAGA</b>	16 kg maize		2.5 kg beans		0.5 L cooking oil	
 <i>Sig</i> <b>GAYERO ESIMBASELE</b>	30 kg maize		5 kg beans		1 L cooking oil	
 <i>Sig</i> <b>HELEN DAHARO &amp; Antonella</b>	34 kg maize		5.5 kg beans		1.25 L cooking oil	
 <i>Sig</i> <b>KENTO ASURAN</b>	10 kg maize		1.25 kg beans		0.5 L cooking oil	
 <i>Sig</i> <b>MAISANOI LENAİKASA</b>	20 kg maize		3 kg beans		0.75 L cooking oil	
 <i>Sig</i> <b>NAINGOITEI LOLKIPAYANGI</b>	30 kg maize		5 kg beans		1 L cooking oil	
					0.75 L	

# Checking vouchers

Community Facilitators signed each voucher to indicate that the ration was received and that the shopkeeper should be reimbursed by SMM.



# Food aid is shared with neighbours

Community members take care of each other and sharing food is part of their culture. It is important for beneficiaries to be part of the social safety net.



# Shopkeeper receives payment

Our Admin Assistant, Grace, reviewed and signed vouchers, and made timely payment to shopkeepers.

Good relations, good records, and trust ensured that food aid was distributed without problem.





## Healthier and happier children

*“Before, I would come home late after working all day, and my children would be crying or sleeping with hunger. Now, I come home to them playing or even starting to cook. They are happier and not hungry.”*



## Psycho-social benefit

There is a psycho-social benefit in sharing rather than always being the one who receives. *“There was a time when I begged, but now, I am happy to assist others.”*





## Household assets retained

*“The relief food meant that I did not have to sell or eat our goats, and now, although the relief is over, the goats have had offspring and are starting to give milk.”*



Provided time for farming

*“Receiving food aid has allowed me time to tend to my garden farm and the time for harvest will soon be here.”*



# THANK YOU

The Sauti Moja community, beneficiaries, staff and donors are thankful for the compassion and support that has been demonstrated through both the livestock distribution and the food aid provided. Thank you!