Towards Sustainable Livestock Insurance for Pastoralists: A case of IBLI

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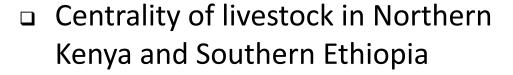




Context

□ A sizeable constituent

- Over 50 million pastoralists in Sub-Saharan Africa: over 20 million in the Horn of Africa
- Estimated contribution to the livestock economy at 40% in the Horn of Africa



- Median pastoralist household holds 100% of their productive assets in livestock
 - Livestock products and sales of livestock are 40% of income for average household









Motivation

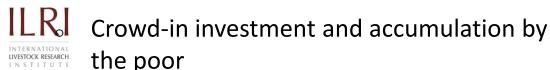
- Vulnerability to livestock losses
 - 75% of livestock losses, among pastoralists, due to drought
 - Catastrophic herd loss due to drought identified as the major source of vulnerability and cause of poverty
 - Between 2008 and 2011 Kenyan economy suffered US\$ 12.1 billion in damages due to drought, over 70% due to livestock losses
- Standard responses to drought costly and inefficient
 - Destocking/Restocking slow, expensive, targeting challenges, inefficiency
 - Food aid slow, expensive, targeting challenges, foster dependency
 - Cash aid targeting challenges, fiscal sustainability, not equally effective for all





Why Index Based Livestock Insurance

- Insurance and independent "index" measure strongly correlated with individual loss
 - Better suited to the pastoral production system and risk profile
 - Lower transaction costs, moral hazard issues than conventional insurance
- Sustainable Insurance can
 - Prevent downward slide of vulnerable populations
 - Allows focus humanitarian resources on the needy





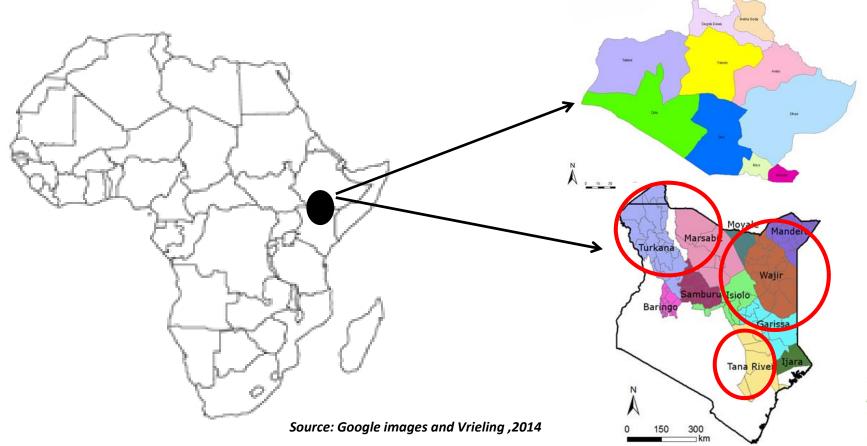




Where we are currently working

 Program launched in 2008 to offer a timely, sustainable, safety net against catastrophic drought shocks on pastoralists.

Currently implemented in Northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia - expanding to the whole ASALs of Kenya within PPP framework, and scaling in Ethiopia





Challenges faced

- Infrastructure
 - Poor basic infrastructure ,low literacy levels, security issues
- Understanding and acceptance
 - Penetration of insurance less than 3%
 - Most pastoralists don't clearly understand the basic concepts of IBLI and have liquidity constraints
 - Instances of mis-selling
- Competing Expectations
 - Partners expectations of commercial sustainability in 2-5 years
- Capacity Development
 - Non-recurrence of information, remuneration and coordination among underwriters and agents

IBLI Programme Structure

Policy and institutional development

Contract Design

Index construction
Data precision
Drought Index
Impact Assessment

Market and CapDev

Institutional and Technical Capacity
Specialiazed and customized extension and
education tools
Need based research
Supporting a PPP policy environment

Delivery Mechanisms

Innovations towards market linkages Developing tools for monitoring, extension and delivery of essential services

Crowdsourcing and citizen science



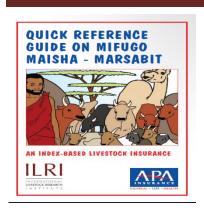
Evidence of value and impact

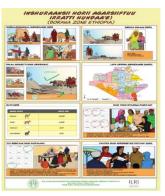


Informed effective demand

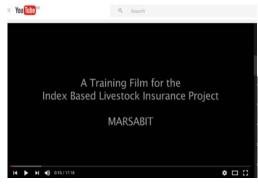


How we have overcome challenges



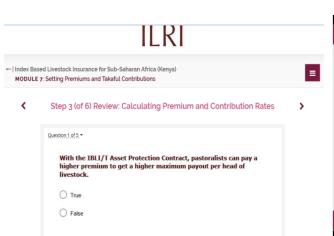






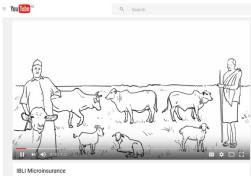


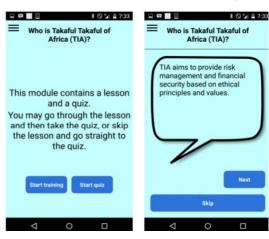












As a result of feedback from communities











Kenya – As of February 2016: 11,654 contracts sold since 2010

Ethiopia – As of September 2015: 3,909 contracts sold since 2012





Way Ahead for Agriculture Insurance

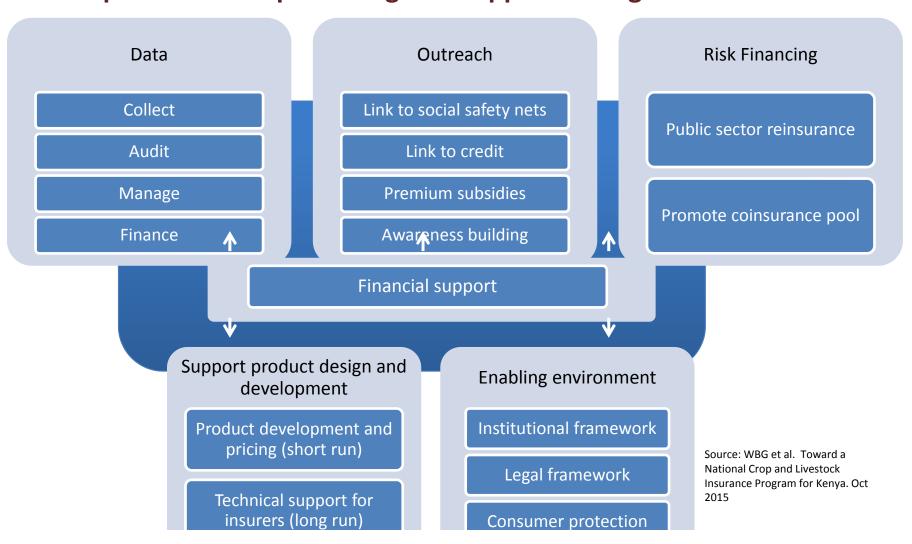
Insurance is most efficient and effectively managed by the private commercial agricultural sector

Risk financing Outreach Data Collect Innovative distribution Underwrite risk channels Audit Participation in co-Link to credit insurance pool **Finance Product Design and** Development Product development Source: WBG et al. Toward a **Pricing** National Crop and Livestock

Source: WBG et al. Toward a National Crop and Livestock Insurance Program for Kenya. Oct 2015

Way Ahead for Agriculture insurance contd...

... but successfully scaled up agricultural insurance programs typically require leadership and targeted support from government



THE IBLI PROGRAM IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF MANY PARTNERS

































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