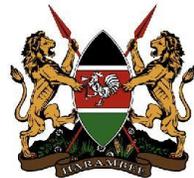




GREATER HORN OF AFRICA REGIONAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING MEETING



**HUMANITARIAN-DEVELOPMENT-PEACE (HDP)
COHERENCE IN FOOD CRISIS CONTEXTS**



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Pastoralist Livelihoods in the Face of Climate Change

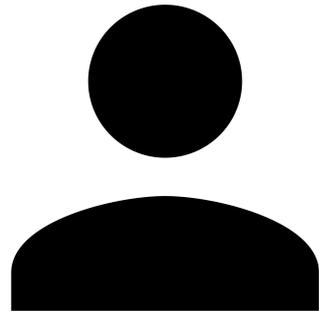
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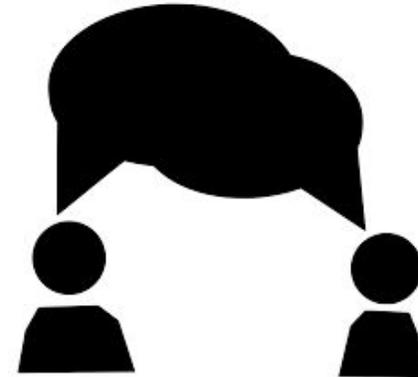


Reflect and Respond

Are traditional pastoralist livelihoods still viable?



Take 5 minutes
to reflect on
your own.



Find another
person and take
5 minutes to
share your
thoughts.

Lightning Talk:

**Supporting Pastoralism and Agriculture in
Recurrent and Protracted Crises (SPARC)**

**Nelson Owange, Director of Programs
Mercy Corps, South Sudan**



About SPARC

- ❖ Generates evidence to build resilience in (agro-)pastoral communities across the drylands
- ❖ FCDO-funded, through 2026
- ❖ Consortium partners: Mercy Corps, the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
- ❖ In South Sudan: Longitudinal qualitative research exploring adaptation in pastoral livelihood systems

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January 2023

TECHNICAL REPORT **DYNAMISM IN THE DRYLANDS**

Evidence from South Sudan for supporting pastoral livelihoods during protracted crises

Alex Humphrey, with Thudan James Gai and Nyachar Lony



Lessons from South Sudan

- ❖ **Pastoralism remains a dynamic livelihood system.** A 'snapshot in time' can't tell us much.
- ❖ **Climate change and conflict are driving changes to the system** in ways that vary between and within regions, communities, and households.
- ❖ **Pastoralists are rational actors.** Programming should equip them to *make and act on informed choices*, rather than incentivising specific outcomes.



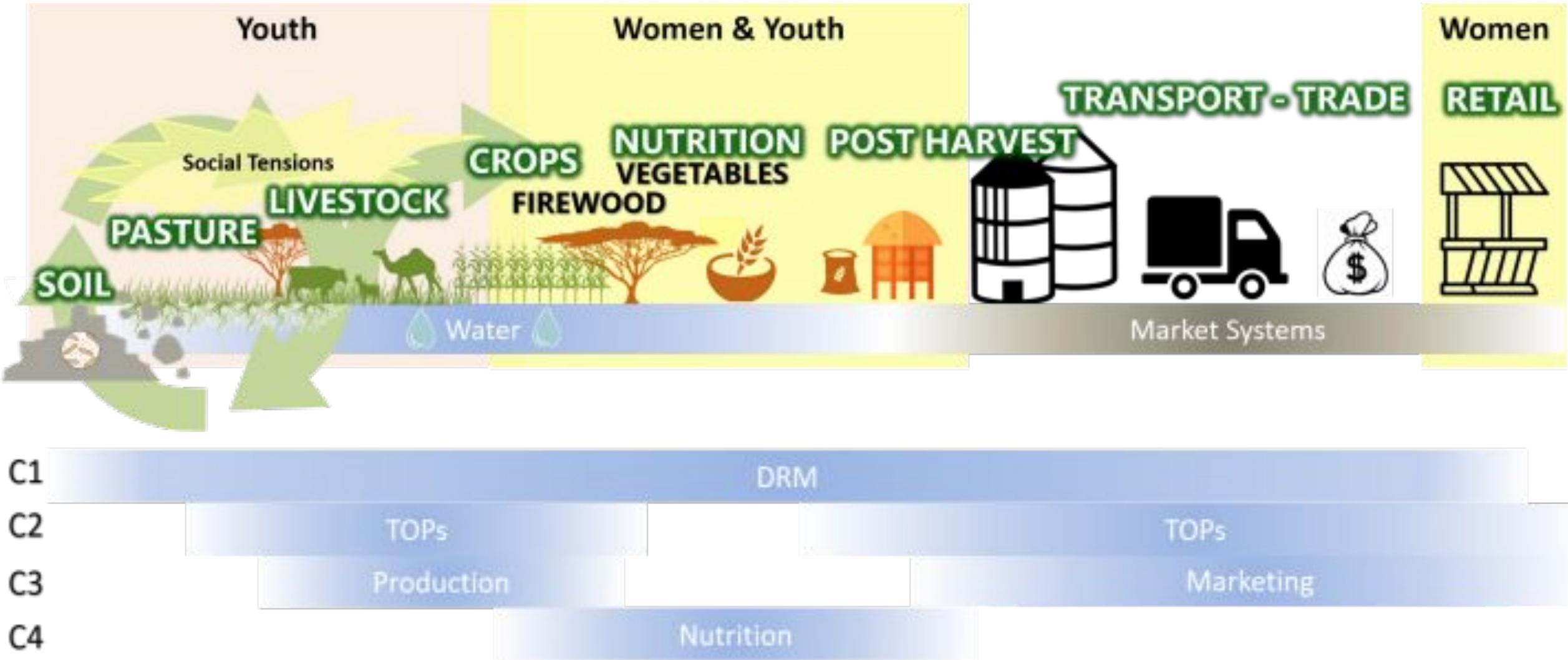
Peer to Peer Interview

Resilience in
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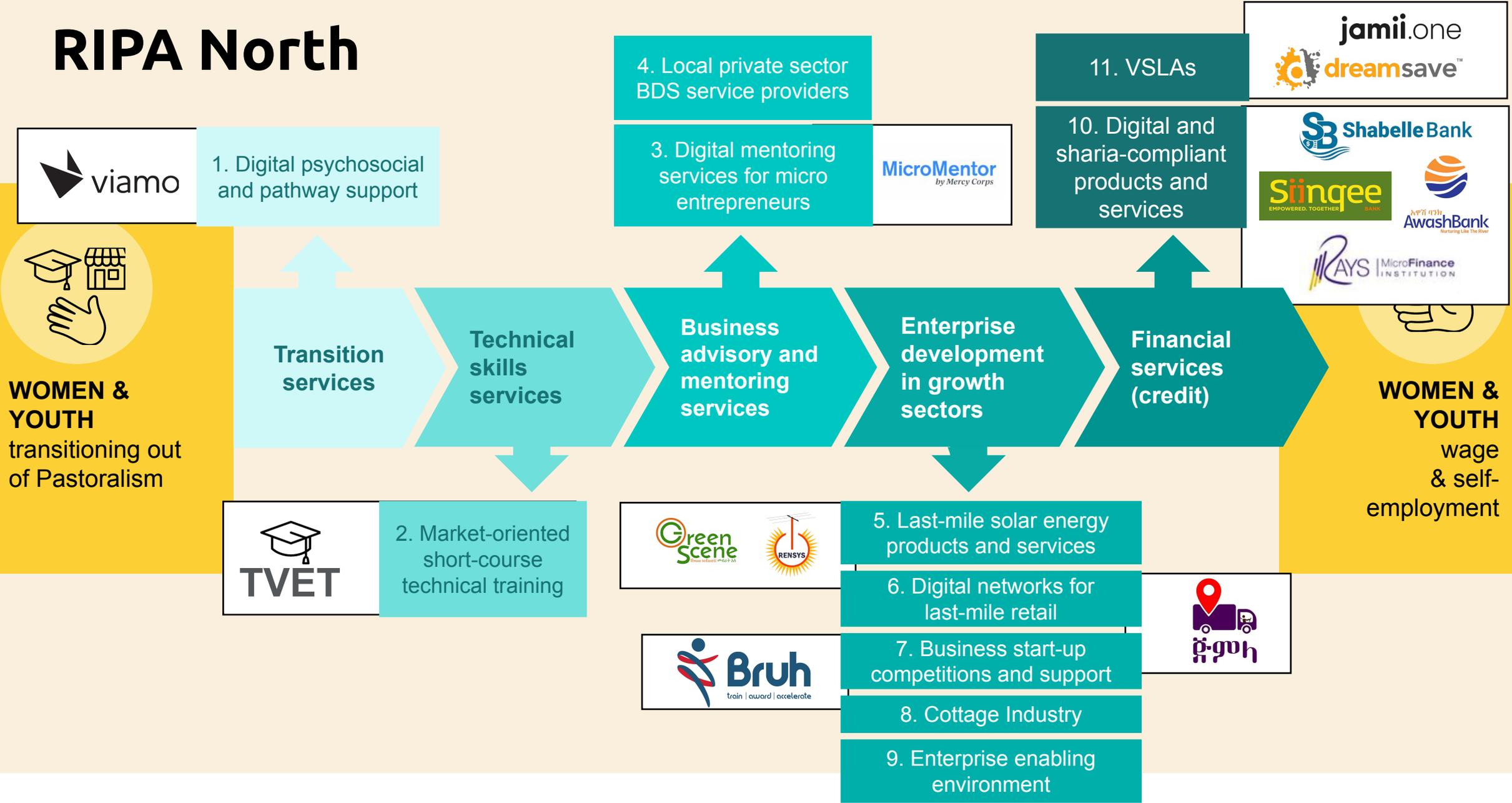
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RIPA South: Components in the Value Chains



RIPA North



WOMEN & YOUTH
transitioning out
of Pastoralism

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Breakout Groups

Question 1

What are the differences in opportunities for men, women, and youth for pastoralist vs. alternative livelihoods?

Question 2

How do we balance community-led vs. market-based priorities in pastoralist programs?





Key Takeaways from Discussion Groups

- Pastoralism is dynamic, not a monolith.
 - Need to strike the right balance between reacting or adapting to current conditions and planning for future hopes and aspirations.
 - Informed decision-making, specifically on climate change, requires accurate information not in abstract terms.
 - Livestock is not just for selling; animals serve households and communities at multiple levels.
 - Create a conducive environment for pastoralists to make choices as rational actors, regardless of the variety of contexts in the region.
 - Pastoralism may be becoming less viable, but what else would work in these lands?
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