



STAKEHOLDERS TRAINING WORKSHOP ON CATTLE FATTENING AS A WAY OF ADDING VALUE TO LEAN ANIMALS FROM THE DRYLANDS OF KENYA

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ACK GUEST HOUSE, KAJIADO COUNTY

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[Participants at the Stakeholders training workshop on cattle fattening as a way of adding value to lean animals from the Drylands of Kenya](#)

The PI of RELOAD project, Dr. Oliver Wasonga accompanied by the Chairman, LARMAT Prof. Kironchi, staff and postgraduate students from LARMAT attended the above training from 9th to 12th, April, 2017.

The training workshop was organised to address some of the key constraints to sustainable cattle fattening in the drylands of Kenya. The study was undertaken to assess the potential of stratified cattle production in pastoral areas of Kenya, funded under the meat value chain sub-project of the reduction of post harvest losses and value addition in East African food chains (RELOAD) project. The aim of the workshop was to provide a platform for actors in the pastoral meat production value chain to interact and share experiences. In addition, short trainings on record keeping, access to credit facilities and markets, and fodder production and conservation were undertaken during the workshop.

The RELOAD's meat value chain

sub-project is aimed at assessing the sources of losses and available intervention options for the purposes of informing development of the value chain and up-scaling of viable practices geared towards reducing losses incurred by cattle producers and traders in the drylands of Kenya. The RELOAD research team, which comprised the principle investigator for the RELOAD sub-project 6



work package 4 and 5 (Dr. Oliver Wasonga) and the 2 PhD Students (Mr. Bulle Dabasso and Mr. Raphael Lotira) has been working with stakeholders in the pastoral meat value chain in Kenya since 2013. Amongst the participants who attended the training workshop were: Individual cattle fatteners; ranchers involved in cattle fattening; livestock traders; service providers (credit service providers- Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB); research and extension agencies- Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO); and Livestock Marketing groups- Kenya Livestock Marketing Council (KLMC), Kenya Markets Trust and Pastoral group representatives

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