

# Grasslands-secret resource for a hungry world?

# **Examples from Ethiopia**

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#### The situation

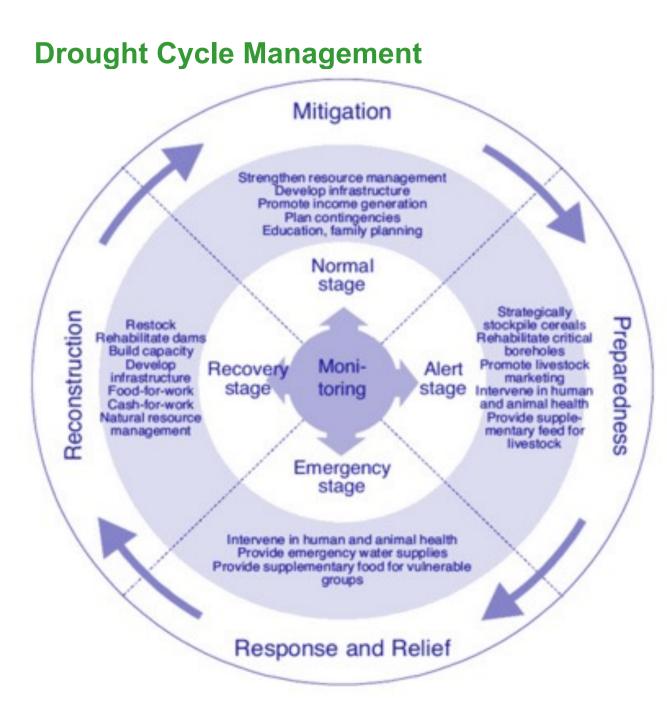


- Little political participation of agro/pastoralists
- Growing human population
- Increasing number of livestock though numbers per household decreased
- Weakened agro-/pastoralists' livelihood resilience to recurrent

climate extreme events and/or erratic weather patterns (often very

localized)

• Resource based conflicts.



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"Though enough land is available, we are benefitting less and less from it." (Pastoralist from Teltele

#### What we do



• Working with local partners who have the legitimacy to advocate

for the rights and interests of pastoralists

• Offer assistance for livelihood diversification, education,

infrastructure, in off-farm income generation

- Livestock management
- commercialization efforts, drought management practices
- institutional reforms

#### Challenges



- Systematic implementation of the Drought Cycle Management with the partners.
- Making livestock production more efficient and productive to produce the same or more with less heads
- Support livelihood diversification and unlock alternative income potentials.
- Making smart use of natural resources: e.g. incense collection, gum collection, apiculture, use of aloe vera ...

# Afar rangeland





## **Introduction of elephant grass**





#### **Alternative income**



### **Drinking water for lifestock**



