

Reinforcing Animal Health Services in Somalia (RAHS)

Livestock farming in Somalia is a vital sector, on which a large proportion of the population depends for food. Nomadic rearing is one of the main resources of the Somali economy, and ensuring that farmers have access to animal health services is fundamental, particularly in order to protect the resources of farmers', shepherds and the many Somali families that depend on livestock farming. This helps to improve these families' livelihoods and their resilience to natural disasters and other shocks. Terra Nuova has been working in the livestock sector in Somalia for over 10 years, assisting Somali communities and institutions in the four areas where the project is implemented: Somaliland, Puntland, Central Somalia and Southern Somalia.

Project beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries of the project will be the shepherds, sheep farmers and the families whose livelihoods are connected with livestock farming.

Aims

The goal of the project is to improve the quality, access to and sustainability of animal health services in Somalia, in order to support livestock production and trade. To reach this goal, we will work on building capacity in public institutions to provide and regulate this type of health services, and on solidifying public, private and community partnerships. Furthermore, systems for monitoring and checking diseases linked to the trade in livestock will be reinforced.

Location

Somaliland, Puntland, Central Somalia, Southern Somalia.

Duration

29 months - began 1st April 2014

Partners

AU-IBAR (project leader), Terra Nuova and COOPI

Financial support

European Union, in cooperation with AU-IBAR