

# Water Pans in Pastoralist Coastal Kenya

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One of the Water Pans constructed in Bofa (Kilifi County) through the World Renew  
Cash for Assets  
Program (CFA) – end of 2012

## Map of Kenya with Kilifi County





## Cash for Assets:

Through this methodology, the project paid 600 households about \$30 each a month for work completed on construction of community water pans

## KEY FINDINGS

1. 100% preferred Cash for Assets over Food for Assets.
2. High Value in Education
3. Empowerment of Women
4. Multiplier Effect

# PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS

## 1. Preference of CFA vs. FFA

- flexibility to buy foods they like vs. decided by program
- they can attend to other basic priorities especially education (school fees, uniforms, books), health (medicine, hospital fees)
- they can pay off outstanding debts
- they can start bank accounts, save and start businesses

### 3. Women's Empowerment

- Dignity, increased self esteem
- Able to access banks, not just for the elite
- Able to make purchasing decisions
- Not lining up for food, viewed as beggars
- More respect
- Opened their eyes on value of having an ID card.
- Government provides one after 18 years of age, most women are married younger than 18, so are only registered under their husband. Mobilized Chief of villages to help with ID cards
- First time in history that these women could access KSH from banks
- Some were exposed to new markets. Had never travelled more than 5 km's from their home.



#### 4. Multiplier Effect

- Improved local economy, for example merchants expanded stock, moved into hardware item
- Able to buy in bulk, discounts due to economies of scale, passed on to customers
- Livelihood opportunities: several started businesses, ducks, hens, goats, small shops/kiosks
- Bank agent experienced Increased business. Now have lost business because the program is over.
- Some started small micro-enterprise types of groups that continue today
- With the extra revenue one merchant is expanding his business to provide hardware items such as corrugated steel and nails

# From Disaster Response (Food for Work/Cash for Assets) to Community Development (PRA/Food Security)

## Case Study of Magharini Program north of Malindi



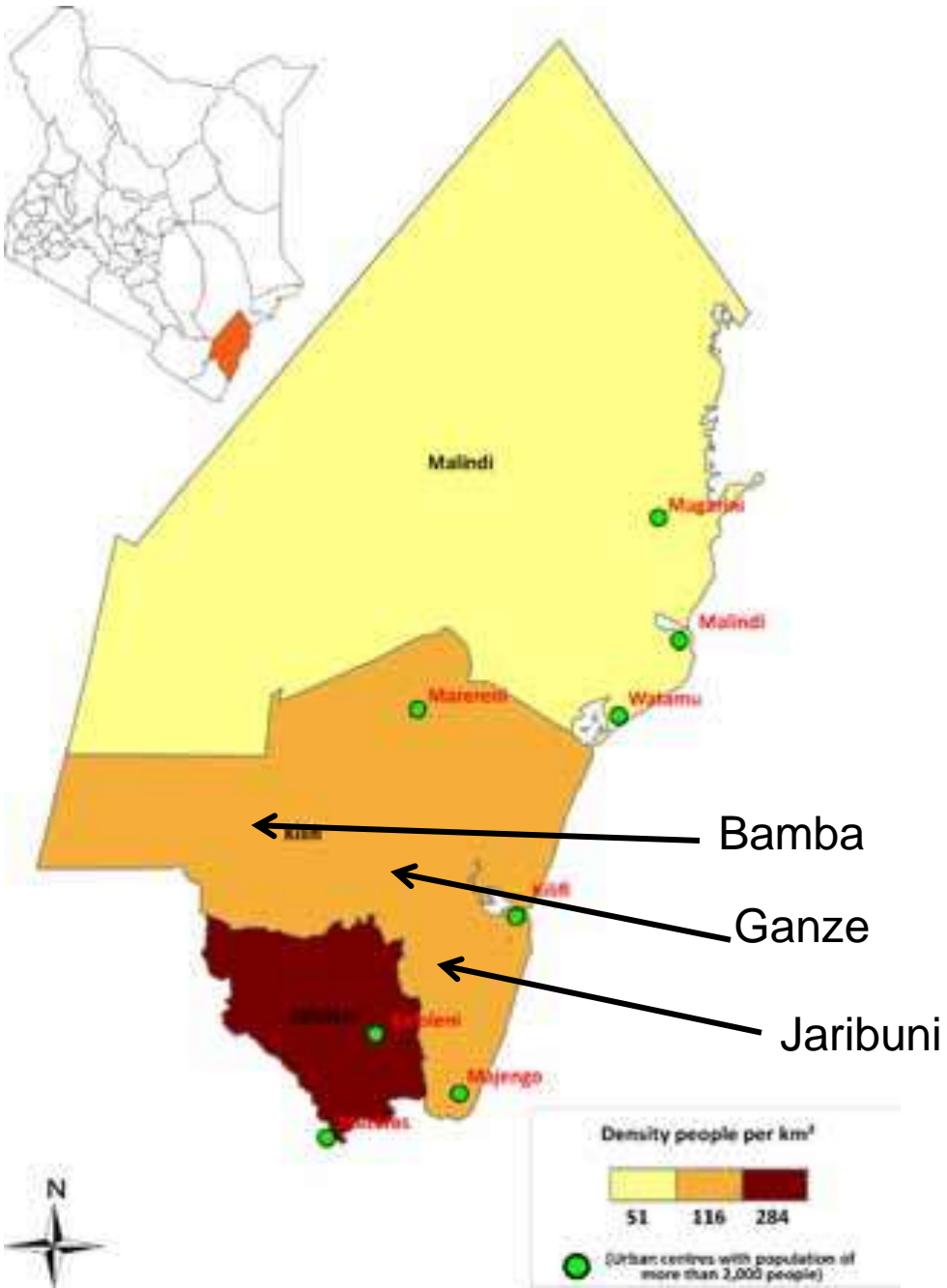
## Meeting with local community in Magharini for a quick needs assessment



# Experiences from Bamba-Ganze-Jaribuni Programs 2002-2014



# KILIFI COUNTY

















# Summary of Lessons learned over the years

- Community participation at every stage is key for enhancing ownership and increasing the chances of sustainability of the program
- Similarly, facilitating and encouraging the formation of community structures also contributes towards better and more effective program management and gives the community a voice beyond program duration.
- Water pans have overall significantly reduced the walking distances of women fetching daily water supply for household need- extra time can now be used for other activities
- Being a mainly a pastoralist community, more emphasis should be given in this area (improved livestock breeding, training CAHAS, marketing of livestock, etc..) than crop production.

# THANK-YOU

