

Cross-border monitoring activity in East Africa

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Cross-border Markets and Trade (XBT) Monitoring in East Africa

Objective:

- To expand coverage of existing xbt monitoring
- Strengthen markets and trade analysis capabilities to enhance food security analysis, early warning and market-related decision support

Key XBT Monitoring Activities

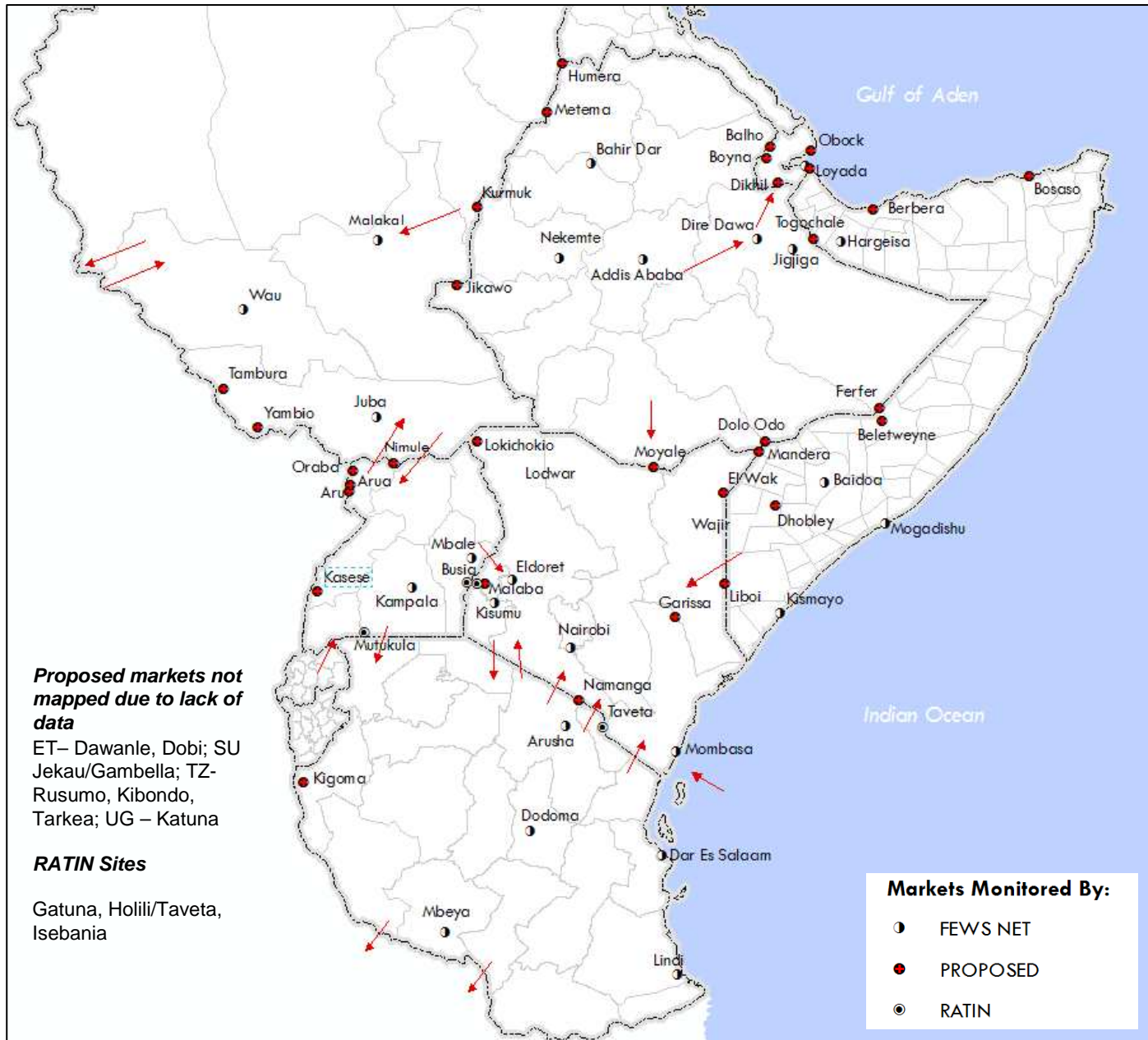
- Concept Note
- Regional Consultation Workshop on xbt monitoring, November 2008
- Continuous engagement between FEWS NET, WFP and FAO regional Offices
- Engagement with the WFP and FEWS NET offices
- Field manuals and data collection instruments
- Recruitment and training of field monitors
- Regional profiling activity of cross-border sites

XBT Monitoring – Regional Partnerships & Support levels – 2009/10

- **FEWS NET:**
 - USD 50K
 - XBT Coordinator
 - Main technical, training & implementation partner
 - Country-level implementation support
- **WFP:**
 - USD 50K (also gave another 50K in 2008)
 - ICT support - expected
 - Technical contribution
 - Country-level support
- **FAO:**
 - XBT Markets Profiling Consultant
- **FSNWG /MAS:**
 - Is the forum supported by activity and eventual ownership at regional level. Consultations/discussions

XBT Monitoring - Progress

Proposed Sites



Data collection and Field Manual

- Data collection process draws heavily from extensive consultations - RATIN, Southern Africa and other Eastern Africa experiences
- Data collection process is outlined in the manual
- [Manual](#) contains details, e.g.:
 - XBT monitor SOW
 - Monitoring methods – mainly observation;
 - Protocols for setting up field monitoring sites;
 - Detailed monitoring [tools](#) including:
 - Daily trade volume sheet;
 - Daily price monitoring sheet
 - Weekly summary sheet
 - Livestock trade volumes

Data transmission format

Generic:

<<NAME OF MKT>><<FRM or
INFRM>><<MONTH>><<Week #>> Specify
inflow (IN) or outflow (OUT)
<<COMMODITY>><<Qty>><<AVG PRICE>>.

Real example - [Data](#):

MOYALE **FRM** JAN_10 WK1 IN maize 500bgs of
50kg. KES3450 per 50 kg. IN rice 100bgs of
100kg. KES5400 per 100kg IN Beans 200bgs of
108kg. KES4150 per 108kg.

FEWS NET Regional Roles

- Design, development and training;
- Overall implementation supervision, quality control and standards;
- Market profiling (led by FAO consultant)
- Data transmission, management & storage;
- Data cleaning, analysis & dissemination;
- Coordinating with partners/stakeholders.

FEWS NET Country/Partner Roles

- Prioritizing and identifying monitoring sites;
- Facilitation of consultations with government and partners;
- Administrative support role for enumerators
 - Review/preparation of country-specific contracts;
 - Recruitment, training and day-to-day supervision of monitors;
 - Facilitate payment of remuneration
 - Provide/facilitate letters of introductions/IDs, etc;
- Support the FAO regional Market Profiling Consultant;

Notes:

1. All these activities would be done with request and collaboration of regional offices;

2. There is a provision in the xbt monitoring budget for country-level FEWS NET travel

Progress of cross-border monitoring

”Cross-border-Ometer”

Activity	Done?	Activity	Done?
Concept Note Developed	√	Field validation & testing of tools	√
Stakeholder Consultation	√	XBT Coordinator / profiling consultant in place?	√
Partner Involvement /MOU	√	Comments on Manual/instruments	pending
Funding	√	XBT data collection and transmission	6/17
Data collection instruments developed	√	Data analysis and reporting templates, etc	Not yet

Prioritized list of sites

Country	Sites Selected	Sites established
Djibouti	Lawayydo (DJ-SO)	1 of 1
Ethiopia	Metema; Jikawo (ET-Sudan); Humera (ET-Sudan); Kurmuk	0 of 3
Kenya	Malaba, Lwakhakha, Namanga, Tarakea/Loitokitok Moyale (KE-ET); Liboi (KE-SO); Vanga-TBC (KE-TZ)	5 of 7
Somalia	Beletwyne; Togochalle(SO-ET) Doble (SO-KE); Bual Hawa	0 of 4
Sudan	Kaya/Nimule (UG-SS)	0 of 1
Tanzania		
Uganda	Mpondwe (UG-DRC)	0 of 1
	Total	6 of 17

Next Steps

- Field implementation of remaining sites – bilateral discussions with FNRs
- Comments on field manuals and expert review of draft manual to allow for publication
- Profiling of cross-border sites
- Analytical frameworks dependent on availability of historical data