

UNDERSTANDING CHANGE IN WEST POKOT COUNTY AND EXPLAINING ITS DRIVERS

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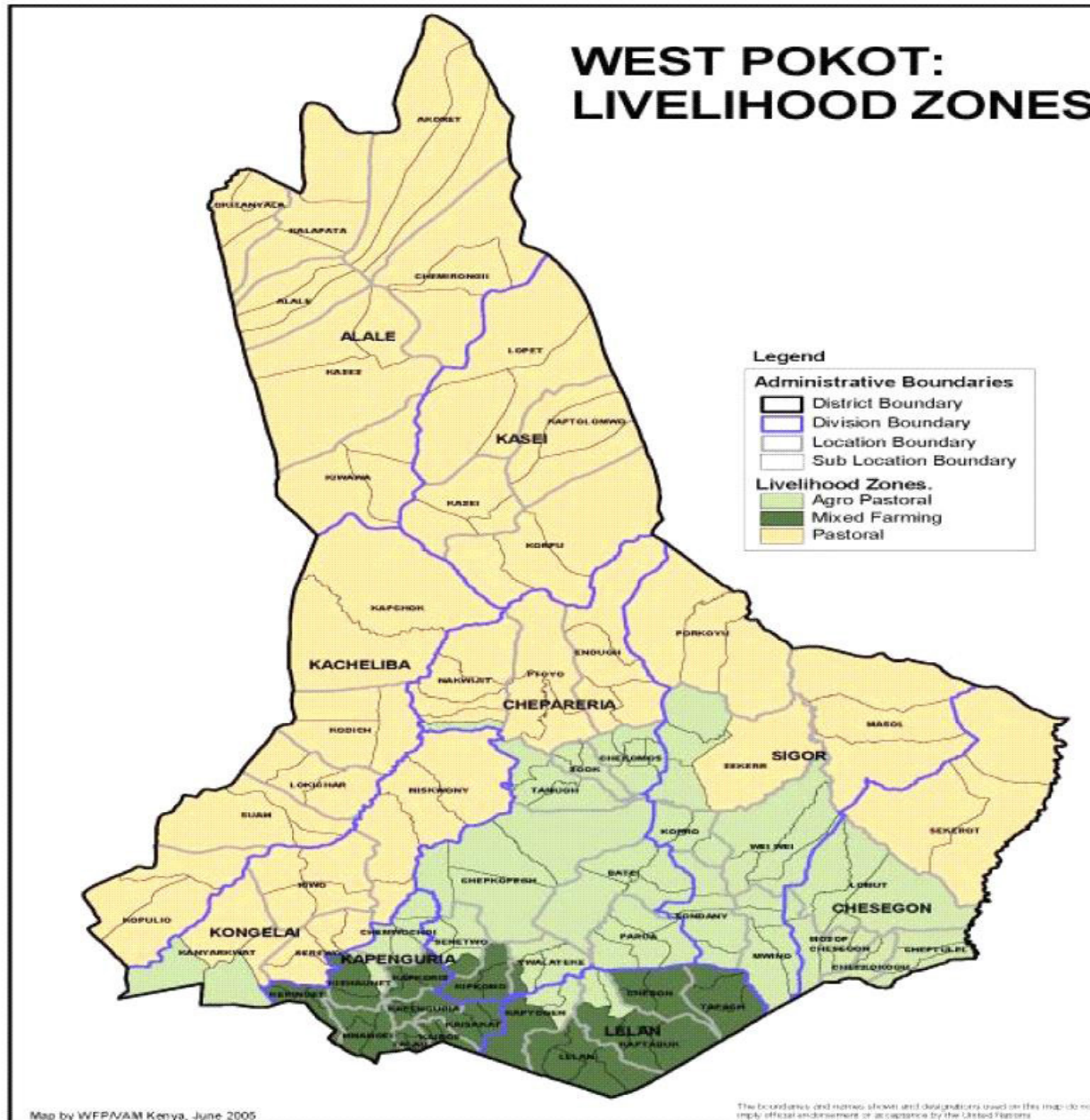
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INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- Builds on previous study: Linking Vi- Agroforestry with Triple L Initiative
- Research Questions:
 - What are the most notable socio- economic, socio- cultural and socio- ecological changes that have taken place in West Pokot County over the past decades?
 - What are the drivers of welfare in West Pokot County? What are the differences in welfare between the divisions of West Pokot? What causes these differences?



STUDY AREA



METHODOLOGY

- 12 FGDs: 5 female, 5 male, 2 mixed
- 8 KIIs: Chiefs, Village Elders, Teacher
- Semi- Structured Interview Guide



RESULTS & DISCUSSION

- Land sizes and Livestock productivity
- Diversification of Livelihoods
- Enclosures
- Land- use change
- Development of the Market for Land



CONCEPT OF WELFARE

- “The health, happiness, and fortunes of a person or group.”

- Oxford Dictionary 3rd Ed., 2010

- Do you feel that your standard of living has improved, worsened or remained the same over the past decade or so? If improved or worsened, what are the reasons for this?



CONCEPT OF WELFARE

- Improved health & sanitation
- Improved food security & nutritional variety
- Increase in number of & proximity to schools, health facilities & churches
- Increase in no. of children accessing tertiary education



DIFFERENCES IN WELFARE IN WEST POKOT COUNTY

- How do you see welfare development here compared to other regions of West Pokot?
 - Lelan

Comparative advantages: dairy farming, morino sheep, good access to water, education
 - Kongelai

Feel behind, cattle weak, formally employed people not from Kongelai, lacking educational facilities, disadvantageous climate with little rainfall, no title deeds, migrate, few external initiatives, poor infrastructure



Driver	Kapenguria	Lelan	Chepareria	Kongelai	Kacheliba
Climatic Preconditions	Highlands with favourable agricultural conditions	Highlands with high rainfall, resulting in comparative advantages	Partially dry and partially highlands, comparably high degree of land reclamation	Mostly dry with unfavourable agricultural conditions, low degree of land reclamation	Mostly dry with unfavourable agricultural conditions, poor land reclamation
Access to health care	high	medium	medium	low	low
Formal education infrastructure	very good	good	good	medium	medium
Road Infrastructure	very good	good	good	poor	poor
Presence of Vi-Agroforestry	high	high	very high	low	none
Enclosures	very common	very common	very common	less common	only temporary
Access to markets	very good	very good	very good	poor	very poor

THANK YOU!

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Any questions?

