

BEST CLOSING WORKSHOP, ILRI, NAIROBI 13 August 2013
Plenary feedback from 'Community' breakout group
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Application for users

- Depends on the situation, the place and the area being targeted. There are ownership related issues in different communities which could completely change the decision making processes. It would have been good to do this more and different scenarios
- The indicators show there is a growing displacement of cattle by sheep in the study area: what are the long term implications for cattle, what will happen with the growing trend of cattle increasingly kept away from their home for most of the year due to lack of pasture? Does this weakens the links between cattle and the family in the long run.
- Diversification of livelihoods is very important. Conservancies/ livestock keeping ,creating that balance is key to optimal productivity in rangelands.
- Spending conservancy income is related to the timing of payments and the current issues facing the family during that particular time (school fees, drought, and ceremonies).
- people close to the park have more options in supporting their livestock during hard times hence high household survival

Future directions

- communities need further scenarios to be modeled around the different land use options, that can guide land owners on optimal use of land
- need to explore how people can use this to inform investment decisions

How best to disseminate these findings

- *Message* : optimal use of rangelands is in maintaining open space. Where land has been subdivided, communities are now struggling to put individual parcels back together.
- Opportunities for enhancing livelihood security through diversification are important
- *Communication*: of the findings: extensions through
 - o Games
 - o Radio stations (mainly in the vernacular)
 - o Community meetings
 - o Sharing the report, and adding more background information
 - o Simplifying information and translating into the vernacular
 - o Develop computer game / apps as the game is enjoyable really gets people thinking about new opportunities and constraints