

PASSAGE PROJECT

NEWSLETTER QUARTER 2

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Q2 2025 highlights

- PASSAGE Team at the CLARE Exchange Forum
- Knowledge Learning Hubs
- Celebrating the RCMRD at 50
- Enhanced Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (EVCA) Training & Data Collection

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Item 1: PASSAGE Team at the CLARE Exchange Forum

The event marked the first in-person convening under the CLARE initiative, bringing together researchers, development practitioners, and policymakers with a shared goal: to bridge the gap between science and action in the pursuit of more effective climate resilience strategies.

Participants from Asia, Africa, Europe, and North America engaged in fostering meaningful collaboration, knowledge exchange, and dialogue on climate adaptation and resilience. The global nature of the climate challenge calls for a collective effort to address it, through inclusive and evidence-informed strategies.



Image: *PASSAGE Team at the Event held in Lusaka-Zambia from 6-9 May, 2025*

Item 2: Knowledge Learning Hubs

The PASSAGE project team led by ICPALD, University of Sussex and University of Nairobi visited the Somare–Arballe corridor of Moyale (Kenya–Ethiopia) and Amudat-Kacheliba cross-border corridor of the IGAD Karamoja cluster respectively, to convene Knowledge Learning Hubs.

The team engaged the communities in two-way knowledge exchange and learning for purposes of co-developing anticipatory action plans for different climate conditions such as drought and rainfall variability.



Through inclusive dialogue, communities shared their understanding and management of risks, while identifying local drought indicators, early warning triggers and preferred communication channels.

9-11 April, 2025: Somare-Arballe Corridor of Moyale (Kenya-Ethiopia)

11-12 June, 2025: Amudat-Kacheliba Cross-Border Corridor of the IGAD Karamoja Cluster

Image 1: Somare-Arballe Corridor of Moyale (Kenya-Ethiopia)

Image 2: Amudat-Kacheliba Cross-Border Corridor of the IGAD Karamoja Cluster

Item 3: Celebrating the RCMRD at 50

The RCMRD (Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development), one of PASSAGE's project partners and a key player in work package one, celebrated 50 years of impact. The PASSAGE Project was proud to be featured at the RCMRD@50 celebrations showcasing how anticipatory action and early warning systems are transforming the resilience of pastoral communities in the Greater Horn of Africa.



Image: The PASSAGE booth at the RCMRD@50 event, PASSAGE was represented by Mohamed and Connel from RCMRD who work on the PASSAGE project.

Item 4: Enhanced Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (EVCA) Training and Data Collection in Kenya and Uganda

Kenya

The Kenya Project team conducted inception meetings with communities, local government and stakeholders in both the Karamoja Cluster, Orum, Turkana County. This was aimed at ensuring community engagement to generate understanding of the project objectives and buy-in of PASSAGE projects by the local communities. Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) staff and volunteers were trained in GEI, after which a roadmap and Gender assessment tool was reviewed and integrated into the enhanced vulnerability capacity assessment tool (EVCA).



Images: *Photos of Karamoja Cluster nomadic shelters and local community participants in an EVCA activity conducted in Orum village, Turkana County. Photos courtesy of the Kenya Red Cross Society.*

Uganda

The Uganda Red Cross Society, in collaboration with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) carried out a community-led Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (EVCA) in Moroto District.



This process brought together Red Cross teams, local leaders, women, youth, elders, persons with disabilities, and NGOs to better understand the everyday risks facing pastoralist communities—and how they are coping. Through community mapping, seasonal calendars, focus group discussions, and interviews, the communities and the team identified key high-priority risks, and developed community-led Actions plan that

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What makes this process unique is that it is community-driven—local people share their knowledge, priorities, and solutions. Tools and insights were gathered using a blend of traditional wisdom and participatory risk analysis, ensuring that the voices of vulnerable groups are heard and respected.

“This is just the beginning. With stronger local knowledge, early warning systems, and inclusive planning, these communities are shaping a safer, more resilient future—on their own terms.” -Ms. Catherine Mugisha, Programme Officer, Uganda RedCross.



Images: Courtesy of Uganda RedCross