

Drought insurance: Breaking the cycle of loss for millions of pastoralists

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Droughts have always occurred in the Horn of Africa, but in the past few years they have begun happening much more frequently.

An award-winning scheme of index-based livestock insurance could provide a lifeline for millions of pastoralists whose livelihoods are affected by drought. There is no need to wait for a drought to become severe, for animals to die, or people to starve. Instead this scheme can help resilient pastoralists deal with climate shocks **before** they happen.

Presenters Brenda Coromina and Elliot Carleton take a look at how the insurance works, and why it is needed.

The index-based livestock insurance project at ILRI is run with the help of a variety of partners, including the World Bank, Cornell University, UC Davis, and the Kenyan government.

This episode features a clip from a video interview with Guyo Malicha Roba by The Elephant.

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