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Key messages
- Land and forest management; pastoralist’s families income
- The case study shows that working with different stakeholders of the livestock value chain is a powerful tool to improve natural resource management and pastoralist family income

Livestock-based solutions
- Livestock is used as a tool for improving forest & grassland management. Good grazing and management practices are mainstreamed through small livestock keepers’ associations.
- An associated marketing strategy is implemented to sell unfinished calves to commercial fatteners.
- Approaches or methods to sustainable livestock: silvopastoral systems, mobility; land use planning; capacity building, associated marketing.

Results and evidence
- The case study results in improved conditions and indicators in forests, grasslands and water basins. The income at the pastoralist family level is also improved. A responsible management of natural resources is promoted, as is the associative work and the continuous dialogue among stakeholders.
- Working together with a multi-stakeholder perspective promotes better, more sustainable production practices, a sounder land, forest & water management, and stimulates a better inclusion of family-farming households in markets.
- The improvement of pasture quality, the increase in biodiversity both at the forest and at the grassland, and the increase of the price paid to farmers for their cattle are all indicators that have been measured.

Multiplier effects
- multi-stakeholder: Small Producers Organizations + NGO’s + local and regional Government + commercial fatteners working in all the cattle value chain
- commercial links are to be consolidated and the program is to be expanded to many neighboring communities.
- Associated work among different actor is a key point to achieve better production rates, forest conservation and restoring and better prices/incomes

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