

## Poverty mapping in Kenya: ILRI outcome story 2004

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Poverty maps present geographically disaggregated poverty measures, providing a graphic visualization of the distribution, impact and magnitude of poverty across space. In 2001, ILRI started collaboration with the Government of Kenya and the World Bank to develop poverty maps. The Report “**Geographic Dimensions of Well-Being in Kenya, Volume One: Where Are the Poor? From Districts to Locations**” was launched by the Kenya Government in October 2003.

A study commissioned by The Kenya Government in 2004 provides evidence that the poverty maps are influencing national and sectoral policy decisions and allocation of resources in favour of poor people. The report “**Poverty Analysis in Kenya: Ten Years On**” was based on a survey involving selected government, donors, and non-governmental institutions. Its objective was to examine the extent to which poverty maps are being used in the design and formulation pro-poor policy, project, and program interventions. The study provides several instances where poverty maps have influenced policy changes and decision making. These include communicating the government’s pro-poor agenda, selection of sample areas for participatory poverty assessment, facilitating targeting of pro-poor investments, allocation of poverty funds, and coordinating donor development assistance.

The World Bank’s **Country Assistance Strategy for Kenya** cites the poverty map as a key instrument for understanding poverty and helping Kenya achieve its development objective.

The Kenya Agricultural Research Institute used the poverty map to identify project sites in designing the EC-supported study for Agriculture & Livestock support program.

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