

# NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

FBLN-KENYA

# Building and Strengthening FBL Networks

## **What is the current situation? (And what is the historical perspective?)**

- (Yes) farmer networks exist as WRUAs, IWUAs, CBMU (fisheries), CFAs (forestry),
- NO existing flood-based farmer network...WRUAs are the closest
- They started as informal community groups and have since been formalised and entrenched into the law
- Further to find out about livestock farmers network association, pasture farmers association and bee keepers association

## **Formal or informal?**

- They are registered under Water Act, Irrigation Policy, Fisheries Act, and Forest Act respectively
- Others are registered under the social services Act as community self help groups
- Others are not registered but are structured such as Common Interest Groups

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## **Networked?**

- Intra networks exist (common interest by structure or nature of business)
- Network between WRUAs in one sub-catchment and another exists because of WARMA sub-regional structures
- Some farmer networks in the agricultural sector exist based on value chains

## **Activities**

- Depends on the purpose of each association/network for instance:
- WRUAs (catchment conservation, planting trees, water harvesting and flood control, water abstraction control)
- CFAs (raise and sell seedlings, re-forestation);
- IWUAs: organise marketing of the produce; Water allocation; gender inclusivity