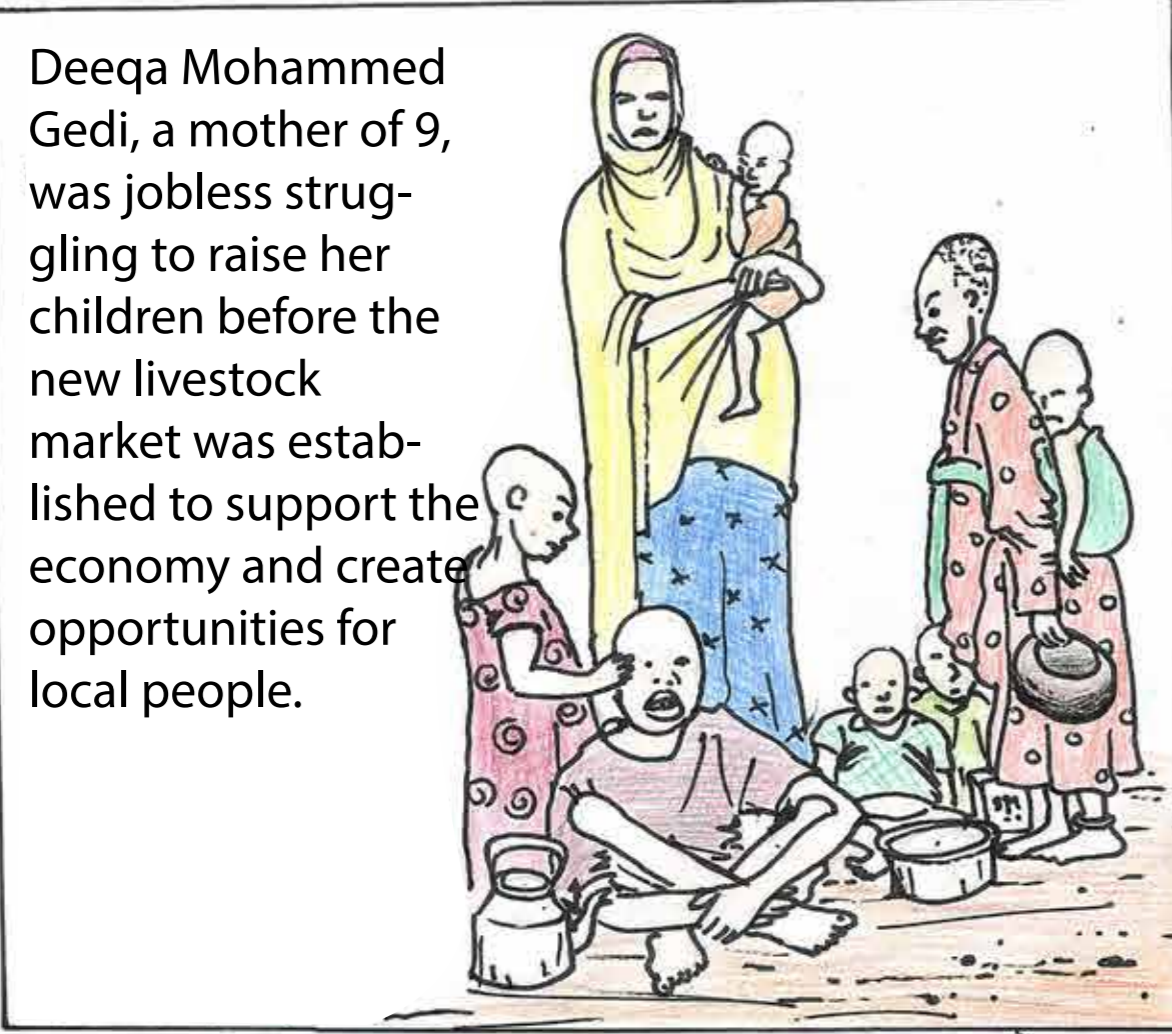


NEW LIVESTOCK MARKET BOOSTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

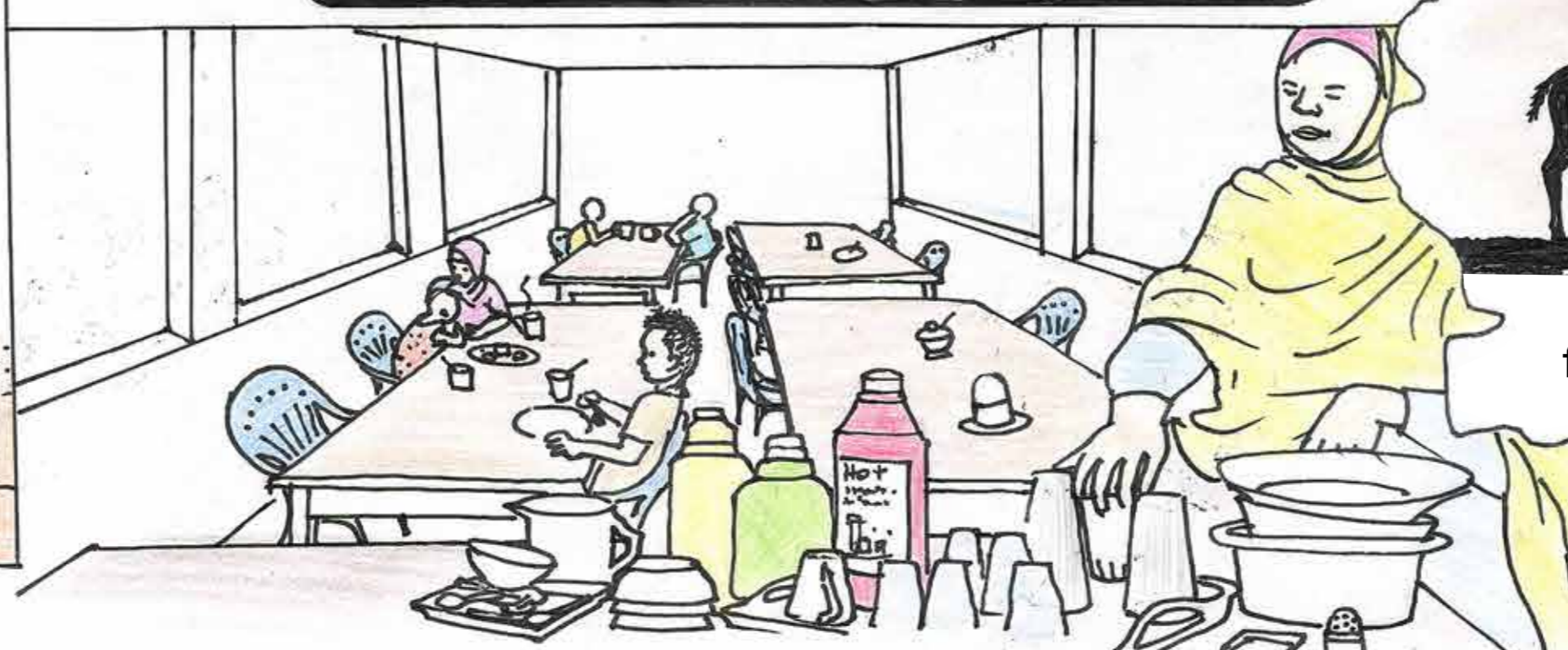
The BRCiS (Building Resilient Communities in Somalia) aims to make communities more resilient to current shocks and stresses. Among other expected outcomes, the FCDO-funded BRCiS 2 project sought to enhance the capacity of communities to mitigate the impact of future shocks through effective management of natural resources, community integration into local governance, and strong social cohesion. BRCiS derives its strength from its deep and meaningful relationship with local communities.

This story is about a modern livestock market built by BRCiS through NRC, in an effort to support the economy, create resilience and opportunities for local people in Guriel.

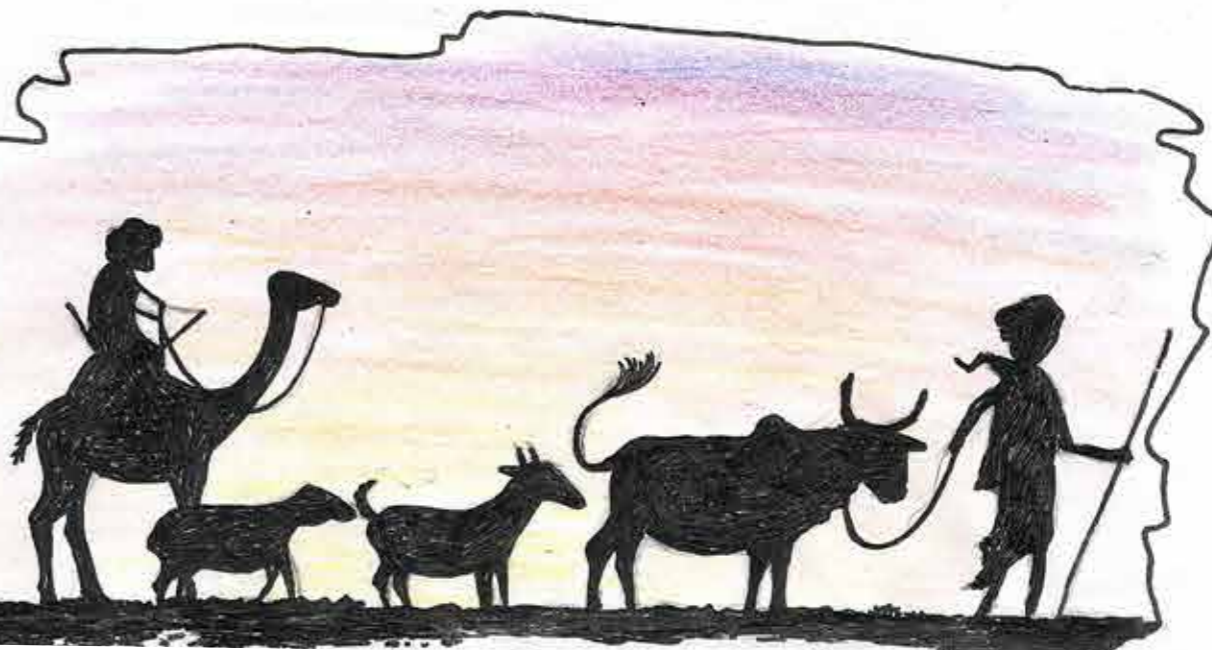
Deeqa Mohammed Gedi, a mother of 9, was jobless struggling to raise her children before the new livestock market was established to support the economy and create opportunities for local people.



BRCiS Building Resilient Communities in Somalia



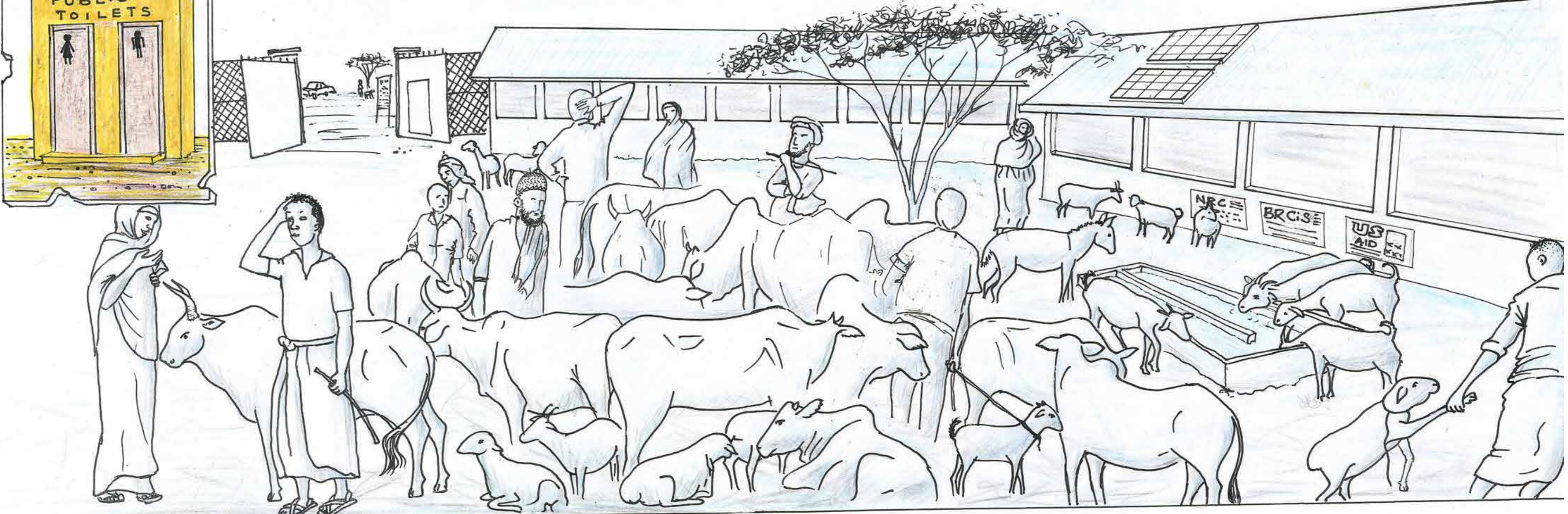
Deeqa counts herself lucky as she is one of few workers who operate tea shops and restaurants at the Guriel livestock market. She now makes more than 70 US dollars a day, with which she can support her family and more. Her life changed completely.



The market also serves pastoralists from neighbouring regions such as the lower shebelle region and across the border in Ethiopia.

The livestock market was established in Guriel in the Gulmudug region in central Somalia with the help of NRC to support the economy, create resilience and opportunities for local people. NRC constructed a modern livestock market.

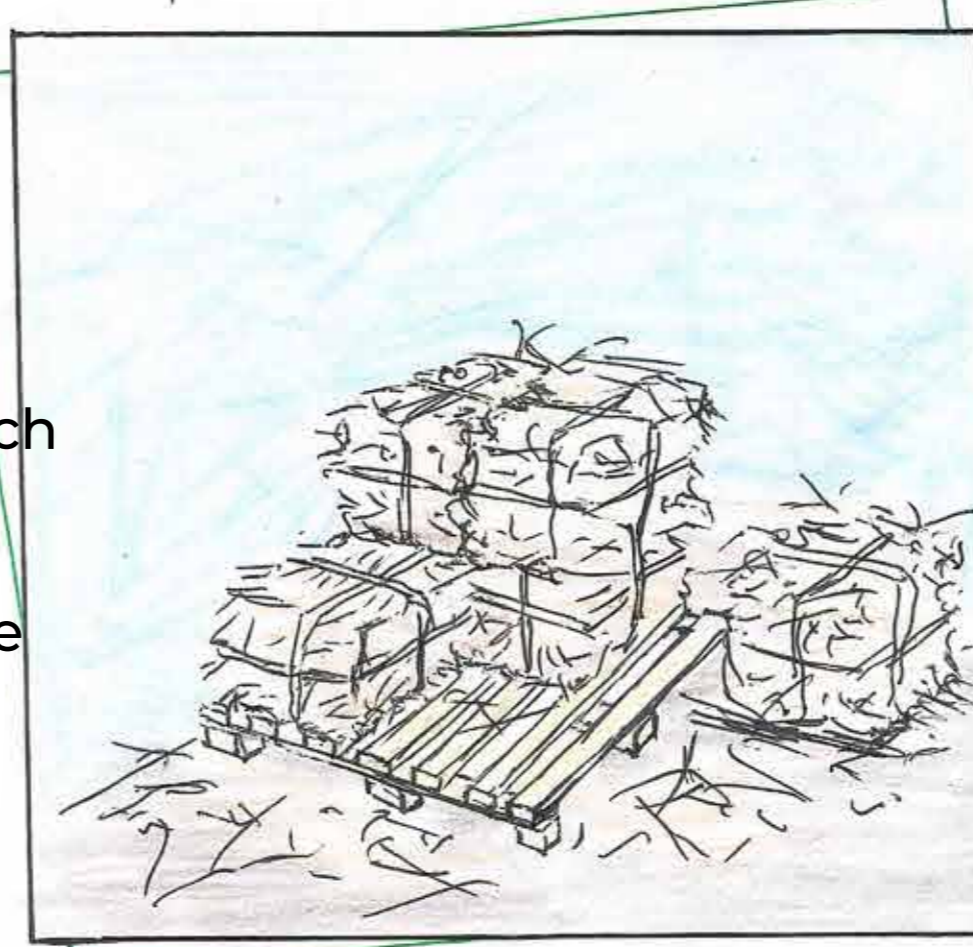
Public washrooms are among the facilities fitted in the new Guriel livestock market.



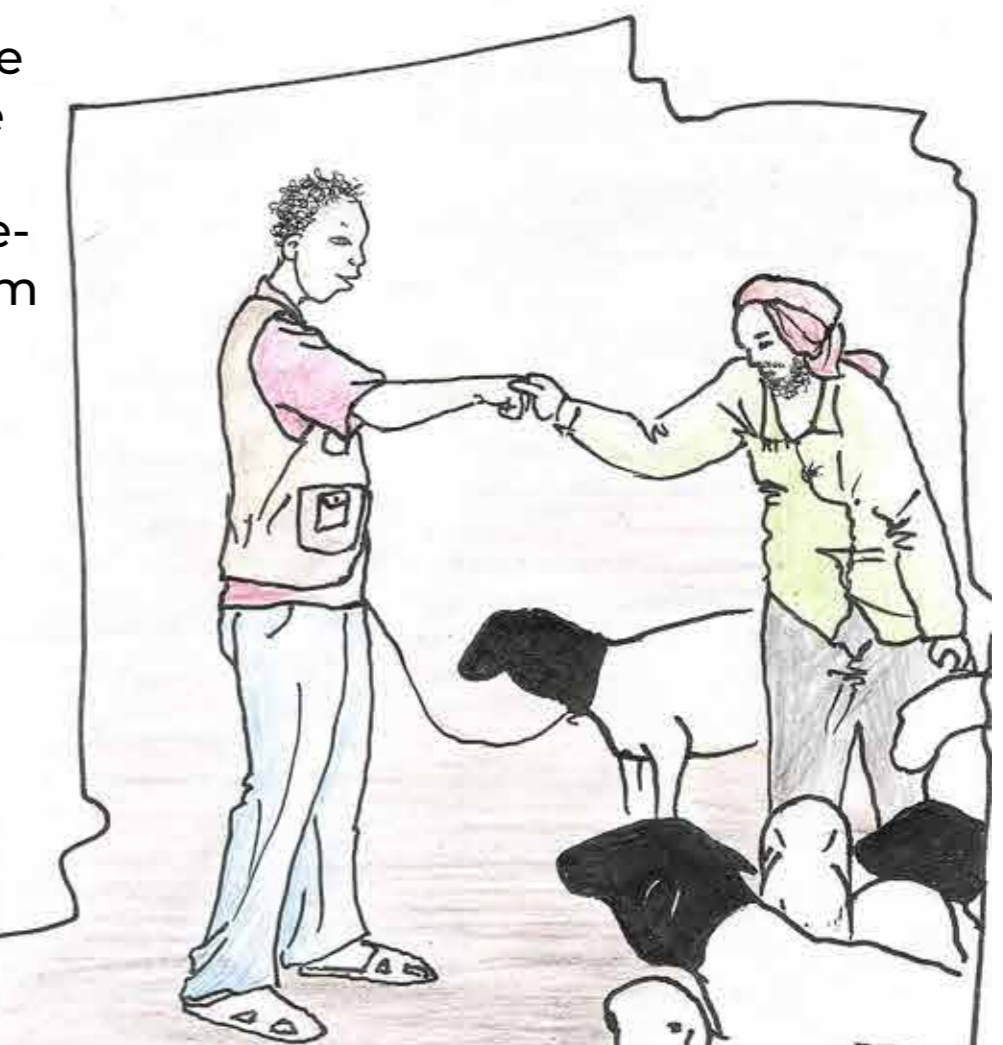
The market is strategically located at the centre of the town serves more than one thousand people every day and over two thousand animals are sold. The Market sits on 10,000 square meters of land and has an open space where traders, brokers and livestock sellers meet every day. The livestock sold in the market is mainly ferried to Berbera and Bosaso ports from where they are exported to Dubai and Oman.



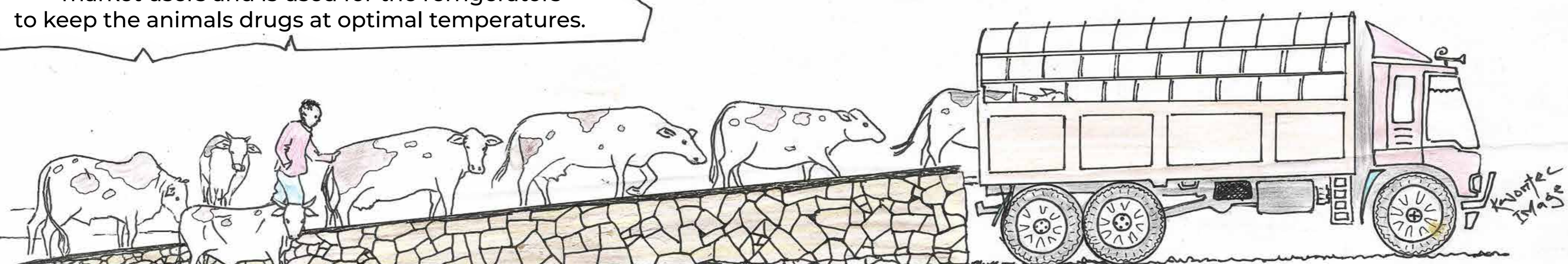
The modern market gave traders access to all necessary facilities such as veterinary department with experts, animals feed, and water storage and more.



A solar system was installed on the rooftop of the market to provide free electricity to the market users and is used for the refrigerators to keep the animals drugs at optimal temperatures.



Shaking hands vigorously is a sign that deal has been reached. This is a traditional model of buying and selling livestock and its still practiced in Guriel.



It is hoped that the livestock market will continue to support the local communities as they struggle to overcome challenges such as food insecurity caused by the drought. It is also hoped to improve social interaction in the communities.