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# **Sustainable Agricultural Livelihood Restoration, Rehabilitation and Resilience in Kenya**

## **Guidelines on Sustainable Ruminant Feeds and Nutrition Security for Kenya**

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### **CHAPTER 3 KEY PILLARS AND ISSUES ON RUMINANT FEED AND NUTRITION SECURITY**

#### **3.2 Pillar 2: Feed access**

This pillar refers to the ability of livestock to obtain feed that meets their dietary needs and preferences. Once the feeds are available, the next question is how farmers will access it through different food sources (e.g., production, purchases, gifts, aid, gathering, or other forms) and whether they can get enough feed to cover their ruminant nutritional needs from the available sources. The ability to access enough feed will directly depend on physical Access (e.g., own production, distance to markets), financial Access (e.g., purchasing power, Access to credit), and social Access (e.g., ability to secure feed through social networks, based on extended family, ethnicity, religion or political affiliation). Feed security requires that livestock keepers have access to ruminant feeds regardless of their economic or social status.