



IOM International Organization for Migration

**KENYA**

## MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AMONG PASTORALIST COMMUNITIES

### IOM IN ACTION

This programme is working towards

- Minimizing resource-based conflicts in Northern Kenya
- Strengthening capacities of the pastoralist, local communities and refugee hosting communities, specifically the youth, to adapt to the increasing direct and indirect impacts of climate change.

**“THIS PROGRAMME AIMS TO MINIMIZE RESOURCE-BASED CONFLICT AMONG PASTORALIST COMMUNITIES AND REFUGEE HOST COMMUNITY IN NORTHERN KENYA THROUGH STRENGTHENING YOUTH CAPACITIES TO ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE.”**

Northern Kenya is an arid region inhabited by nomadic pastoralists and characterized by a fragile ecosystem – ravaged by the effects of climate change and susceptible to insecurity due to regional ethnic and political inter-play within the Kenya-Uganda-Sudan-Ethiopia-Somalia borderlands.

The region is also drought prone, a situation that has

depleted livestock, water and pasture. These conditions create an increased need for mobility – further and further a field for the survival of pastoralist livelihoods. Pasture and water scarcity continue to be a key driving force for most inter-communal conflicts – more so along the often-insecure and porous border regions.

IOM's past experience suggests that the most effective way of providing support to the pastoralists in the prevailing situation is through the promotion of peaceful co-existence among and within the communities and protecting the communities' assets, save lives, build community resilience and address

vulnerabilities.

Thus IOM through this project is responding to the affected communities by spearheading conflict prevention initiatives through a variety of youth led peace and conflict mitigation initiatives and promotion of safe migration; as well as promotion of sustainable livelihoods for youth and community based natural resource management for increased productivity.

## Programme Components

### Conflict Prevention and Safe Migration

IOM is working towards counteracting the growing culture of armed violence by promoting peace among youth through:

- Identifying inter/intra district mobility and cross border movement trends among youth
- Establishing a “safe migration” campaign among pastoralist youth;
- Establishing four youth friendly cultural peace centers (one in each location) to mitigate cross border conflict through dialogue, promotion of peace, cultural awareness and harmony.
- Identifying youth organizations and community stakeholders and building community networks for the promotion of peace and reconciliation – as the key to livelihoods sustainability;
- Establishing a variety of peace building activities such as ‘Sports for Peace’, environmental stewardships, peace marches and races, tree planting exercises, peace walks, etc; for youth mobilization to address resource based conflicts and inter ethnic/cross border conflict situations through the promotion of solidarity among the conflicting communities;
- Awareness raising and building capacity through training of local authorities, provincial administration, immigration officers and partners on basic concepts of understanding the risk factors of irregular migration, promoting safe migration all the while incorporating peaceful coexistence and conflict prevention through provision of alternative livelihoods.

### Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods and Natural Resource Management

To boost livelihood activities among pastoralists and refugee host community, IOM is:

- Drill boreholes that can supply water for irrigation and rehabilitation of small holder irrigation schemes to stimulate economic empowerment
- Establish skills training centers to provide youth empowerment through vocational skills training in selected local skills development to contribute to diversified livelihood sources
- Promote youth led Income Generating Activities (IGA's) and integrate them with community mobilization saving and loan schemes
- Provide capped grants to support youth friendly community stabilization projects e.g. drilling of and rehabilitating boreholes
- Profile youth groups from pastoral areas involved in innovative work as a marketing strategy
- Build capacity of the community on livestock health and production, crop production, wealth creation and management
- Support small-scale trading for improved businesses
- Support the development of community partnerships for the management of natural resources sharing within and across districts. This will be achieved through the enhancement of water accessibility; construction of water dams, pans and boreholes;
- Establish fresh produce centers /animal cell yards to enhance market led production;
- Encourage, where feasible, a gradual change in land utilization and alternative means of livelihoods to adapt to climate change. This will be achieved through diversification of agro-business activities including agro-farming, trade, fish farming, arts and craft and tourism promotion especially in areas with human-animal competition over water points to provide water facilities for schools, livestock and domestic use.

*“This project aims at minimizing resource-based conflicts and strengthening capacities to adapt to climate change among 10,000 pastoralists and host community’s youth in Northern Kenya”.*

## WE ASSIST:

- Pastoralists
- Trafficked persons
- Refugee host communities



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