



Pastoral Civil Society

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Editorial

It is with pleasure that we present to you the sixth issue of *Pastoral Civil Society*. The current issue has articles and reports of the activities we undertook during the period, reports from our partners and a profile of Matheniko Development Forum (MADEFO) of Uganda. We are humbled by the responses we get from the readers of the newsletter and kindly keep them coming for this is your newsletter.

To our partners who may be reading the newsletter for the first time, kindly note that we have back issues which we are willing to avail on request.

Otherwise have a successful reading and keep on communicating.

Editor

Programme News

During the 2nd quarter, the draft document of pillar one (Pastoral Resources), module one (Pastoral Systems) of the generic training course was presented to us and later discussions held on the same by the Core Training Group in Nakuru. We also held a successful partners meeting at Egerton University attended by more than fifty participants from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. During the meeting the draft reports of the Study on Economics of Pastoralism were presented to partners for discussions.

We are distributing the 3rd 6 month report of the programme. We have continued to participate in various networking activities relevant to the programme.

Our Programme Manager continued with the orientation process visiting one of our partners based in Laikipia, Kenya, OSILIGI, during this quarter.

More detailed reports of our activities for the period April to June appear below.

1. Second Annual Partners Meeting Held

The 2nd Partners meeting was held at Utafiti Centre, Egerton University between 25th and 28th April 2004. It drew participation from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Participants included representatives of pastoral civil society, researchers, the media, development partners, Kenya Pastoralist Parliamentary Group and development partners. The meeting was officially opened by Prof A. Abdulrazak, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Administration, Egerton University who represented the Vice-Chancellor, while the keynote address was delivered by the Senior Deputy Director of Livestock in Kenya's Ministry of Livestock Development and Fisheries, Mr. Abdullahi Esmael.

The partners' meeting brings together representatives of pastoral civil society from across the region. It provides an opportunity for partners to guide the programme achieve its long-term goals and objectives. Partners review programme activities and share ideas and experiences. This sharing of experiences is important for reinforcing the capacity of pastoralists to engage in policy dialogue to determine their destiny.

The first day of the meeting was dedicated to presentations of a study commissioned by the programme on the Economic Contribution of Pastoralists to National Economies in East Africa. The objectives of the study were *to assess the contribution of pastoralism to the national economies of the Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, examine the comparative advantage pastoralism has in the drylands of East Africa over other*

land use systems especially agriculture, to come up with the opportunities for revitalization of the livestock sector for both local and export markets and to lay out strategies needed in revitalizing the livestock sector in the three countries to ensure that pastoral communities benefit.

The research came out with a number of findings including

- Pastoralism provides both direct and indirect employment
- Pastoral economies are not fully integrated into the national economies
- Pastoralism contributes significantly to improved food security through meat, milk and other food products
- Pastoralism makes a significant contribution to Indigenous Knowledge, etc

Some of the ideas from the discussions on improving the contribution of pastoralism to national economies include

- Creation of enabling institutions and commitment by the governments in developing the wider pastoral system
- Low cost and simple ways of increasing drought preparedness should be identified
- There is a need to promote enabling environment to enhance local benefits, including increased investments in pastoral areas

The studies are currently being finalized and the reports once ready will be disseminated as appropriate. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, then please contact the editor.

On the second day participants were given an opportunity to present the work of their organizations in order to facilitate networking among programme partners, and to give partners an understanding of ongoing initiatives touching on areas of interest to them.

The partners meeting report is being finalized and will be disseminated to all participants. If you did not participate in the meeting and would like to receive a copy of the report, then please inform the Editor.

2. CAG Reconstituted

During the second annual partners meeting referred to above, the Core Advisory Group of the programme was reconstituted. We warmly welcome the new members who include

Uganda

Margaret Rugadya, AfD
Martha Iryama, KADP
Godfrey Karamuzi, KADP

Kenya

Korir Sing'oei, CEMIRIDE
Joseph Ole Simel, MPIDO
Wario Galma, Action Aid

Tanzania

Ignatus Mwakalile, SHILDA
John Plastow, Oxfam Ireland
William Ole Nasha, PINGOS

We are planning to host the first meeting of the new CAG in July. The agenda of the meeting will be

1. Introduction of new members to CAG

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Presentation of the 2nd and 3rd 6 month reports of the programme
5. Adoption of the reports
6. Programme updates (2nd Partners meeting, Consultancy on economics of pastoralism, Design of generic training course, Communication strategy workshop and process)
7. Workplan (April 2004 – March 2005)
8. Any other business

Watch out for more on the CAG in the next issue of the newsletter
(Report by John Letai)

3. Generic Training Course on Pastoralism and Policy in East Africa...Progress Report

Work on the Generic Training Course on Pastoralism and Policy is in progress. In April we commissioned Dr Wellington Ekaya of the University of Nairobi Department of Range Management to develop pillar one of this module and provide information on the range of factors that influence the quality and quantity of natural pastures in East Africa. This pillar has since been completed and we have a draft template that will be used by the trainer to design the training course.

On the 15th of June 2004, Dr Ekaya presented a draft document to the Core Training Group (CTG) at our offices. The document provided a detailed and rich background of the different types of pastoral resources and their mode of production, utilization and management.

In addition to providing material for developing the training course, the document prepared by Dr. Ekaya shall constitute part of the reference material for the course.

Following the meeting the CTG further engaged Dr Ekaya to compile materials in respect of the Pillar 3 on the Family. He shall provide the CTG with relevant scientific information on the range of factors that influence the optimal balance or relationship between the number of people in a family and the number and age/sex ratio of their herd.

In addition, we have engaged Prof Martin Shem of Sokoine University of Agriculture in Morogoro, Tanzania to compile material for the development of Pillar 2 on Livestock. He shall provide relevant scientific information on, (i) the range of factors that influence how livestock herds in a pastoral setting in East Africa evolve over time, and (ii) the effectiveness of long and short-term strategies used by pastoralists to manage these dynamics so as to maintain a viable herd sufficient for the support of their families.

All these studies are scheduled for completion by mid-July. We have scheduled a meeting with the two consultants from the 26th to 28th July 2004 at MS-TCDC where they shall make preliminary presentations of their reports and work with the CTG to refine the results into final documents.

In the meantime, we are designing templates and terms of reference for Module II of the training course. The Module shall be comprised of three pillars namely Nationalisation, Privatisation and Partnerships for

Sustainable Natural Resource Management. We anticipate that we shall be ready to commission resource persons for this Module by the end of August.

If you are interested in participating in the development of these Modules, please do not hesitate to contact the Programme Manager. Otherwise, look out for updates on the training course in the next issue of the newsletter.

(Report by John Letai)

4. Programme Visitors

We continue to receive visitors who call on us to discuss the Programme and to explore opportunities for working together. During the past quarter, we were privileged to receive the following visitors to the Programme

1. In April, Mr. Godfrey Karamuzi of Nyabusozi Development Agency, Uganda who is also a CAG member paid us a visit. Mr. Karamuzi was from the 2nd Partners Meeting we had hosted at Egerton University, Njoro and was on his way back to Uganda.
2. In May we hosted Mr. Ololtisatti Ole Kamuaro, of Policy Impact Project, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Kenya. The programme and Mr. Ole Kamuaro discussed areas of mutual interest and how we can collaborate more in the work we do.
3. In June we hosted Mr. Ced Hesse and Alias Morindat. During their visit, we held consultations on the programme and finalized the 3rd 6month report.

4. Ced and Alais were later joined by Dr Ekaya of University of Nairobi, Department of Range Management for discussions on the draft document on Pillar one of Module 1 of the Generic Training Course, Pastoral Resources. (Refer to the Generic training report elsewhere in this issue)

(Compiled by Nickson Orwa)

4. Third 6-Month Report

We are currently disseminating the 3rd 6-month report covering the period October 2003 to March 2004. Kindly contact the editor for a copy if you don't get one or if you need more than the number of copies you receive.

Programme Field Visits

Visit to OSILIGI

During this quarter the Programme Manager made a field visit to OSILIGI in Laikipia District, Kenya, (for details about OSILIGI please refer to the last issue of this newsletter)

Such field visits provide an opportunity for the Programme to share experiences with key partners, explore areas of partnership and strategize on how to influence policies in favour of pastoral production and livelihoods.

The Programme Manager used the visit to start preliminary discussions on the possibility of putting together a publication on the experience of OSILIGI in pursuing the Kenyan and British military establishments for compensation in respect of injuries suffered by local communities from

discarded mines left behind after military exercises. The programme is exploring the possibility of using the experience as a case study on pastoral civil society action.

During the visit background information was collected and discussions commenced. Details about the initiative and the planned publication may be obtained from the Programme Manager. Otherwise look out for updates in future issues of this newsletter.

Report by John Letai
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News from our Partners

Tanzania:

1. ERETO commissions consultancy on Pastoral Policy Component

In the month of April ERETO Ngorongoro Pastoralist Project commissioned a team of three consultants to undertake background work for the development of its Pastoral Policy Component. The consultants were required to refine and design the policy component described in the Ereto II project document by establishing a clear framework of key processes, approaches, structures, linkages, resources and levels of implementation that can lead to a more practical, functional and effective implementation of the component to achieve its intended objectives.

The consultants were required, among other things to assist in generating ideas that would clarify the following:

- a) Description and structure of the policy component
- b) Formation and operations of the national level pastoralist task force

- c) Feeding the Ereto 1 project results into the national policy dialogue
- d) Involvement of other different stakeholders in the policy dialogue
- e) Policy dialogue at the district level

Prior to commissioning, Ereto NPP had developed terms of reference for the consultancy and circulated to different stakeholders for comments.

In the process of the consultancy, the team talked to key stakeholders in both Tanzania and Kenya, including the programme.

The programme was involved in the process of this consultancy on account of it being funded by DANIDA through Ereto. It contributed on the terms of reference, in the process of information collection through discussion with the consultants and comments on the draft report.

A meeting was recently called to clarify on certain issues raised by DANIDA and certain practical aspects related to implementation of recommendations as pointed out by the consultants. During the meeting the role of the programme as a partner who shall make an input into the preparation of the policy component of ERETO II was clarified.

It was agreed that RECONCILE and IIED shall be involved fully in the policy dialogue to develop the idea further. ERETO is to call a meeting to begin the process of implementing the recommendations of the consultants.

For more information on ERETO II please contact the Programme Manager, Samuel Ole Naiguran through his email address : samuel.ereito@habari.co.tz

(Report by John Letai)

2. TAPHGO holds Strategic Planning Workshop

Tanzania Pastoralists and Hunter-Gatherer Organization (TAPHGO) held its strategic planning workshop at Arusha between 3rd and 5th May.

The PCS-EA programme was invited to participate in this meeting and to assist resource persons in shaping the document. After the workshop, an extra two days were spent between TAPHGO staff, the resource persons and the Programme to align the document so as to reflect all the issues raised by participants.

Among the issues to be included in the strategic plan were, Capacity Building for member organizations, Policy Engagement/Dialogue, Information and Documentation, Lobbying and Advocacy and Networking.

The strategic plan will enable TAPHGO to have a focus in addressing issues of pastoralists and hunter-gatherers both at the member organizations and the policy levels while also building its own institutional capacity.

For more information on TAPHGO or its strategic plan, contact Moses Sankale, Coordinator TAPHGO, taphgo2000@habari.co.tz

(Report by John Letai)

**Uganda:
Supporting the Emergence of
Pastoralist Civil Society**

The Pastoral Civil Society in Uganda is currently engaged in the process of constituting a Civil Society Pastoral Group (CSPG) This is a consortium of organizations (local, national and international) as well as persons with a commitment to pastoral development, working with pastoralists, and presenting their interests, to enable them represent themselves. In the past year (2003), the organization operated as a loose network that spoke on behalf of Civil Society Organizations in Uganda and ensured that the pastoral development agenda is included in the PEAP revision processes and brought into the policy arena.

The Task Force was constituted by 14 organizations interested in the plight of pastoralist and having the common interest of seeing better policies for appropriate and sustainable development, especially within pastoral areas.

The taskforce contributed to visibility of pastoralism in the development of policy by producing a pastoral paper for PEAP revision, and conducting meetings with government officials and donors. The taskforce organized a regional inter-parliamentary pastoral meeting for Eastern Africa and the Horn, at which gains made during the PEAP lobby process were consolidated into a vibrant pro-pastoral advocacy agenda.

The major challenge for the Civil Society Pastoral Group is to ensure that the vibrancy and momentum, of the advocacy is sustained and is pro-active. It implies that given the chosen identity and operating mechanism, maintaining

the quality of work and the ability to shape the pastoral development agenda will be of paramount importance to the group.

Their goal for this year is “**building a stronger pastoral group to create an enabling environment to enable pastoralists to articulate their development agenda**”. The achievement of this goal requires change in donor’s perception or thinking towards supporting pastoral initiatives and the emergence of intellectual discussion on pastoral development that is founded on fact, reality and the desire to see pastoral communities taking part in development process, that are set within the understanding of their livelihood processes, choices and options.

The CSPG will hold a meeting in July to discuss their workplan for the year and elections for the steering committee.

The team has approached the Programme to explore areas of collaboration and we are in the process of developing this discussion further.

For more information on this Pastoral Group contact Margaret Rugadya, (afd@africaonline.co.ug)

(Report by John Letai)

Recent Events and Meetings

UNDP Global Pastoral Programme hosts a Global Formulation Workshop in Nairobi

. The Global Pastoral Programme Formulation Workshop was held in Nairobi, Kenya from 19 -23 April 2004.

The workshop convened by UNDP was a major step forward in the development of their Global Pastoral Program. It brought together a diverse group of participants to design a 3-year programme and partnership.

The immediate goal of the workshop was to prepare a proposal for the 3-year programme that would be eventually submitted to GEF and other donors for funding.

Its immediate objectives were:

- a) Integration of individual pilot country sub-proposals into a coherent and structured program of Interventions
- b) Identify network countries, where the primary focus will be on advocacy, lobbying, exchange of experiences, and calls to conferences
- c) Development and coordination of regional/global activities, including studies, manuals, reviews, conferences, meetings, networks, etc.
- d) To establish a platform for a North - South & South-South exchange of innovations, experiences and expertise in the area of mobile pastoralism
- e) To agree upon an organizational structure that will drive the implementation phase of the Medium Sized Project
- f) Strengthen opportunities for co-operation and co-financing

The first day of the meeting was dedicated to presentations from leading scholars of pastoralism on different thematic areas/issues with focus on strengthening opportunities for co-operation and co-financing while developing and coordinating

regional/global activities. Each presentation was followed by an open discussion drawing on experiences from the rich cultural integration of diverse pastoral groups from around the globe that attended the meeting.

The other days were scheduled for proposal writing based on individual pilot countries that were selected by the Global Programme. Participants were divided into working groups to work on each pilot sub-proposals logical frameworks and feasibility that were later presented to plenary for discussion.

On the last day of the meeting participants were taken on a tour of Kajiado District to assess the different land use options in the area and its effects/impact on pastoral production system and livelihood.

For more details about the Global Pastoral Programme, please contact the Drylands Development Centre (Email: ddc@undp.org, or visit <http://www.undp.org/drylands>)
(Report by John Letai)

Coming Soon

1. International Workshop on Common Property Resource Management

RECONCILE shall be hosting an International Workshop on Common Property Resource Management from 24th to 30th October this year at Merica Hotel, Nakuru. The theme of the workshop is *Securing the Commons in an era of Privatization: Policy, Institutional and Legislative Challenges*. Participants shall explore linkages

between policy and practice in the management of common property resources through case studies of different experiences from different regions. They shall also discuss and agree strategies for securing livelihoods of resource dependent communities within the framework of globalization, especially in Africa. Policy and legislative frameworks for managing globalization shall be examined as to their appropriateness for securing common property resources and the livelihoods that depend on them. The workshop shall recommend appropriate policy and legislative options as well as an advocacy agenda for securing the CPRs and the livelihoods of such resource dependent communities as pastoralists, fisherfolk and hunter-gatherers.

One day of the workshop shall be devoted to a field trip to enable the participants experience some problems associated with CPRs and dependent livelihoods and to share views and experiences with communities that depend on CPRs for their livelihoods.

This is the second international workshop within the framework of the *Co-Govern* Programme, jointly implemented in Africa and Europe by a consortium of policy research and advocacy NGOs and organizations. It shall bring together policy actors from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania as well as partners from West Africa, Southern Africa and Europe. RECONCILE would like to see a strong participation of East

Africans from government, civil society, research organizations and the private sector.

If you are a CPRs practitioner and would like to participate in the workshop or receive more details about it and/or about the Co-Govern Programme, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. You can also get update on the workshop by visiting our website, www.reconcile-ea.org.

2. Pastoral Communication Strategy Workshop

As reported in the last issue of the newsletter, we will be holding the Pastoral Communication Strategy workshop from 11th to 14th July at Bounty Hotel, Nairobi. The workshop entitled "*The Media and Perceptions of Pastoralism in East Africa: Towards a Pastoral Communications Strategy*" is aimed at designing a strategy for communicating pastoralism to policy makers and others across the region. This is a follow up to a research done last year on Perception of Pastoralism and an effort to address a finding in that study to the effect that one of the key reasons for the prevalence of negative perceptions is the way in which the media portrays pastoralists and their way of life. In attendance will be media practitioners, Pastoral Civil Society Leaders and the members of CAG.

We will update you fully on the meeting in our next issue.

This Quarter's Profile

MATHENIKO DEVELOPMENT FORUM (MADEFO)

Matheniko Development Forum (MADEFO) was established in December 1998, as a local indigenous organization to work with Karimojong pastoralists of Matheniko County, Uganda. MADEFO got its legal status with Uganda National NGO Board in 2000. It is registered as a local NGO and was further incorporated as a company limited by Guarantee, under section 16(1) of the companies act, in 2001.

The forum was formed as a response to the Karimojong civil society groups experiencing many pressing issues affecting the Karimojong and most specifically the Matheniko Community. Among the issues were: Poverty, Human Rights violations, violent armed conflict, and the high rate of illiteracy.

In the period 2002 to 2005, MADEFO's major focus is on strengthening pastoral livelihoods through Matheniko Community Based Development programme with its major areas as community animal health care, Natural Resource Management, Conflict Management and Gender mainstreaming.

The forum's main objectives are, to strengthen the capacity of MADEFO, to establish a sustainable Community Based Animal Health Care services among the Matheniko Pastoral communities, to support local peace initiatives between the Matheniko, Turkana and Pokot of Kenya and other Karimojong communities in Uganda, to build capacities of local communities institutions and local structures among the pastoral communities to sustain local development initiatives, to establish linkages with other partner organizations in developing lobby and advocacy strategies on pastoral areas and to support income generation of local communities through conservation and Bee keeping strategies.

MADEFO is governed at three levels. At the top is **The General Assembly**; this constitutes all registered members of the organization. This organ meets annually to approve organization policy and programmes: It receives annual reports and its audited accounts. Below it is **The Executive Board**; this is an eleven-member committee (7 men and 4 women). They are responsible for visioning, formulating policy and overseeing the implementation of programme activities. **The Secretariat**; is primarily responsible for implementation of programmes. It is headed by the General Secretary and currently has 10 members of staff in the MADEFO secretariat in Moroto.

MADEFO's major achievements include the implementation of the Nutrition and Early Childhood Development Programme (NECDP) in Nadunget Sub – County from October 2000 – September 2003 whose over all goal was to improve the quality of life of children under six years together with mothers, Child Care Workers (CCWS) who provide them with the necessary care. 40 community groups were formed. This was World Bank / GOU funded project. The institutional support programme funded by CORDAID (Nov. 2000 – Oct. 2002). This programme focused on institutional strengthening of MADEFO. The Community Bursary Fund (CBF) was initiated and support 43 disadvantaged students to set access to secondary Education / Tertiary institutions. Four community groups (1 man & 3 women) were supported with a community group to raise income for the group members. Peace – building activities were carried with other partners in the same programme.

MADEFO is currently implementing two programmes that focus on the improvement of pastoral livelihoods. These are

- Matheniko Community Development programme that has components of Community animal health care and Ethno – veterinary knowledge, Community Based conflict management, Gender and Networking lobby and advocacy.
- Matheniko Communities Bee keeping and conservation project which focuses on Support to communities to develop Beekeeping as a viable enterprise based conservation strategy, Conservation of favored trees, Integrating peace and conflicts issues into Beekeeping and Networking.

The forum faces the following challenges, The extremely high demand of MADEFO services at all fronts of the district, and the inadequacy of both human and financial resources, The demand for the free services hindering the participatory process and a move to self reliance and ownership of the programme process advocated by MADEFO, MADEFO is a young growing organization with a lot of capacity to be developed.

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