

# Climate Adaptation and Resilience in Kenya - a Pastoralist Perspective

We share the experience of pastoralist communities in Samburu County, Kenya as they struggle with climate change and its impact on their livelihood.

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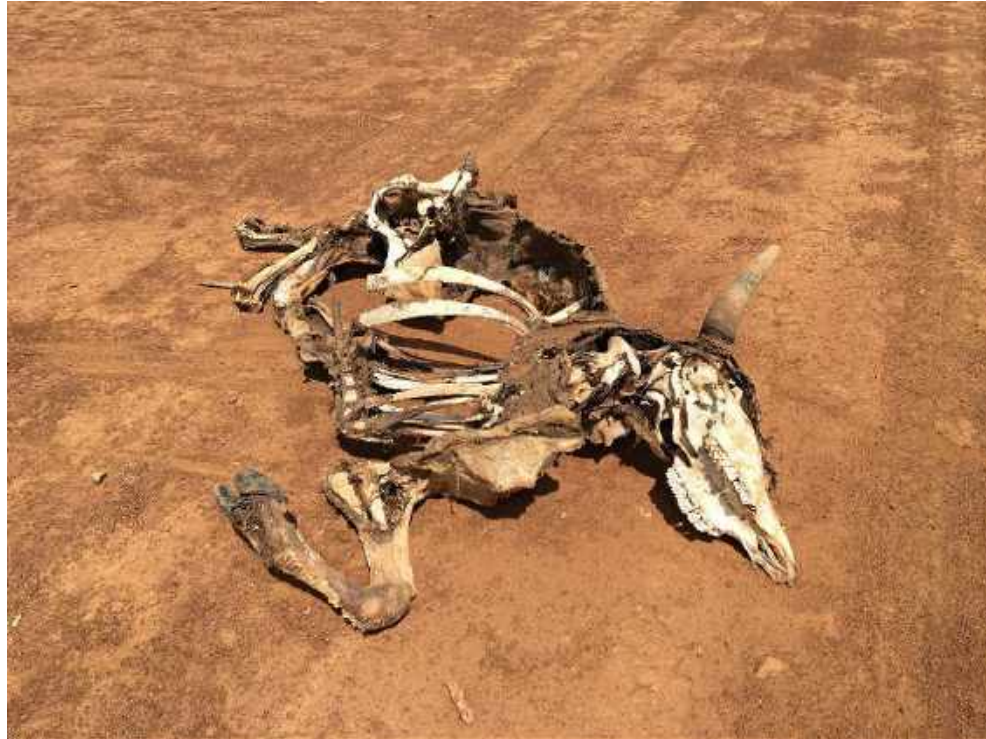


# Who We Are - Children Peace Initiative Kenya

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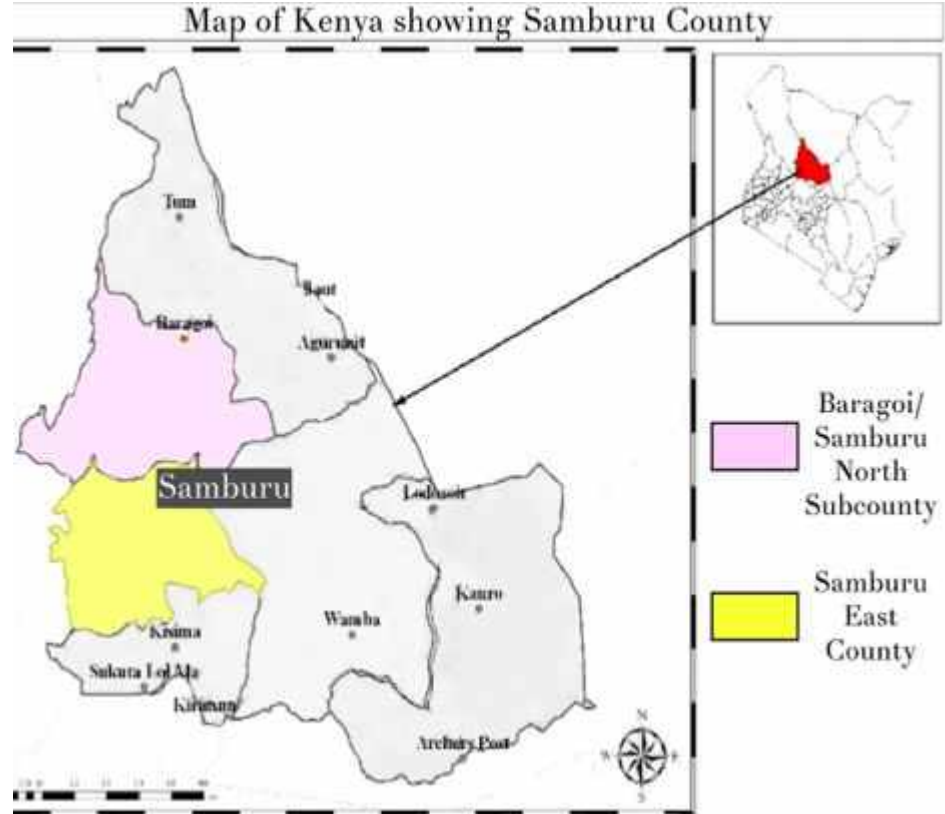


# Part 1 Crisis



# Where we work - Baragoi sub-county, Samburu

- 8,175.80 sq.km
- Population: 83,759
- Conflict between Turkana and Samburu tribes over land and cattle





# Hearing from the Herders

We hear directly from pastoralists - and they are terrified...



# Cows - a Way of Life

- Prestige
- Wealth
- Culture
- Food
- Competition



# Water



- Drying up
- Water tables falling
- Bore-holes add to the problem





# Drought and Cattle

- Dying younger
- 9 days without water
- Cost more
- Worth less

*George Ngamia has lost half his herd to drought*





# Food

Traditional pastoralist  
food - blood, milk and  
meat - is disappearing

*Maasai herders bleed a cow*



# Pasture

- Disappearing
- Grasses lose nutrients
- Can't sustain herds
- Overgrazing
- Competition



# Women



- Kitchen gardens abandoned
- Crushing stones to earn money





# Charcoal

- Trees cut
- Charcoal
- Greenhouse gases
- Global warming





# Conflict

- Herders seek new pasture
- Encroach on land of other tribes
- Guns
- 31 deaths in 6 months in Baragoi (2019)
- 14 dead 2 weeks ago
- CONTRIBUTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE!



# Scared and Uninformed



# Discussion



# Part 2 Response



Our model...

- Personal relationships
- Unite communities
- Share resources
- Create interdependency
- End conflict





# Children

- Frontline Villages
- Warring Tribes
- Peace Camps
- Friendships and stay overs
- Families
- **21,243** direct Beneficiaries



# Women

- Mothers!
- Yearn for peace
- Support their kids
- Meet other mothers
- Develop friendships
- Influence husbands!

*Mama Caleb, Samburu inspiration*



# Warriors

- **Warriors are parents!**
- Friendships across the lines
- Give up raiding
- Retrieve and return stolen animals
- Alternative livelihood





# Elders

- Have the authority to decide on war and peace
- Panicked by climate change
- Understand common challenges and opportunities
- Work with other frontline villages





# Security Forces

- Under-resourced
- Need help
- Responsive to civil society



# Sharing Resources/Services

- **Understanding complementarity**
- Pasture
- Water
- Schools
- Clinics
- Animals



*Above: maternal clinic in Longewan;  
right: Head Teacher and Deputy Head  
Teacher at Baragoi  
Mixed Primary School*



# Economic Cooperation

- Social Entrepreneurs
- Common Markets
- Business Cooperation
- Mobile transfers make it easy!

*Josephine Lengapiani buys maize from Pokot and sells to Samburu*





# Raising Animals Together

- *Heifers for Peace* - 50 cows shared by 100 families (2021)
- Creates inter-dependency
- Reduces urge to raid
- Managed by women.





# International Partnerships

- German Foreign Office
- *Zivik/IFA* Berlin
- Advocacy Project Fellows - Ben, Talley, Colleen
- Caritas technical expertise
- Universities
- Alliance for Peacebuilding!



*Talley Diggs (University of George Washington) 2017 Peace Fellow*

# Transforming Conflict

Ending conflict = climate  
change mitigation!



# Discussion

