

## **ISIOLO PEACE DIVIDEND PROJECT IDENTIFICATION MEETING HELD AT ALRMP BOARD ROOM ON 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2011**

### Agenda

1. Opening remarks from the chair
2. Overview of peace Dividend project
3. Identification of proposed project in Isiolo County
4. A.O B

### **Min.1/10/10/2011 Opening remarks from the chair**

The chairman of the meeting Mr. Dida Golicha welcomed the members to the meeting with an apology from the DMO who was away on official duty necessitating his standing in to preside over the meeting. The chairman informed the members that the main agenda for the meeting was to share concept of peace dividend and to identify areas where limited number of projects will be implemented. He said that the focus of the meeting at this particular stage was purely consultative and to build consensus on the project locality without necessarily identifying the specific project, an exercise scheduled to take place at a later date.

### **Min.2/10/10/2011 Overview of Peace Dividend Project**

Explaining the concept of peace dividend Mr. Guyo informed the participants that the concept in simple terms refer to some form of reward or incentive given to communities emerging out of conflict. He said that conflict often lead to the destruction of social infrastructure such schools and health facilities which are of critical importance in the lives of the communities during peace time. The rehabilitation of such facilities may be above the means of the affected people and require external support if the communities emerging out of conflict were to resume their normal life style enjoyed prior to the conflict period. He said that this was the intention and origin of peace dividend project.

He said that in the context of upper eastern region peace dividend project is mainly intended to consolidate the peace that has been realized in the last two years of project intervention under Armed Violence and Small Arms Reduction implemented by ALRMP/UNDP. Its intention is to demonstrate that resources that were initially applied to resolve inter-community conflict could be redirected to development projects to benefit the communities when there are no conflicts.

He explained that the projects aim is to encourage communities to continue embracing peace in order to enjoy increased funding for long lasting and bi-communal projects with cumulative results being community maintaining peace. The process, he father explained is intended to help communities recover and to rebuild trust and confidence through community peace and recovery process. He further asserted that for many victims of conflict, healing will not begin until they

see tangible evidence of intentions to change their socio-economic conditions which has been directly affected by the conflict.

The project coordinator highlighted the various categorizes of the envisaged project type to give the members the scope of areas to be considered in the identification process as follows;

- **Natural resource management projects-** i.e. water with the intention of addressing competition over access to reducing armed violence among pastoralists' areas in the area
- **Livelihood restoration projects-** Intended to rebuild livelihood income that have been affected by conflicts *access*
- **3.1.1 Micro-credit/enterprise development projects-** to credit facilities for small scale business to generate alternative source of income.
- **3.1.2 Agro -pastoralist Projects-** Support small scale irrigation projects along the few available rivers to diversify agricultural production.
- **3.1.3 Restocking-** Organize restocking programme for those who lost their livestock to rustling and vagaries of weather.
- **3.1.4 Value Addition-**adding value to livestock based products.
- **3.1.5 Skills Training-** vocational training for youths to provide opportunities for self reliance.
- **3.3 Social Infrastructure** – intended to rehabilitating social infrastructure destroyed by the conflict i.e. schools, health centers

Elaborating the criteria to be followed Mr. Guyo revealed that the identification process of the project demands active participation that should include county dialogue sessions to agree on the location of the projects hence the main reason for meeting. He informed the members that the project must be bi-communal implying that it must benefit groups of people or communities previously in conflict and it should also be conflict, gender and age sensitive. He elaborated this by saying that in addition to the precaution required that the project should not generate new conflict frontier it should take gender and age consideration as a prerequisite.

The DPC chairman Mr. Dida Golicha contributing wondered how effective bi-communal criteria could be sustained in view of the fact that a part from a few urban areas most of Isiolo district is compose of settlement pattern that are homogeneous. He said that provision should be made to bypass the requirement if the identified project does not meet the criteria or have the impact it is desired to achieve.

Ms Abdia Mohamed said that a number of areas especially around the vicinity of Isiolo town with a mixture ethnic groups could qualify for the peace project provided proper identification of viable projects are carried out.

Mr. Harun Roba the DPC chairman said that in Garbatulla the communities have strengthened the peace process and if any community is to benefit from the project then the area should be considered.

### **Min3/10/10/2011 Identification of proposed project areas**

The members were in consensus that the most urgent areas the project should target should be the hotspot area which is the buffer zones between the communities of Borana, Samburu, Turkana, Somali and Meru which largely cover the Western part of Isiolo County. The conflicts in those areas were found to frequent and had the propensity to erupt suddenly at the least expected time. It was felt that starting peace dividend project in the area can harmonize ethnic relation, build confidence and restore goodwill to utilize benefit derive from the project.

After a productive discussion the members came up with the following priority areas;

1. Isiolo west location
2. Gambela area
3. Kom location\

### **Min 4/10 /2011 A.O.B**

It was felt that the recent spate of violence in Isiolo has affected community relation and that there is need to initiate community dialogue meeting prior to project implementation.

The members felt that training of the members of the identified communities on the concept of peace dividend was important for the project to meet its set objectives.

### **Members present**

1. Mr. Dida Golicha- DPC chairman Isiolo
2. Mr. Nuro Godana- ALRMP
3. Mr. Joseph Ibrahim- DPC Isiolo
4. Mr. Harun Roba- DPC chairman Garbatulla
5. Mrs. Abdia Mohamed –Women peace forum
6. Mrs. Zainabu Roba- Civil society Representative
7. Mr Waqo Gufu Guyo- ALRPM/UNDP
8. Mr. Golicha Jarso- Merti
9. Lesiyo Lejale –Isiolo
10. Mr Josseph Norchik- Isiolo