

**CONCEPT NOTE ON THE PROPOSED PEACE DIVIDEND PROJECT FOR MARSABIT COUNTY**

**PROJECT NAMES - MATERNITY WING - MARSABIT CENTRAL DISTRICT**

- WATER FACILITY AT BALESIA BURA-Marsabit North
- WATER PROJECT AT ELLE-BORR/ELLE –DIMTU –Mbt North

**IMPLEMENTING AGENCY – ARID LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
PROJECTS/DPCs/RELEVANT GOVT DEPTS**

**FUNDING AGENCY –UNDP KENYA**

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Budget

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**Minutes of stake holders meeting to identify peace dividend projects in Marsabit sub –county held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Isiolo transit hotel**

**Members present**

1. **Abdub D. Yattani** -coordinator, oasis peace caravan
2. **Guyo Golicha Huka** -AVRP coordinator/peace monitor
3. **NURIA GOLLO** -CEO, MWADO
4. **CHULUKE DUBA** -DPC, NORTH HERR
5. **ASHA BIQA** -DPC, MARSABIT CENTRAL
6. **HABIBA HAILO** - G& SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE,
7. **FATUMA GODANA** -CHAIR, MYWO
8. **CHARITY GOBANAI** –DPC, MARSABIT CENTRAL
9. **TALASSO DALANA** - DPC, TURBI
10. **CAROLYNE R. LERIAN** –YOUTH OFFICE, Loiyangalani
11. **LOLTERKA LENAROKI** - DPC CHAIR, LAISAMIS
12. **RAMAT IBRAE** -PACODEO
13. **DAMBALLA BONAYA** -V/CHAIR, MBT NORTH
14. **JALDESSA DENGE** -CHAIR DPC, MBT CENTRAL
15. **ELEMA KANE** –DPC MBT CENTRAL
16. **HUSSEIN GALGALLO** –DPC SEC. MBT CENTRAL
17. **JOYCE DAFARDAI** - MBT WOMEN PEACE FORUM

## **Agenda**

- 1. peace dividend project overview**
- 2. formation of the county peace forum**
- 3. A.O.B.**

**PRELIMINARIES-** the meeting was called to order by Mr. Guyo Golicha at about 7.30pm. he asked the members to to bless the meeting with a word of prayers. The prayers were performed by Mr. Damballa Bonaya who is the vice chairman of Chalbi/Marsabit north DPC. Mr. guyo asked the members to feel free to contribute to the debate of identification of peace dividend projects. He then gave the team overview of the project as follows.

### **Min. 1/10/2011-PROJECT OVERVIEW/BRIEFS**

Following the successful implementation of the VRP among the pastoral communities of northern Kenya, the United Nations development programme has decided, in consultation with its partners and stakeholders, to provide funds for the peace dividend projects. The peace dividend project is intended to foster peace and development among the pastoral communities who were at war with each other but now have come out of the conflict. It is also intended to benefit two or more communities or clans who were previously in conflict with each other.

The project advocates for total participation of all stakeholders at all stages of its implementation. There shall be a management committee which oversees implementation of the peace dividend project. Each participating community will have representation in the management structure of the project. It will be gender sensitive as advocated for by the new constitution. The project focuses on inclusion of women, men youths and the physically challenged persons in the respective locality where the project will be implemented.

The project will be implemented by the ALRMP11/111 with funding from the UNDP through the national steering committee on peace building and conflict management.

### **Justification for the project**

Marsabit County is one of the 47 counties in the republic of Kenya. It is the largest county in the republic. It is a home to almost all ethnic communities living in Kenya, including the smallest El-Molo community. As such the county remains the most cosmopolitan but one of the poorest counties.

The main economic mainstay of the county is nomadic pastoralism. More than ¾ of the county population either directly or indirectly depend on livestock and livestock products. Due to the global warming which led to total climate change, the few spots which used to be the bread basket for the

population no longer produce any food crops. For instance Marsabit central /mountains have excellent rich agricultural soil and weather conditions that favor almost everything that can be grown in the central or rift valley provinces. However, acute water shortage has hindered farmers from making any progress in this field. Even the widely practiced nomadic pastoralism has become untenable due to constant droughts which have devastated the people and their livelihoods.

Youths and elders alike, there is rampant unemployment save for the few salaried people on who the rest of the population depends for their survival. The relief food donation by the government could only help so much, leaving most household needs unattended to. Pastoralism remains the only viable livelihood asset for these communities. Through the AVRPs youths have been engaged in trainings on dangers of SALW. The youths who heard their livestock and mainly engaged in the bloody business of cattle rustling before are now discarding their previous behaviour and would wish to engage in meaningful livestock trade. For this sector to thrive and become useful venture for them, resources that are meant to sustain these livestock should be developed at strategic areas across the county. Women and children continue to gain peace messages at different locations. However cases of maternal deaths are on increase. Home deliveries continue to encounter many complications due to lack of maternity facility in the rural areas.

In a swift rejoinder members after another asked the importance of the peace dividend project for clarifications. Mr. Guyo replied that the project is intended to benefit all communities and/or groups that have been in war with each, but have now come out of it to embrace peace and development. He also informed the members that the project is intended to benefit two or more communities in a given area, i.e. it must be bi-annual. The participants were also informed that the selection process is a participatory one where all stakeholders including DPCs, community members and government departments should be involved. Some major features of the project include community contracting, exclusivity etc

### **Min. 2/10/2011-Proposed interventions**

Mr. Guyo said that the proposed project is intended to assist pastoral communities to engage in better health and livelihoods improving project. The beneficiaries are going to be drawn from the Gabbra, Borana, Burji, Turkana, Samburu and Rendille communities. Borana and Gabbra have had conflict with each other but through talks, dialogues and purposeful negotiations, have totally come out of it and now want development initiatives that could cement their good relationship. Borana and Burji have also had conflicts between themselves but are now at peace, and so are the other communities.

Mr. Hassan Lenaroki DPC chairman Laisamis, said it was important for the team to identify hot spot areas which are now coming out of conflict such as yel/balesa Bura where Gabbra and Rendille have been at war.

Mrs. Nuria supported the chairman but added the need for having food security projects where there is water to sustain the project. Taking Kubi Qallo bore hole as an example, Nuria said Gabbra and Borana who live around the borehole have embraced peace.

Mrs. Talaso from Bubisa location, Turbi division said that there was need for a facility to be developed at Elle dimtu or Elle borr. This, she said is one of the grazing areas that attract herders from many areas, even from as far as southern Ethiopia. Communities always fight over scarce resources, especially water resources.

Mr. Jaldessa Denge, chairman Marsabit central DPC raised concern that for peace and development to be realized among the pastoral communities, a project must be initiated at Badassa/Songa in Marsabit central. The chairman decried the high rate of maternal deaths among mothers in the rural villages. He confirmed that the only maternity ward in Marsabit general hospital is too far from the real beneficiaries-the rural folk. Speaker after speaker supported the various proposals raised by the speakers.

After serious consultation and deliberations the following projects were proposed for implementation

1. **maternity ward at Badassa/Songa locations-** it was intended to benefit Borana, Rendille, Samburu, Sidamo and Burji communities
2. **Water project at Balesa -Bura-** the project is intended to facilitate peace between the Rendille, Samburu, Gabbra and Turkana from Loiyangalani and Chalbi districts.
3. **Water project at Elle borr/elle dimtu-** the project is intended to help the Borana and Gabbra communities. It is interesting to note that the project is intended to cement the already improved relations between the two from, Marsabit north, Sololo and sometimes people from Magado in Ethiopia.
4. **A green house project** To help reduce the problems of food insecurity, increase income and improve diets of the local population. This project is intended to cement relations between Borana, Burji and Gabbra.

**On implementation strategies, and activities to be undertaken, the members agreed on the following**

The project will be implemented in collaboration with the following partners:

1. The ministry of agriculture
2. ALRMP/UNDP/NSC
3. The ministry of gender and social services
4. The district commissioner's office
5. CSOs
6. Community members

### **Activities to be undertaken**

The following activities will be the ones upon which budgeting for the project will be done. They are

1. participatory site selection
2. participatory environmental impact assessment
3. land preparation e.g. bush clearing and ploughing to make the land conducive for planting
4. floating quotation to source for companies where the material for construction could be obtained in Nairobi
5. purchase of the green houses , and projects materials
6. Purchase of the water reservoirs for water storage at least 4 tanks with capacity of 24,000litres each. This will help project continuation in case machine breaks down
7. digging trenches for laying pipes from borehole to the site
8. collection of and transportation of the green house units from Nairobi to the site
9. getting technical requirements from relevant ministries, e.g. water, agriculture ministries, etc
10. community mobilization etc
11. Payments for those who will be involved in the collection of the green house from Nairobi.
12. Costs of training for management in Nairobi through demonstration and lecture by the manufacturers, and training by the agriculture officers on the site for the larger beneficiaries.

### **Min. 3/10/2011- formation of the county peace forum**

Mr. Guyo informed the members that he has thought of sharing his plan to form county peace forum. The need has arisen for the forum following the devolution of governance in the new constitution. He said the forum will be responsible for coordination peace building and conflict management in the whole county.

Mr. Jaldessa Denge supported the proponent by saying that officials will be selected from the larger Marsabit district to reflect representation and ownership by all peoples.

Mr. Damballa Bonaya wanted to know when the formation will take place. Mr. Guyo answered that if they could agree on the date and time that is appropriate to all.

Mr. Abdub Yattani hailed the plan and called for more consultation with more stakeholders such as the government and development partners.

Madam Asha Biqa proposed and Hailo Habiba asked the members to ensure that all, including the minority and marginalized are involved in the selection process, citing the possibility of escalation of conflicts as the 2012 general elections are fast-approaching.

Finally, the members agreed to form the forum but at a later date which had not been identified.

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

There being no other businesses for discussion, the meeting came to a close at 9.30pm.

MINUTES TAKEN BY GUYO G. HUKA

MINUTES CONFIRMED BY –HASSAN LENAROKI-CHAIRMAN LAISAMIS DPC