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RISING AGAIN: BUILDING COMMUNITIES' RESILIENCE

VISION MISSION & VALUES

OUR VISION

Peaceful, progressively prosperous
and resilient community

OUR MISSION

To improve the well being of vulnerable
ASAL communities through sustaina-
ble development

CORE VALUES

- Transparency and accountability.
We are open in our work and we
endeavour to live beyond reproach,
always
- Commitment and service to
community.
We take humanity as a calling and a high
purpose
- People centeredness
Our interventions are aimed at
delivering lasting impact in people's
lives
- Professionalism.
We strive to be professional in all
our engagements
- Integrity .
We uphold the highest level of honesty
in our engagements



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Dedication

This report is dedicated to:

1. Communities that we partner with for being the paragons of resilience, against all odds
2. The humanitarians from PACIDA who never tired up, even when the dawn looked like a dream too far
3. Our partners and donors who have never given up on us, even as challenges that we address abound.

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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The Board of any organisation has an important role in policy development, providing strategic direction, resource mobilisation, risk management, among others. These roles were well tested in year 2023.

The Year 2023 was the 15th year since PACIDA was formed. Realising this milestone offered us an opportunity as a Board and certainly staff to take stock of the achievements of the organisation while celebrating our impactful work and renewing our resolve for the next phase of growth. The Year 2023 was also the second year of implementation of PACIDA's Strategic Plan. In this regard, the Board continued to provide strategic direction ensuring that the interventions of the organisation were within the defined parameters while also encouraging innovative programming. As a Board, we are encouraged that the organisation is following its strategic plan and programming areas such as 'Health and Nutrition' are impacting

our communities. In 2024, the Board commits to offer guidance in the review of the organisation's Strategic Plan.

Like the previous two years, our regions of operation – northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia – were faced by disasters. The role of the Board in supporting the organisation to assess and address risk was called into action. The Board, therefore, provided strategic guidance and linkages for resource mobilisation to address these risks.

During the year, PACIDA opened a new office in Isiolo County affirming our commitment to scale our interventions in the northern region. We are grateful to the County Government of Isiolo, non-state actors and the communities in the county for welcoming us. The Board will continue to guide the organisation in its trajectory of growth.

During the past year, PACIDA's interventions were recognised by various respected stakeholders. The organisation's climate change project realised the first ever Marsabit County Climate Action Plan that was launched by His Excellency the President William Ruto.

partners for their support that has enabled us address the development challenges in our region. Most importantly, I thank communities in our region, who give us the mandate to serve them.

Thank you so much.

This was the first ever plan and so far the only one launched by the president in line with Climate Change Fund Acts that county governments across the country are required to have. This is a vote of confidence in the impact of our work and the fruits of working closely with county and national governments to ensure the sustainability of interventions.

Dr. Adano W. Roba
Chairperson

In 2023, PACIDA substantially grew its partnerships and resources base registering its highest revenue in its 15 years of existence. As a Board, we are very grateful for the trust that our partners have bestowed on us and for believing in our interventions. We are encouraged that our partners continue to grow our internal capacity as an organisation through various capacity building opportunities for our staff.

On behalf of the Board, I extend our profound gratitude to our staff who continue to go beyond the call of duty to serve our communities.

I also thank our valued donors and

STATEMENT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the midst of darkness, Mahatma Gandhi said, light persists. This is an adage that articulately captures our journey in 2023. There are always stories behind numbers – the financial resources – and these are our stories.

At the start of 2023, the fifth drought season started. There was no hope in sight. Our regions of operation – Marsabit, Samburu and Isiolo Counties – as well as Southern Ethiopia had experienced drought of unimaginable proportions. In Kenya, humanitarian experts called the drought ‘the worst in 40 years.’ As the drought persisted, PACIDA, backed by its trusted partners was on the frontline, cushioning communities.

The support ranged from cash transfer, water trucking, provision of dry foods, donation of nutritious foods to children, expectant and lactating women, among others. Were it not for our partners who enabled our drought-response, communities would have been severely exposed. We will forever be grateful to our donors and partners for their support.

Around April, the long-awaited rains arrived, ushering a dawn of hope to a drought-weary region. Having not seen rains for two consecutive years, this

became a welcome relief to pastoralist and agro-pastoralists alike. Around this time, the few remaining livestock could now be salvaged. All through, PACIDA sustained its humanitarian interventions, with support from its partners. It was time to restart life and rebuild. The organisation, therefore, undertook restocking initiatives across the region.

In Year 2023, all PACIDA systems were tested to the maximum. These ranged from financial systems, programming, administration and indeed organizational adaptability. In 2023, PACIDA received the highest income in its history that it prudently utilised to better the lives of communities. We are encouraged that our systems remained strong and capable to handle the resources that we received and indeed undertake the needed interventions.

In the past year, one of PACIDA’s climate change projects registered a remarkable milestone when His Excellency the President William Ruto launched the Marsabit Climate Change Action Plan that the organisation had helped develop. This was a landmark moment as it will shape how climate change resources will flow to ward-level and villages to bolster communities’ resilience to climate change.

In the past year, PACIDA also supported communities to cope with raging floods in Marsabit, Isiolo and Samburu counties. This again showcased the adaptability and flexibility of our systems. Indeed, it was also a testament of our donors and partners rocksteady support.

In 2023, PACIDA also registered a milestone when it began opened a regional office in Isiolo County taking its regional offices to two in Kenya and its headquarters offices in Marsabit as well as the Ethiopian office. This affirmed our commitment to scale our operations and programming in the northern region. Isiolo County is the gateway to the northern region and a melting pot of different cultures. It was one of the worst affected counties by the 2023 floods – a disaster that put PACIDA on the frontline.

Education is the greatest equaliser. It gives children, irrespective of their backgrounds, a fighting chance in life. During the past year, PACIDA worked with its partners to ensure that children were kept in school through various school feeding initiatives as well as provision of learning materials. During the prolonged drought, Marsabit, a key county of PACIDA's operations, registered one of the highest school drop-out rates in Kenya according to documented reports.

We are encouraged that our efforts bore fruits as many children went back to school. Validating our education interventions, was the outstanding performance of Tiigo School – a school founded by PACIDA and the crown jewel of PACIDA's education interventions. The school improved its national examinations mean score taking more children to national and provincial schools.

There are many more stories captured in detail in our annual report. These stories were made possible through our dedicated Board of Directors and committed staff as well as communities. I thank them for their dedication. In addition, we remain eternally grateful to our donors, implementing partners, suppliers and other stakeholders for being the pillars of our impact.

We remain committed to delivering lasting impact in our region in a sustainable way.

Thank you so much.

Patrick Katelo Issako

Executive Director

PROGRAMMES REPORT



Disaster Risk Reduction and climate change Programme



Peace and governance Programme



Sustainable Livelihoods Programme



Education Programme



Health and Nutrition Programme



Water Sanitation and Hygiene Programme



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMME



CUSHIONING COMMUNITIES FROM DISASTERS

Under this programme, PACIDA works with communities to ensure that negative effects of drought and other disasters are reduced significantly to save lives of the community members and their livelihoods and foundation of community assets.

In the past year, PACIDA interventions were aimed at supporting communities to cope with the effects of the raging drought – described by experts as the worst in 40 years – as well as flooding.

The interventions in this area ranged from dry foods donation, water trucking, restocking, among others. They also included cash transfer.

In 2023, PACIDA raised the highest Disaster Risk Response Funds to bolster communities' resilience to adverse effects of drought and floods. The following is a summary of the interventions. We thank our donors named in each of the interventions.

RESILIENCE PROGRAMMES

Resilience programmes are initiatives designed to support communities, individuals or ecosystems withstand and recover from various challenges, such as natural disasters, economic shocks, conflicts, or climate change (See CEO Corner commentary on Resilience and Mental Health).

1. Strengthening WASH Governance and Sustainable Water Supply Project

This is funded by Welhunger Hilfe (WWH). It seeks to see Water Access and WASH Governance improved through Systems Strengthening. It targeted Marsabit County.

What We Realised:

- For Door VIP latrines constructed with MHM Facility & persons with disabilities friendly at Kamboe, Parkishon, St. Therasas and Saku Primary Schools in Laisamis and Saku sub-counties.
- For incinerators in the same schools. Triggered CLTS in 12 villages, resulting in 283 latrines. Rehabilitation of boreholes at Jaldesa 1, Manyatta Juu, and Kargi Dakhane to be completed in the coming year.

2. Reducing Persistent and Acute Malnutrition in Samburu County Project

This is a project under the USAID Nawiri program and funded by the USAID Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance. Under this, PACIDA supported Ward Development Planning Committees members from Nyiro, Nachola, Baawa and Waso to develop their Ward Development Plans – proposals.

Each of the wards came up with their priorities aimed at bolstering their resilience to climate change effects. The committees were also trained by a team of experts facilitated by PACIDA (See a related story in the news section).

Through this, communities will be supported through the County Government of Samburu and other actors.

3. Strengthening Innovative Approaches to Promote the Resilience of Agro-pastoralists in East Africa Programme

This project is funded by Welthungerhilfe and German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation (BMZ). The project seeks to see improved wellbeing and food and nutrition security of agro-pastoralist communities with diverging interests in semi-arid areas of Kenya, Ethiopia and Uganda.

In the reporting period, the following was organised:

- Project mid-term evaluation
- Conflict mapping and analysis research
- Assessment on gender mainstreaming and analysis
- Livestock vaccinations against Rift Valley Fever
- Deworming and treatment of livestock
- VSLA groups trainings and Training for Trainers of Trainers (TOT) on Agro-pastoralist farmer field school trainings.

4. Emergency response programme including cash transfers and improving humanitarian response capacity in crisis hit counties in Sub-Saharan Africa.

This project is funded by Malteser International Emergency Program Africa. The project seeks to contribute to humanitarian relief efforts by providing emergency assistance to drought affected people in North Horr & Moyale sub counties of Marsabit County and Dire Wereda of Southern Ethiopia.

In the last one year, the following was accomplished.

- Emergency food distribution for 490

households in Kenya, covering Turbi, Maikona, and Uran, for 4 cycles, and in Ethiopia, covering Dire wereda and Moyale wereda, for 3 cycles.

- Cash transfers via Mpesa were provided for 200 households.
- Fortified nutritious UNIMIX was supplied to 5 children, elderly, and pregnant mothers in communities (550g per person for 200 people for 60 days).
- School feeding support was extended to 10 schools for one term (60 days), with fortified nutritious UNIMIX provided for 200 pupils in Early Childhood Development (ECD) centers in Kenya.
- Water trucking was organized for victims of climate disasters (550 people receiving 7.5 liters per person per day for 75 days).
- fuel subsidies were allocated for strategic boreholes, and essential repairs and spares for boreholes were addressed in Kenya.
- Dignity packs, including reusable sanitary towels and innerwear, were distributed to 935 female teenagers and women in Kenya



Beneficiaries of Cash Transfer Supported by Acted and Concern through US Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance in Samburu County

5. Emergency Relief and Anticipatory Humanitarian Actions for Victims of Climate Related Disasters in Somalia, Northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia

This is a project funded by Caritas Germany – GFFO and it seeks to contribute to the enhanced well-being of disaster-affected communities in northern Kenya, southern Ethiopia and Somalia.

In the reporting period the following objectives were realised:

- 890 vulnerable households in Marsabit and Samburu County received Unconditional Cash Transfers equal to 50% of the Minimum Expenditure Basket
- Additionally, 200 students from 5 high schools received food-for-fees worth Ksh 10,000 per child per term
- In Marsabit County, 2,490 shoats were procured and distributed to 415 vulnerable and disaster-affected pastoralist households, with each household receiving 6 shoats for restocking.
- 150 agricultural farmers were trained in crop production and provided with assorted certified seeds and farm tools in Kinisa and Mansille, Moyale.
- Two community peace and resource-sharing dialogue forums were facilitated between conflicting communities in Marsabit and Samburu County.

6. The Triple Nexus Intervention/ Approach

The Triple Nexus interventions/ approach was a project funded and supported by Christian Aid Kenya and Christian Aid Ireland. The triple Nexus interventions sought to strengthen the leadership agency and adaptive capacity of the marginalised communities to peacefully address and adapt to natural resources challenges borderland regions using humanitarian development peace building approaches. The triple nexus approach aspires to transform the way humanitarian, development and peace activities are planned, implemented and financed in fragile situations effectively meet human needs, reduce vulnerability and promote peace.

What we realised:

- Strengthened understanding of conflict resolution and hot spot identification
- Provided valuable insight into community vulnerabilities
- Empowered communities to implement sustainable practices and collaborate effectively
- Facilitated identification and pursuit of sustainable income-generating activities.
- Comprehensive mapping of at-risk community groups regarding natural resources
- Established systems for timely climate weather updates
- Fostered collaboration between traditional institutions and weather experts.
- Developed community-led conflict resolution mechanisms and resource management strategies
- Equipped women's groups with business skills for economic resilience.

CASH TRANSFER DONORS

We appreciate the following partners in our cash transfer interventions in 2023:

- Through Malteser International Emergency Programs Africa (MIEPA) funded by Malteser International with support from Aktion Deutschland Hilft
- The second phase of MIEPA
- As at December 2023, Christian Aid through Irish Aid from North-Horr and Laisamis sub counties benefited from cash transfer.
- Oxfam
- Oxfam through NORAD
- Oxfam through Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
- Concern Worldwide and Acted
- FAO and Embassy of France in Kenya targeting North Horr
- FAO and Caritas Germany
- Enhanced Drought Emergency Response for Food and Nutrition Security (EDERF) through Concern Worldwide and Acted

CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-PROGRAMME

Under the Climate Change Sub-Programme, PACIDA works with communities to ensure that their voices are heard in climate change conversations and that climate change funds flow to cushion them from the adverse effects of the phenomenon. This is the Climate Justice component of the Sub-Programme which takes an advocacy approach.

In addition, under resilience – climate adaptation – PACIDA supports communities through various innovative livelihoods interventions to adapt to the vagaries of climate change.

PRESIDENT RUTO LAUNCHES THE MARSABIT CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

The year 2023 was a monumental one for PACIDA under this sub-programme. In November 2023, for instance, the President of Kenya H. E William Ruto launched the Marsabit Climate Change Action Plan which PACIDA had worked closely with the County Government of Marsabit to help design. This was under the Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) supported by Hivos.

The players under the PACIDA consortium include Juhudi Mashinani and Thinkout Africa, the project's storytelling partner. During the launch, the president was joined by the Governor of Marsabit County H. E Mahmoud Ali, PACIDA's Executive Director Patrick Ratelo and Hivos East Africa Regional Director Kennedy Mugochi.

The launch of the Action Plan was the culmination of other milestones that PACIDA and its partners have helped realise while working closely with the County Government of Marsabit such as: the Marsabit Participatory Climate Risk Assessment Report (PCRA), the Climate Finance Framework and Ward Climate Change Planning Committees (WCCPCs).

PACIDA and its partners helped the county to establish the WCCPCs and indeed build their capacity. In addition, PACIDA has trained the County Climate Change Unit that has the Marsabit Climate Change Steering Committee and the Marsabit County Climate Change Planning Committees. All these structures are envisaged under the Marsabit County Climate Change Fund Act 2020 that PACIDA helped realise.

The PACIDA consortium also helped digitise the Mulika Tracking Tool– a climate funds accountability tracking tool that is expected to audit climate change funds in all the counties in Kenya.

Caritas Austria Climate Resilience Support

Through the Policy Dialogues Small Action Fund project funded by Caritas Austria, PACIDA facilitated the capacity building for the County Climate Planning Committee (CCPC) on the County Climate Change Fund (CCCF) mechanism and also supported in the validation of the Marsabit County Participatory Climate Risk Assessment Report and Action Plan.

The policy dialogues empowered Ward Climate Change Planning Committees (WCCPCs) and facilitated annual meetings to launch the Marsabit County Climate Change Action Plans. Through the Fund, PACIDA organised radio talk shows to raise awareness on climate action projects. Capacity building was also provided for specific wards. Additionally, a Policy Dialogue Community of Practice (COP) workshop in Kampala was organised to foster collaboration and resource mobilisation. Through 'Enhancing Opportunities for Women While Reducing the Impacts of Climate Change in Marsabit County' supported by Caritas Austria, PACIDA project sought to empower women and building their resilience to the impact of

climate change through capacity building on entrepreneurship skills and livelihood support

During the reporting period, PACIDA realized the following:

- The project conducted five capacity-building forums for Ward Climate Change Planning Committees (WCCPC), enhancing their understanding of climate change impacts and resilience strategies.
- Support was provided to establish gender-sensitive WCCPCs, ensuring inclusive climate planning.



PEACE AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME



Ethio-Kenyan Cross Border Peace Building Dialogue Forum/Workshop



Austrian
Development
Agency



Organized by: Ethiopia Government, Borana Zone and Marsabit County of Kenyan Government

Facilitators: CIFA-E, CIFA-K, AFD, PACIDA and SND with collaboration



PACIDA

Peacebuilding Community Initiatives and Development Activities

VISION

A peaceful, progressively prosperous and resilient community.

MISSION

To improve the well-being of vulnerable ASAL communities through sustainable development

SRAPLEA II

STRENGTHENING INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO PROMOTE THE RESILIENCE OF AGRO-PASTORALIST.



GOVERNANCE SUB-PROGRAMME

Chukua Control, a High Impact Project Bolsters Civil Society Organisations Across the Country

The Peace component of the Peace and Governance programme targets to contribute towards creating an atmosphere of sustainable trust and harmonious co-existence of communities in the region. To realise this, PACIDA facilitates conflict resolution dialogues and mediation. The Governance component, on the other side, equips communities with knowledge and skills to engage with holders of power and to have their voices heard so as to advance their interests.

In the reporting period, PACIDA deepened the implementation of the 'Chukua Control' project – a monumental project supported by Welthungerhilfe (WHH) through German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation (BMZ). The project seeks to empower civil society organisations across the country for improved service delivery in rural areas of Kenya.

What is the nexus of the project with access to safe water, food and nutrition security? These are major challenges facing the Kenyan populace especially in the arid and semi-arid lands. The project appreciates that for communities to enjoy these services sustainably, the issue of good governance, community participation and rights-based approaches are pivotal. There is also need to foster CSOs coordination while taking advantage of opportunities provided by the devolved system of governance.

This is, therefore, the 'soul' of the project. It is against this background that through 'Chukua Control' – Swahili for take control – the project has

been empowering the local CSOs to improve their technical skills, improve their operating systems and procedures, uphold values and leadership, improve on transparency and accountability to donors, communities and the country at large.

A total of 21 organisations have been benefiting from this project that stretches to the year 2024. The CSO serve the following counties where WHH has a presence with ongoing or completed activities: Garissa, Kilifi, Tana River, Marsabit, Turkana, Rajiado, Kitui, Makueni, Kakamega, Siaya, Bungoma and Vihiga county where WHH has a presence with ongoing or completed activities

During the implementation period, participatory capacity assessment was conducted for all the partners. In addition, customized institutional strengthening activities were conducted to address the identified gaps. Cross-organisational learning opportunities were also organised where various CSOs shared on their strengths and experiences stimulating peer-mentorship opportunities.

During the reporting period, the organisations were also taken through the country's devolved system of governance and opportunities that they can take advantage of to keep county governments and assemblies accountable to the populace especially in areas such as water, nutrition and food security. Lastly, PACIDA facilitated media visibility opportunities where the project was featured in mainstream media through talk shows.

Quick Facts: 4 Outcomes that the Project Envisages

- Improved skills of local CSO partners to implement and promote rights-based approaches
- Organization development and capacity building to ensure effectiveness, efficiency and greater accountability has taken place and is embedded in the participating organizations
- Improved coordination and networking with development partners at national and regional governments
- Enhanced knowledge exchange and learning for quality development and humanitarian aid programming

In 2023, PACIDA organised Peace Dialogues between Chiefs, Village Elders & National Police Reservists in Samburu County. The meeting was coordinated by County Security Intelligence Committee and moderated by County Commissioner. Through these dialogues, stakeholders agree on modalities of early warning and conflict resolution to ensure that Samburu County realises sustainable peace. Through this initiative, Samburu saw reduced cases of insecurity and banditry. This project was hailed by the Ministry of Internal Security – National Government.

This was supported by Caritas Germany.

PEACE SUB-PROGRAMME

Landmark Peace Forum at the Kenya Ethiopia Border Held

In September 2023, PACIDA was part of a two-days peace forum held in Moyale Ethiopia-border. The forum was a climax of a major peace deal that was signed by the Gabra and Borana communities. This peace deal has seen a period of calmness and a determination by community, worn out by the vagaries of war, to maintain sustainable peace and harmony.

The forum was attended by regional representatives from Kenya and Ethiopia, stakeholders in the humanitarian sector and community members, among others. PACIDA has been a forefront actor in nurturing and strengthening peace communities in the northern region.



Communities Commit to Lasting Peace at the Kenyan Ethiopian Border Supported by WHH

Peace Dialogues in Samburu County



SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS CORNER



Building Communities Resilience to Adverse Climate Change Shocks

The overall goal of this programme is to increase the incomes of households within the ASAL regions of northern Kenya and southern Ethiopia through facilitating better access, control and management of available community resources. In particular, the programme focuses on agriculture, livestock development as well as micro-enterprise development for livelihood diversification and food security.

Combating Food Insecurity Among the Most Vulnerable Groups in Marsabit County

Supported by NORAD, through Oxfam Kenya, the project seeks to support food security enhancement and resilience for the chronic drought affected people of Marsabit County. Affected People of Marsabit County. Specifically, it targets North Horr and Saku Sub-Counties.

Summary:

During the reporting period an assessment was conducted to identify and understand local community needs, vulnerabilities and existing capacities. Significant challenges such as flooding and livestock diseases affecting sheep and goats were identified as critical risks needing mitigation.

The implementation phase focused on executing planned activities such as livestock distribution, agricultural training, infrastructure development (e.g., water harvesting and management), and capacity-building programs. Throughout the project implementation phase, regular monitoring and evaluation were carried out to track progress, identify challenges, and make necessary adjustments.

Achievements:

Under strengthening skills and capacity of individuals on climate resilient food production and other income opportunities component of the project:

- 121 farmer groups, 3,457 households (2,493 female and 963 male), were reached.
- Over 800 individuals were also trained from 25 groups

Under training communities and households on gender justice:

- 36 sessions (18 households and 18 community dialogue sessions) were conducted reaching 623 individuals.
- 256 individuals were reached under household's dialogue and 367 individuals under community dialogues.

Under enhancing Climate-resilient food production through provision of agricultural inputs and improvement of local infrastructure:

- 427 families consisting of 2,773 individuals (1,774 female and 999 males) reached with livestock feeds
- 35 groups consisting of 1,103 households and 6,177 individuals, (4,015 female and 2,162 male) received goats
- 25 groups consisting of 821 households reached a total of 4,507 individuals (4,146 female & 361 male) direct beneficiaries) with chicken.

Under establishing or rehabilitating small scale local infrastructure and/or rehabilitated to support climate- resilient food production, other food production and marketing opportunities of small- scale farmers:

- 36 infrastructure works done.
- 31 water ponds established,
- 1116 individuals reached (803 female and 313 male)
- 5 kitchen gardens established in schools
- 309 pupils reached, (161 girls, 141 boys)

Under Access to Food through Provision of Cash Transfer:

- 10,724 individuals received cash transfers
- 2,245 pupils (1,523 girls, 722 boys) from 10 schools received nutritious and diversified meals.

Project Impact in the society:

Gender Equality and Empowerment

- Tangible empowerment of youth and women through capacity building on agricultural practices, financial literacy and value addition – created real economic opportunities.
- Household and community dialogue sessions facilitated shifts in traditional gender norms, resulting in an observable increase in shared decision-making and a reduction in the disproportionate workload on women

Food Security and Livelihoods

- Training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and support for value addition activities led to increased agricultural productivity and food security, with farmers reporting higher yields and better-quality produce, translating into improved livelihoods.

Other Livelihoods Projects:

Enhancement of food security and resilience for the drought affected people in Marsabit county.

The Enhancement of food security and resilience for the drought affected people in Marsabit county was a project that was funded by Christian Blind Mission (CBM). Under this programme, the main objective was to improve the resilience capacities of drought affected communities in Marsabit county to cope with and respond to food insecurity and livelihood impoverishment

In the past year, PACIDA managed to realise the following:

- 200 farmers groups and 300 pupils trained on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and agricultural production
- Purchased agricultural inputs (Seeds, Tools- Jembes, panga and plastic watering cans)
- Restocking of shoats to 200 Households of persons with disabilities with each household receiving 4 shoats (sheep and goats)
- Deworming and vaccination of 800 shoats
- 200 persons trained on Good Animal Husbandry



Food distribution supported by Malteser International in Marsabit County

Enhancing Opportunities for Women While Reducing the Impacts of Climate Change in Marsabit County

Funded by Caritas Austria, the women empowerment project sought to enhance empowerment of women and building their resilience to the impact of climate change through capacity building on entrepreneurship skills and livelihood support.

From sustainable livelihoods perspective, four women's groups were equipped with beekeeping resources, including beehives and harvesting equipment, fostering economic empowerment and sustainable practices.

Furthermore, eight training sessions focused on commercialising pastoral and agricultural value chains, benefiting pastoral and farmer women groups, promoting gender equality, socioeconomic development, and resilience to climate change impacts in the community.



Chororo Women Group in their Happiest Mood Following Caritas Austria Support under the Project Enhancing Opportunities for Women



EDUCATION PROGRAMME



**Tiigo School Emerges the Best Public
School in Marsabit County 2023**

The programme targets to contribute to increased access, equity and quality of education for children in ASAL regions. PACIDA awards bursaries to bright pupils and students from underprivileged backgrounds and also learning infrastructure and materials for schools.

Cushioning School Going Children from Climate-Induced Disasters

During the reporting period, school learning was disrupted by climate-induced disasters such as drought and floods that ravaged our operating region. Our interventions were, therefore, focused on supporting schools to cope with these adverse weather effects and ensuring that school-going children don't drop out of schools because of these challenges.

The following interventions were realised:

Under the 'Combating Food Insecurity among the Most Vulnerable Groups in Marsabit County' project that is supported by Oxfam through NORAD, five schools in Saku and North Horr Sub-Counties were supported to establish kitchen gardens.

In addition, 2,245 pupils (1,523 girls, 722 boys) from 10 schools of North Horr and Saku Sub-Counties received nutritious and diversified meals while a further 13 schools from the same sub-counties were supported to develop school improvement and disaster management plans.

Under the Strengthening WASH Governance and Sustainable Water Supply Project that is funded by Welhunger Hilfe (WWH), 4-door VIP latrines were constructed. The latrines are friendly to persons with disabilities. The schools that benefited included: Ramboe, Parkishon, St. Theresas and Saku Primary Schools in Laisamis and Saku sub-counties.

Through Malteser International Emergency Program Africa (MIEPA), school feeding support was extended to 10 schools in Marsabit County - for one term (60 days), with fortified nutritious UNIMIX provided to 200 pupils in Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres.

Through Emergency Relief and Anticipatory Humanitarian Actions for Victims of Climate Related Disasters in Somalia, Northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia (GFFO Project) that is supported by Caritas Germany through German Humanitarian Assistance, 200 students from 5 high schools received food-for-fees worth Kes 10,000 per child per term.

Tiigo School Emerges the Best Public School in Marsabit County

In the reporting period, Tiigo School, our shining star of the North, emerged the best public school in Marsabit County in the Kenyan national exams. This was the second year of national examinations grading. Out of this performance, most of the pupils joined national schools.

We congratulate this crown jewel in our programming and hope that it continues churning out stars that will illuminate the northern region and indeed Kenya.

We congratulate the candidates, parents and teachers of the school for this incredible performance.

See additional information on Tiigo School in the fundraising section.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAMME



**The One Health Project strengthens the
Resilience of Semi Nomadic Population**

HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAMME

To improve health and nutrition status of communities in arid and semi-arid regions of Kenya and Ethiopia. It realises this by advocating for improved access to healthcare services in the target regions including during emergencies. The programme also promotes “ONE HEALTH” as an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimise health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants and the wider environment.

One Health Project Supported by Malteser International

The One Health Project, which goes by the title ‘One Health Approach to Strengthen the Resilience of Semi Nomadic Population in the Border Region Kenya and Ethiopia’ and is funded by Malteser International with support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation (BMZ) Aktion Deutschland Hilft and the Merck Family Foundation.

It seeks to contribute towards improving Human, Animal and Environmental Health in Northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia with a focus in zoonotic diseases through sustainable cross sectoral strengthening of local capacity and control.

In the reporting period, in Maikona ward, Marsabit County, 90 shoats and 20 camels were distributed to 2 groups. Construction of model farms also began. Sensitisation and institutionalisation workshop targeting the Marsabit County One Health Technical Working Group was also organised. Additionally, human medical outreach was provided in Maikona and Hurri Hills of Marsabit County.

Fighting Malnutrition in Marsabit with the Government of France and FAO's Support

During the reporting period, PACIDA embarked on a project aimed at fighting malnutrition and protecting livelihoods of vulnerable communities affected by drought in Marsabit County. Funded by the Government of France and implemented by FAO with PACIDA being the service provider for FAO, the project encompassed pastoral livelihood protection, cash plus and social behavior change communication activities in Illeret, Maikona and Turbi wards of Marsabit County.

During the implementation period, communities in the target region benefit from food distribution with special attention paid to vulnerable populations such as children, pregnant and breast-feeding mothers. In addition, social behaviour change messages were disseminated to the target communities encouraging them to adopt nutritious foods such as fish, chicken and leafy vegetables. This campaign was preceded by an intensive Social Behaviour Change communication training that was organised by the project partners targeting county government officials, nutritionists and health providers, among others.





WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



PACIDA Launches a Major Project to Benefit the El Molo Community

It was a historic event as His Excellency the Governor of Marsabit County Mohamud Ali launched the Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in ASALs Programme – SWASAP – in El Molo Bay, Loiyangalani Ward, Laisamis Sub-County, Marsabit County.

This project will benefit the El Molo community in the region to have access to safe water for domestic use. The El Molo community is one of the smallest communities in Kenya. Provision of safe drinking water will improve their health

and living standards. For the longest time, this community has grappled with severe water shortage and generally low level of development in their area. “This project will be a game-changer for a community that knows all too well what lacking water means. We are very privileged to partner with the WaterFund the County Government of Marsabit who partnered with PACIDA to deliver quality and safe water to this deserving community,” said Patrick Katelo, the Executive Director of PACIDA.

H. E the Governor was joined by Eng. Rose Nyakuri who spoke on behalf of the CEO of WaterFund. Several other trustees and senior officers from the organisation also attended.



Borehole Repaired increasing access to clean water for over 4,500 households courtesy of Malteser International support

Launch of SWASAP project that will benefit the El Molo community in the region to have access to safe water for domestic use

NEWS CORNER

NEWS IN BRIEF

CLIMATE CHANGE CORNER

History Made as President Ruto Launches The Marsabit County Climate Change Action Plan

In November 2023, history was made with the launch of the Marsabit County Climate Change Action Plan by His Excellency the president William Ruto. The Plan was launched during the Lake Turkana Cultural Festival in Loiyangalani, Marsabit County. The 5-year plan identifies specific county and ward-level investments for building resilience to climate change in the county. It follows the successful completion of the Marsabit County Participatory Climate Risk Assessment (PCRA) Report that was also realised with the support of PACIDA.

The development of the Marsabit County Climate Change Action Plan was supported by the PACIDA Consortium in partnership with the County Government of Marsabit, with support from Hivos East Africa, under the Voices for Just Climate Action.

The Governor of Marsabit H.E Mohamud Ali recognised the efforts of PACIDA and Hivos as he introduced the partners to the president. PACIDA was also recognised by various leaders during their speeches for being a transformative actor in the county and indeed northern region.

“We thank development actors such as PACIDA for

being valued partners of the County Government of Marsabit. This shows what can be realised when stakeholders collaborate to address pressing societal challenges,” said H. E Mohamud Ali.

The Hivos East Africa team attending the event was led by the organisation’s Regional Director Mr Kennedy Mugochi while the Executive Director Mr Patrick Katelo led the PACIDA team.



H.E President William Ruto Launches The Marsabit County Climate Change Action Plan

Climate Finance: Wards in Samburu County Identify their Development Priorities

With support from the USAID Nawiri program, PACIDA supported Ward Development Planning Committees members from Nyiro, Nachola, Baawa and Waso to develop their Ward Development Plans – proposals. Each of the wards came up with their priorities aimed at bolstering their resilience to climate change effects. The committees were also trained by a team of experts facilitated by PACIDA.

The next phase will be for those proposals to be funded with an allocation from the County Government of Samburu with support from the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Program - a 5 years Government of Kenya program jointly supported by the Government of Kenya, World Bank and other Donors aimed at delivering locally-led climate resilience actions and strengthening county and national governments' capacity to manage climate risk.



Members of the development committee from Nyiro and Nachola Wards

PACIDA Hosts a Team from Hivos

In the month of September, the PACIDA consortium that has PACIDA (lead partner), Juhudi Mashinani (mobilisation partner) and Thinkout Africa (communication/storytelling partner) hosted a team from Hivos East Africa for a monitoring visit of the Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) project that the consortium has been implementing.

The team including Ndinda Maithya (Programme Manager) and Vincent Ondieki (Programme Officer) and Clive Kirui (Finance Officer), managed to:

1. Meet with the project implantation team
2. Engage with the County Executive Committee Member, Chief Officer and Director of Water, Climate Change and Natural Resources in the County Government of Marsabit
3. Visit a Ward Climate Change Planning Committee in Turbi, Marsabit
4. Engage a women group undertaking a fodder project for climate change resilience.

Through VCA, the consortium has managed to support the County Government of Marsabit County to establish structures envisaged under the Marsabit Climate Change Fund Act such Ward Climate Change Planning Committees (WCCPCs).

The Consortium has also trained members of WCCPCs and supported them to develop ward proposals to address climate change. In addition, it has worked closely with the County Government of Marsabit to develop the County Climate Finance Framework as well as the Participatory Climate Risk Assessment (PCRA), among other milestones. While undertaking this, the partners have documented and profiled the activities across platforms: media, digital media and visibility

materials. Another success story of the project has been the development of an accountability tool known as 'Mulika' that physically and digitally tracks funds allocated by the county government to address climate change issues - a game changer!

The end goal of these efforts is that climate change funds flow to the wards to cushion community members.



From left to right; Janet Ahadho (Marsabit County executive committee member) Vincent Ondieki (Programme Officer) Ndinda Maithya (Programme Manager) Malicha Boru (Marsabit County executive committee member) Abdullahi Sheikh (Chief Officer) Ibrahim Abdalla (Partnerships Coordinator Pacida) Simon Wachira (Communications)

Hope as Persons With Disabilities from Marsabit Receive Sheep and Goats

In partnership with CBM International, PACIDA provided 200 Persons with Disabilities from Maikona ward, Marsabit County with sheep and goats therefore enabling them to build resilience to economic shocks and climate change challenges. Each person received 4 sheep/goats.

Studies have shown that persons with disabilities are disproportionately affected by climate change. With this support, they will enhance their food security and diversify their income sources.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), 16% of the world population currently have a disability. This is a significant percentage of the population that should not be ignored in climate change and disaster response. It is against this background that the CBM International's support is critical in ensuring the inclusion of persons with disabilities in these resilience interventions.



Building resilience to drought affected persons with disabilities through livestock restocking

DISASTER RISK RESPONSE CORNER

Drought-Affected Communities Receive Goats and Sheep in Saku and North Horr Sub-Counties
Between 2021 – 2023, the northern region of the country experienced what experts called the worst drought in 40 years. According to state agency National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) over 70 percent of livestock herds were decimated with Marsabit being the most-affected county. The Global Acute Malnutrition in the county rose to 30 percent - three times the global average. Communities lost generational wealth, leaving a trail of devastation and indescribable mental health toll.

Through the Survivor Led Community Response that is supported by PACIDA with support from Oxfam under the NORAD Programme, an elaborate restocking campaign was implemented. This entailed community sensitisation and community groups identification in North Horr and Saku sub-counties. In Qorqa and Elbesso villages, 20 community groups (10 groups per village) received 30 goats each. With his grimace of pain occasioned by the loss of his herd of 40 goats slowly disappearing, Mzee Adano had this to say: “This is a chance for us to start again. We had lost all our hope. We have never experienced what we saw in the last two years. There is hope.”



A livelihoods project builds the capacity of farmer of Saku and North Horr sub counties with support from NORAD through Oxfam



Water treatment tabs {Aqua tabs} for communities supported by Malteser International

PACIDA Executive Director Awarded Head of State Commendation (HSC)



PACIDA's Executive Director Patrick Katelo was in December 2023 awarded Head of State Commendation (HSC). This is in recognition of his humanitarian service in the arid and semi-arid communities in Kenya.

Mr Patrick Katelo is the founder and Executive Director of the Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance (PACIDA) – a leading humanitarian and sustainable development organisation operating in northern Kenya (pastoralist counties) and Southern Ethiopia. A holder of a Master's degree in Conflict Resolution and Peace Building and a Bachelor's in Sociology,

Mr Katelo has led PACIDA in the last 15 years, propelling the organisation to be the leading humanitarian actor leading in disaster

response interventions in Marsabit, Samburu and Isiolo counties.

Through his leadership, the organisation has also built a reputable profile in climate change response, education, sustainable livelihoods, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions, among others.

A strategic thinker, Mr Katelo also currently serves as the Chairman of the Kenya Camel Association. He is a polished expert in conflict resolution, disaster response, servant leadership, rural development among other areas.

VOICES AND FACES OF IMPACT: HUMAN INTEREST STORIES

EDERF PROJECT: THE GAME-CHANGER IN SAMBURU COUNTY

Between 2021 to 2023, Kenya experienced what experts called the worst drought in 40 years. One of the most affected regions was Samburu County - an arid and semi-arid region with a pastoralist community primarily reliant on cattle as their main source of livelihood. With a population of 347,336 and a Global Acute Malnutrition rate of 15.8%, Samburu County has one of the highest malnutrition rates.

To address this issue, the Enhanced Drought Emergency Response for Food and Nutrition Security (EDERF) project was launched. This is a Multi-Purpose-Cash Program led by Acted Kenya and Concern Worldwide in partnership with PACIDA and funded by USAID.

EDERF aims at improving the food and nutritional security of vulnerable pastoral and agro-pastoral communities affected by the drought emergency in Samburu County. In addition to addressing food and nutrition security, the project has elevated the livelihoods of residents such as Napiyok who now have a sustainable source of income. This program was implemented between July and September 2023 reaching 650 Households - 3,900 individuals (1,911 male, 1,989 female) in Samburu, in Nyiro, Ndoto, Nachola, Waso, and Wamba East in collaboration with the Department of Health.

These are the voices and faces of the beneficiaries of the project:

NAPIYOK LERUTANO: From Struggle to Hope

Napiyok Lekutano is a 37 years old woman and a mother of two in Waso ward. Before benefiting from PACIDA, her life was a daily struggle. As the sole breadwinner and a single mother, she relied on charcoal burning as her main source of income. Being the main caregiver for her children meant not going to work some days. She was therefore unable to consistently provide for them. They went to bed hungry from time to time. Her children started getting sick and experiencing delayed milestones. Following clinical check-ups, the children were enrolled in a supplementary program due to malnutrition.

After enrolling in PACIDA's cash transfer program and attending the nutrition programme supported by other partners in the area, Napiyok was able to provide her children with a balanced diet. She was also able to identify a variety of locally available foods for her family. Additionally, Napiyok joined a women's savings group with the hope of starting her own business.



NAIMALO LENTAAKA: From Well-Wishers'

Support to Self-Reliance

Naimalo Lentaaka, a 34-year-old mother of three, relied on relatives and well-wishers to feed her children when her husband was away in search of pasture for their livestock. Being entirely dependent on her husband meant that sometimes she did not have meals for an entire day. This led to severe malnutrition for her second child and difficulty breastfeeding her youngest child, who was 7 months old at the time.

After enrolling in the cash transfer program, Nailamo was able to provide nutritious foods for her household, she narrated: "When I go to the market now, I am able to buy different types of food i.e. fruits, rice, beans, among others. My children are happy and healthier." She saved from the program and has started a business of selling sugar and tealeaves in the manyattas. She normally purchases her stock during market days. "My business is small and I hope that it will grow and enable me establish a kiosk in the village, the money I get from it will continue providing my family with food," She says.



ANDREW LEARSEREU: Overcoming Hardship

Andrew, an energetic 42-year-old man with a disability, was one of the beneficiaries of the program. Before the program, Andrew was struggling to make ends meet for his young family. He mostly relied on his siblings for assistance, especially for grazing his livestock. His wife, who was breastfeeding at the time, was not in a position to look for a job either. Things got tougher when his brothers would move to look for pasture for their livestock. This meant relying on distant relatives and well-wishers for support.

Through the support of the program, he managed to take his wife and youngest child for clinical check-ups, afford diverse foods for his family and pay for his oldest child remedial classes. Andrew is also now registered as a person living with disability at the county and is hoping to get opportunities that will help him support his family in the future.



CEO CORNER

PACIDA IN THE FRONTLINE: Mental Health Interventions Cannot be Divorced from Resilience Interventions



What is resilience? This is like a byword in the northern region and Southern Ethiopia that we operate in. It is presumed to be a common word though not universally understood.

Resilience programmes are initiatives designed to support communities, individuals or ecosystems withstand and recover from various challenges, such as natural disasters, economic shocks, conflicts, or climate change. Resilience enables communities exposed to risks and disasters as well as fluctuation of systems such as market systems to adapt, recover, and thrive despite adversity, rather than simply providing immediate relief.

The resilience model of PACIDA entails building systems that enable communities to not only respond to crises but also bounce back stronger. Resilience is hinged on adaptability which

enables communities to adjust to new challenges such as risks and/or changing circumstances.

Our model is also hinged on building preparedness of communities to future disasters, risks, among others. We are strong advocates of adoption of indigenous knowledge in areas such as early warning systems and early action.

In recent years, the area that we operate in has been faced by disasters or adverse situations of monumental proportions. PACIDA's interventions in responding to these challenges have been tested to their limit. Between 2020 to 2022, PACIDA was thrown into the frontline of supporting communities survive the Covid-19 pandemic- the worst of such in the last one hundred years after Spanish Flu.

Within the same period, the organisation dealt with the second disaster – the worst drought in 40 years, according to experts. The same period saw the organisation work with communities to address the locust invasion – the worst in seven decades, according to experts. The region that we operate in, in a twist of inexplicable irony, faced devastating floods immediately after the drought. These disasters and adverse situations come with unspoken pressure to humanitarian organisations like PACIDA. We have to be incredibly analytical, innovate fast and devise solutions, raise resources and hit the ground. In some of these situations for instance Covid -19, there are no benchmarks or published works on coping with such.

In pastoralist communities in northern Kenya, recurring disasters such as drought and floods have left communities severely exposed. Research shows that the loss of livestock and food insecurity has exacerbated mental health problems, leading to widespread anxiety, depression, and substance abuse as coping mechanisms.

A report titled 'Drought, Climate Change, and Psychological Stress: Impacts on Mental Health in Northern Kenya' and published by the Global Environmental Change Journal showed that communities in the region had experienced psychological stress linked to the loss of livelihoods, displacement, and reduced access to basic needs such as water and food.

One of the areas that we have had to strengthen is mental health and wellness among our staff and indeed the community. Imagine the mental toil to families that lost all their livestock herd? Where does such a family start from? This is exacerbated by the fact that apart from survival, livestock amongst pastoral communities are source of cultural pride and honour. Now imagine the PACIDA staff who have to face communities in their most desperate situations: helpless breast-feeding mothers with children grappling with malnutrition, family members grappling with loss of their animals, victims of conflicts, drought-induced internally displaced persons, among others. It can be tough for anyone. It is for this reason that our resilience interventions infuse mental health interventions or considerations. This is our lived reality.

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4 Community groups in Elbesso and Qorqa receive goats for restocking under the norad project



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6-PACIDA Executive Director Patrick Ratelo Speaks to Chukua Control Partners

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8- Livestock Cubes donated to Communities in Moyale Under EDERF Project supported by Concern Worldwide through US Bureau of Humanitarian Aid

9-Peace Dialogue in Samburu County Supported by Caritas Germany

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FINANCIAL REPORT



Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance (PACIDA)
Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME	Note	2023 Sh	2022 Shs
Grants income:			
Unrestricted		19,554,589	14,052,652
Restricted	3	1,007,667,751	896,400,502
Interest income		1,040,000	-
Total income		1,028,262,340	910,453,154
EXPENSES			
Direct projects costs	7	738,252,407	703,344,600
Projects support costs	10	100,940,166	83,618,775
Other projects & administrative costs	9	196,054,650	125,112,222
Total expenditure		1,035,247,223	912,075,597
Gross surplus/(deficit)		(6,984,883)	(1,622,443)
Less: Tax		312,000	-
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		(7,296,883)	(1,622,443)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION & CHANGES IN RESERVES

Assets	Notes	2023 Shs	2022 Shs
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	12	52,455,409	44,461,243
Current assets			
Receivables and prepayments	4	35,461,834	12,942,351
Cash and cash equivalents	6	168,059,281	149,279,587
		203,521,115	162,221,938
Les: Current liabilities			
Payables and accruals	8	218,194,000	163,182,478
Tax payable		156,000	-
		218,350,000	163,182,478
Net current assets		(14,828,885)	(960,540)
Net assets		37,626,524	43,500,703
Finance by:			
Opening accumulated reserves		43,500,703	45,123,146
Transfer of equipment from project		1,422,704	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(7,296,883)	(1,622,443)
Accumulated funds		37,626,524	43,500,703

Thank You Our Partners



BEST OF THE BEST: Tiigo School BEST PUBLIC SCHOOL IN MARSABIT COUNTY IN NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS



News from Tiigo School keep even getting better! In 2023, Tiigo School Emerged the Best Public School in Marsabit County in National Exams.

The 2023 'Report Card' was inundated by As – the most befitting validation of the hard work committed by pupils, parents, teachers and partners who have supported the school through PACIDA. The school had a mean score of 354.94, up from the 2022 score of 333.04. The best pupil scored 399 marks while the lowest had 292. 54 candidates sat for the exams, up from the 43 who were enrolled the previous year.

Built in the rocky plains of Marsabit, the school has been the citadel of hope to communities on what's possible. The Tiigo School imparts pupils from poor nomadic communities with quality holistic education. The school is a centre

of excellence in the whole northern region. As we look forward to raising as many achieving children from the school as possible, we continue to call on our partners, well-wishers and friends to keep holding our hand as script a story of everlasting hope in education.

THE TIIGO SCHOOL: The School Raising StarstoLightuptheNorthandindeedKenya

The best anti-poverty programme, Barack Obama said, is world-class education. But what happens to children from poor backgrounds who can't access this prized ticket? This can only be answered when you put yourself in their shoes. Imagine where you would be today if you didn't have the privilege of quality formal education?

For children living in Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands, education remains a far-fetched dream. Schools are as scarce as the water in the desert they live in. Marsabit County, the largest county in Kenya, paints this grim picture. The county exhibits the poorest education indicators in Kenya, with literacy levels as low as 20%.

Keen to give these children a fighting chance in life, in partnership with the local community, PACIDA established The Tiigo School in 2016. Referred by many as 'The School in the Middle of Nowhere,' Tiigo School (www.thetiigoschool.sc.ke) is literally 'nowhere'. It is the only primary school in a radius of 50 kilometres in one harsh, lava rubble, dry and poor place.

Working with its partners who gave it the 'seed funds' enough to just establish it, the school attracts pupils from Marsabit County as well as the neighbouring counties.

Being the only school in the region, the demand for admission at this school is very high. Yet it is severely limited in terms of infrastructure. Hundreds of pupils from underprivileged backgrounds needing admission are turned back every year. The school needs to increase its facilities so that it accommodates more pupils. For instance, its current dormitory capacity is already overstretched and pupils end up sharing beds. Others are forced to sleep on the floor which causes congestion and an unsafe living environment that negatively affects the health of these young children.

The school depends on well-wishers support to supplement the little fee that parents from the neighbouring communities afford. The pupils therefore end up paying drastically subsidised fees – which they still struggle to pay within the term.

The school is also located in an area known for very harsh weather, sporadic inter-ethnic clashes. Many girls go through dehumanising female genital mutilation and end up married off early. Being a boarding school, The Tiigo School is also a rescue centre and refuge of hope to such girls.

Help us Raise the next Generation of Stars to Light Up the North and Kenya

Tiigo School is designed as a centre of excellence. The school targets to raise outstanding pupils (stars) that are brilliant, mentored and all-rounded to light up the northern region and indeed Kenya.

To realise this, we need to raise resources for these priority areas:

1. Infrastructure: We target to build the urgent amenities needed at the school e.g. dormitories, classrooms, sanitation facilities, health clinic, computer lab, teachers' houses, water infrastructure, school bus
2. Bursaries while at The Tiigo School: We shall sponsor some bright pupils from underprivileged backgrounds through primary school
3. Bursaries for Secondary Schools and Tertiary Schools: We shall set up an endowment fund with part of the support so that we can sponsor promising and bright pupils not to drop out school but transit to the high school.



Buy Stars to Raise Stars

To raise stars, we need to buy stars literally. One star is going for Ksh 1,000 (Convert to prevailing USD rate). You can buy as many stars as possible. To buy stars, please talk to us through the contacts below:

The Target:

Infrastructure development = Ksh 100m (converted to prevailing USD/Euro rate)

Tiigo School Bursary Endowment Fund = Ksh 50m (Converted to prevailing USD/Euro Rate)

High School and Tertiary Education Endowment Fund (Nyota za Jamii Fund) = Ksh 75m (Converted to prevailing USD/Euro Rate).

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