



BUILDING RESILIENCE IN THE DRYLANDS

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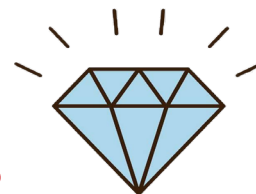
Peaceful, progressively prosperous and resilient community

MISSION



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



**Building empowered
communities across
Northern Kenya and
Southern Ethiopia
through partnerships,
innovation,
and local action**

DEDICATION

We Rise by Raising Others

In 2024, PACIDA was named the BEST NGO in Climate Change and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in Kenya in the Kenya NGO Awards 2024.

For helping us win, this annual report is dedicated to:

1. The resilient communities we partner with
2. The generous donors who believe in our mission
3. The Staff and Board members of PACIDA for their unyielding commitment
4. All the partners that we work with

Thank you. Asanteni sana!

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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN



Strong communities, a wise person said, are built not on the absence of hardship, but on the presence of collective hope. This adage is perhaps the most befitting summary of the past year. In 2024, PACIDA supported communities to rebuild their lives after being left bare from the vagaries of the previous climate-induced drought and floods. The year was about rebuilding and rising again.

The Board of PACIDA plays a pivotal role in providing oversight, guiding in risk management, policy formulation, resource mobilisation and indeed bolstering financial integrity. The Board also guided the organisation through the tides of the

changing operating terrain.

One of the most important undertakings in 2024, was a Governance and Organisation Development Audit that the Board oversaw. This audit was necessitated by the need to align the structure, policies and systems of the organisation to its current operating realities: wider scope of thematic areas, expanded operating areas in Kenya and Ethiopia, emerging donor realities, among others. This was a process of internal reflection and indeed a targeted engagement with some of our partners and stakeholders as the 'sounding boards' of the organisation. The incisive process proposed a number of recommendations to bolster PACIDA's systems and policies. The organisation will continue aligning its focus, systems and policies to its operating terrain dynamics.

In 2024, the Public Benefits Organisations (PBO) Act 2013 became operational. This Act is not only meant to align with the Constitution of Kenya 2010 but also provide a comprehensive and enabling legal framework for the registration, regulation, and oversight of organisations working for the public good. The Board of PACIDA has a strategic role to play adhering to regulatory standards, ethics and other statutory compliance requirements. Following the operationalisation of the law, PACIDA invited experts from the Public Benefits Organisations Authority – formerly NGO Board and the oversight body created by the Act – to take its Board through the regulatory requirements. In addition, the organisation created platforms for its partners to acquaint themselves with the Act. The Board is keen to ensure that PACIDA is fully aligned to the Act while also leveraging its networks to create such learning platforms for other development sector actors especially in its operating areas.

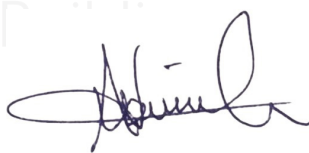
In 2024, PACIDA registered remarkable strides across key strategic areas: resource mobilisation, programmes delivery, partnerships, among others. The organisation focus on bolstering the recovery of communities in its operating regions was notably impactful. These interventions focused on areas such as restocking of livestock herds, repair of water projects, working with partners to strengthen health systems for human beings and livestock (One-Health-Approach), among others. We are encouraged that great impact stories – narratives of hope – are emerging from humble villages that not long ago were devastated by drought – termed by experts as the worst in forty years.

Hard work, our teachers taught us, never goes unnoticed, and someday, it always pays off. For PACIDA, 2024 became the year that we were rewarded for impact in the northern communities against all odds. In November 2024, PACIDA was awarded the BEST NGO in Climate Change and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in the inaugural Kenya NGO Awards 2024. We were the only NGO in the country to win two awards. This feat would not have been realised without the communities that give us the mandate, the commitment of the Board and Staff of the organisation and indeed the support of our donors and partners. On behalf of the Board, I say thank you. The award belongs to all of you!

In 2025, we commit to sustain our momentum and focus on delivering lasting change in our areas of operation.

Thank you so much.

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Chairperson

STATEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As I was reflecting about the past year, I was reminded about the wisdom of the poet: “In every village that rebuilds after loss, hope becomes mortar and courage lays each brick.” This maxim encapsulates the year 2024 for PACIDA. We worked with communities whose shoulders had carried the weight of loss and devastation following the 2021 – 2023 drought. The year 2024 became a season of rebuilding; like a tree stump regenerating and starting to bloom, yet again.

When Year 2024 started, we were aware of the challenges that were ahead of us. We knew we had to inspire hope, against all odds, to communities that had seen it all: generational wealth being lost in seasons following drought, mental health toll, children who dropped out of school, among others. We knew

the challenge was monumental but so was (and still remains) our resolve and indeed unwavering support of our partners. And the results validated us: 2024 was not only our most successful fundraising year ever but also the year that we realised our broadest reach across Kenya and Ethiopia, extending our footprints beyond our traditional operating regions.

In 2024, most of our interventions were about rebuilding and recovery projects in Kenya (Samburu, Marsabit and Isiolo Counties) and Southern Ethiopia. We were at the frontline providing support such as livestock restocking, cash transfer, repair of water sources, distribution of planting seeds and farm equipment, among others. More importantly, we embedded mental health interventions, counselling communities left bare and crestfallen by the vagaries of drought. This was one of our biggest learnings that we had documented in the previous year. We will forever be grateful to our donors and partners for their support.

The Year 2024 was the peak of the Emergency Relief and Anticipatory Humanitarian Action for Victims of Climate-Related Disasters in Northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia – a major project funded by Caritas Germany through the German Humanitarian Assistance (GFFO). The rationale of the project was to contribute to enhanced well-being of disaster-affected communities through improved access to food security, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), emergency preparedness and early recovery capacities. Another major recovery project that PACIDA implemented was known as Sustained Emergency Response and Recovery (SERVE) supported by Concern Worldwide under the USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance transformed thousands of communities in Marsabit County. These two projects embedded emergency and recovery interventions enabling communities to start rebuilding their lives.

Additional transformative recovery projects were undertaken through the support of Malteser International through the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO), under the Malteser International Emergency Programs Africa (MIEPA) transforming thousands of lives in Kenya and Ethiopia including school going children.

The past year saw PACIDA extends its reach programmatically beyond its operating regions through the 'Chukua Control' project that sought to contribute to good governance by strengthening Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) capacity to participate and influence citizens' right to food and nutritional security, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and peace. Supported by Welthungerhilfe (WHH) through the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation (BMZ), the project worked with 21 CSOs across the country. A similar project supported by the same donors known as WASH System Strengthening Initiative (SSI) Project, also saw PACIDA spread its impact across the country working with CSOs, national and county governments and Water Service Providers (WSPs) to strengthen WASH Governance and water supply services in Kenya.

Perseverance and hard work always pay off – sometimes in ways you least expect. This was validated in 2024 when PACIDA was named THE BEST NGO in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Climate Change during the Kenya NGO Awards 2024 endorsed by the regulator Public Benefits Organisations (PBO) Authority. We were the only NGO that won two awards in the competition! There are many more stories of impact captured in detail in our annual report – all made possible through the valued support of our donors and partners, our dedicated Board of Directors and truly committed staff. We remain eternally grateful.

In the coming years, PACIDA will remain unwavering in delivering lasting impact in our operating regions.

Thank you so much.

Patrick Katelo Issako



Executive Director

THEMATIC AREAS



**Sustainable
Livelihoods**



**Water Sanitation
and Hygiene**



**Peace and
Governance**

**Health and
Nutrition**



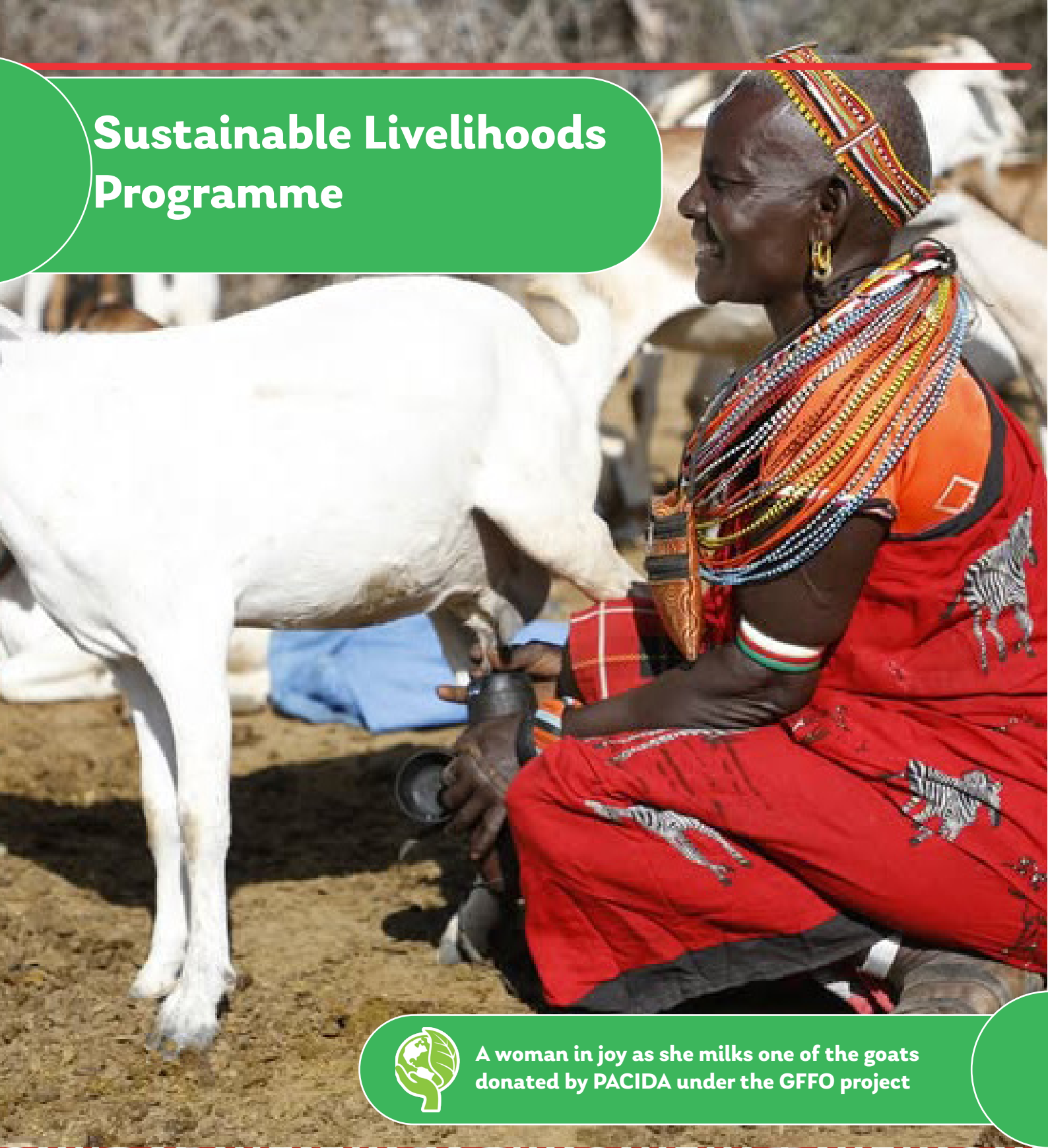
Education



**Disaster Risk
Reduction &
Climate Change**



Sustainable Livelihoods Programme



A woman in joy as she milks one of the goats donated by PACIDA under the GFFO project

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS PROGRAMME

Bolstering Communities Resilience

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 enabling communities to realise livelihood diversification and food security.

In 2024, sustainable livelihoods programme was a significant area of focus for the organisation. A key project bolstering the livelihoods of communities in the past year was the 'Supporting Food Security Enhancement and Resilience for the Chronic Drought Affected People of Marsabit County' that was implemented in Saku and North Horr sub-counties of Marsabit County. Supported by NORAD through Oxfam, the project trained over **800 small-scale farmers** and other food producers have been trained on climate- resilient food production and agricultural practices with **78 %** of these being women.

The project also provided farm implements and seeds to farmers from the two regions. Over **1,000 individuals** also received goats and chicken, courtesy of the project. With **31 reinforced water-pans** under the project and seeds donation, the community members managed to grow maize, beans and potatoes for subsistence and commercial use. This success story was covered by several Kenyan mainstream television stations with one women group known

as Uye from Saku inspiring other women in Marsabit county to take up farming.

The Caritas-Germany GFFO Project was also incredibly impactful in supporting the livelihoods of farmers across Marsabit, Samburu and indeed Ethiopia. The project provided farm inputs and trained farmers in the regions. Farmers in Kinisa Moyale, markedly increased their maize yields out showing indeed that with water, capacity and smart technologies, Marsabit county can indeed grow its own food. In Samburu County, the project supported **100 farmers' groups** receiving farm implements and certified seeds in readiness for the rainy season in the county.

In the past year, several restocking projects were supported in Marsabit and Samburu County and indeed Ethiopia. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) that is implemented by PACIDA with support from Oxfam and ASAL Humanitarian Network as a strategic agency saw many farmers received goats and sheep to restock their goats. The GFFO Project, on the other hand, supported restocking initiatives in Samburu and Marsabit Counties and indeed Ethiopia.

Our valued partner CBM International supported PACIDA to donate goats and sheep to **200 Persons with Disabilities** from Maikona ward, Marsabit County therefore enabling them to build resilience to economic shocks and climate change challenges. Each person received **4 sheep/goats.**

Snapshot of Impact for 2024:

600 Women from Turbi trained on climate-smart agriculture and financial literacy, enabling groups like Kurkuru Women Group to establish a butchery and shop with a seed capital of **KES 200,000**.

100 farmers benefited from training on ecosystem conservation practices through the Sustainable Agricultural project

150 households in Moyale supported with agricultural inputs, enhancing food security through the CLAP Project. These efforts demonstrate the power of capacity building and collective action in fostering economic resilience.

45 Village Saving and Credit Groups supported

500 farmers received bee hives

3,520 farmers received farm implements



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A farmer and a participant of the GFFO project from Kinisa village, Moyale Sub-county

Health and Nutrition Programme



A group of women hands-on training on the fabrication of reusable sanitary towels

HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAMME

Bolstering Communities Health and Well-being

Health and Nutrition as a substantive thematic area, started under the current Strategic Plan: 2021 – 2025. The programme seeks to promote access to health services and proper nutrition to underserved communities through interventions such as education and awareness, promoting access essential resources related to health and nutrition, among others. We pay special attention to child and maternal health as well as sexual reproductive health services to the deserving communities.

During the reporting period, under the One Health Project funded by Malteser International, Aktion Deutschland Hilft, Merck Foundation and BMZ, PACIDA supported the launch of the Marsabit One Health Strategic Plan 2024 - 2029 for the control of zoonotic diseases. With at least **75%** of emerging infectious diseases of humans having animal origin and **60%** of existing human infectious diseases being zoonotic, the need for a unified approach to address health for animals and livestock cannot be overstated. The plan seeks to guide the interventions of controlling the spread of zoonotic diseases, other One Health related issues and their threats to ensure resilience of humans, animals and the environment in the county.

During the reporting period, PACIDA in collaboration with Department of Health in Samburu County conducted sessions on sexual reproductive health and rights (SRH) in order to promote access to reproductive health services among women and girls in the county. In recent years, the organisation has bolstered SRH interventions in the Samburu County while also

integrating knowledge such as climate smart agriculture, to improve nutrition and financial status of the women in the county.

Through the Malteser International Emergency Programs Africa (MIEPA), PACIDA also provided food aid and nutritional supplement to the families exposed to the vagaries of Acute Malnutrition and Moderate Acute Malnutrition. These interventions targeted children under the age of five as well as pregnant and breastfeeding mothers.

The Caritas Germany -GFFO Ethiopia project supported **500 pregnant** and lactating women (PLW), elderly, and under-5 children with nutritional interventions in the country. In Kenya, on the other hand, the project supported food production interventions in Moyale sub-county and Samburu county, targeting nutritious food for vulnerable populations.

The Sustained Emergency Response and Recovery (SERVE) project which is supported by Concern Worldwide and USAID Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance, integrated cash transfer cycles with nutritional education to bolster nutrition and strengthen our communities towards a sustainable future. This project targeted **12 wards** of Marsabit County, namely: Maikona, Dukana, North Horr, Illeret, Kargi/ South Horr korr/ Ngurunit, Laisamis, Loiyangalani, Karare, Sagate/Jaldesa, Obbu and Uran.

The Malteser International Emergency Programs Africa, funded by Malteser International through the German Federal Foreign Office, an emergency response program, distributed water storage jerrycans to **375 vulnerable households** of Burgabo, Yaa Galbo, and Adadi communities, Marsabit County.

Under the period poverty initiative, a hands-on training on the fabrication of reusable sanitary towels was conducted for women groups in Walda of Borana culture Women Group and Kalacha of Takuma Women Group. In addition to the training, the participants were provided with start-up materials to manufacture more reusable sanitary towels, ending period poverty and enabling them to live dignified lives.

Snapshot of Impact for 2024:

Children Reached (Nutritional Interventions):
8,650



Households:
2,500

Pregnant and Breastfeeding Mothers
3,520



Young People (Sexual Reproductive Health): **4000**



Launch of the One Health Strategic Plan 2024-2029 for the control of zoonotic diseases

Water Sanitation and Hygiene Programme



Distribution of water treatment tabs (aqua tabs) to communities in Marsabit County following heavy rainfall resulting to floods courtesy of Aktion Deutschland Hilft and Malteser International

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE PROGRAMME

Snapshot of Impact for 2024:

People Reached

Directly:
85,213



Indirectly:
135,706

Regional Breakdown:



- Samburu: **8,065** directly, **24,195** indirectly
- Marsabit: **71,148** directly, **93,511** indirectly
- Ethiopia: **6,000** directly, **18,000** indirectly

Quenching Communities' Thirst and Bolstering Farming

The Arid and Semi-Arid regions (ASALs) that PACIDA implements its interventions in Northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia grapple with acute water shortage. This is caused by inadequate and unreliable rainfall, environmental degradation, poor community water management practices and increase in human and animal population with the latter straining natural water sources. Communities depend on few surface water and underground sources. Hydrological reports indicate that ground water is adequate in the lowlands but is of low quality, with many places having concentration of salt above permissible levels for human and livestock consumption.

The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme seeks to improve the health and quality of life of communities and reduce their poverty levels through provision of water and sanitation services on a sustainable basis. In addition, the organisation creates awareness in the communities on prevention of water-borne diseases.

In 2024, PACIDA significantly expanded its WASH interventions across Marsabit and Samburu Counties, addressing critical water scarcity and sanitation needs in the ASAL regions. Anchor projects such as Strengthening WASH Governance and Sustainable Water Supply Services in Kenya (WASH SSI) supported by Welthungerhilfe through BMZ advocated for accountability in WASH governance in counties, rallying the media to call for increased openness in counties data and reports on WASH interventions.

On the other hand, the Malteser International Emergency Programmes in Africa (MIEPA) focused on improving water access through borehole rehabilitation, fuel subsidies, and the installation of prepaid water meters, while also strengthening governance structures. Water trucking remained a vital intervention during acute drought periods, particularly in remote villages.

The NEAR project supported flood-affected households with cash assistance, indirectly aiding WASH needs. Community engagement, as highlighted in the Integrated Drought Response project, ensured sustainability, while the WASH diagnosis under the BMZ/Welthungerhilfe project identified key governance challenges, paving the way for policy advocacy.

Despite delays due to weather, such as in shallow well construction, PACIDA's efforts improved hygiene practices and water access, reducing the incidence of waterborne diseases.



Recently drilled Ramat Borehole in Maikona Ward, Marsabit County,

Education Programme



40 students from Bishop Cavallera Girls benefited from the GFFO project, which supports vulnerable students in accessing education through the food-for-fees programme in boarding secondary schools

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Snapshot of Impact for 2024:

6,219 pupils in Ethiopia received nutritional support



27,377 pupils and students reached

65 schools reached



1,000 teenage girls from **8** schools received dignity kits

This programme targets to contribute to increased access, equity and enhancement of the quality of education of the children in the areas where PACIDA has programmatic footprints. Under this, through its valued partners, PACIDA awards provides bursaries to bright children from underprivileged backgrounds as well as food during emergencies to schools in the region. The organisation also provides learning infrastructure and materials for school such as books, pens, among others.

PACIDA and the crown jewel of the Marsabit County and the north emerged the best school in Kenya in the NATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR COMPETITION held in Nairobi. The school convincingly defeated leading schools from 47 counties! Tiigo School continues to be a centre of excellence in the northern region validating the support that the school has received from PACIDA partners.

In 2023, the school was named the Best Public School in the 2023 national examinations in Marsabit County. This is a testament that every child, regardless of their background, deserves the opportunity to learn and they indeed soar. Currently, the school educates more than **400 pupils** many of whom come from far-flung manyattas.

Tiigo School Continued in Its Winning Streak

In 2024, Tiigo School, the iconic school founded by

Cushioning Schools from the Effects of Drought

Under the Emergency Relief and Anticipatory Humanitarian Actions for victims of climate related Disaster, (GFFO project) supported by the Caritas Germany, **40 students** from Bishop Cavallera Girls from vulnerable households were identified and supported under the food-for-fee support by PACIDA with each of the 40 students receiving **Ksh10,000 per term**. In addition, the GFFO Project supported inter-school peace forums that brought together children from Rendille, Borana, Gabra and Burji communities passing along messages of peace and fostering social cohesion, empowering children as peace ambassadors in the conflict-prone areas.

In Ethiopia, the GFFO Ethiopia project reached **6,219 pupils** with nutritional support, while the Strengthening Climate-Resilient Livelihoods, Adaptation and Preparedness (CLAP) Project in Moyale supported schools with roof catchments and enhancing water access for learning environments. The CLAP project was supported by DANIDA in partnership with ADRA and Welthungerhilfe.

With support from Malteser International and Aktion Deutschland Hilft, **1,000 teenage girls** from eight schools received dignity kits and undergarments along with instruction on how to properly use and maintain reusable sanitary towels. This intervention brought attention to how important proper menstrual hygiene is to helping teenage girls realize their full academic and social potential.



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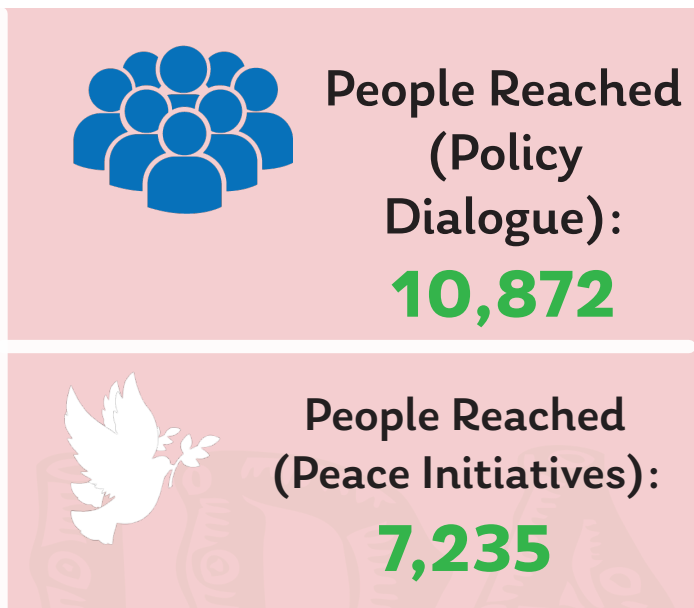
Peace and Governance Programme



PACIDA facilitating a major peace forum at Longewan, Porro Ward in Samburu County, Kenya.

PEACE AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME

Snapshot of Impact for 2024:



Peace Sub-Programme

This programme seeks 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, mediation and strengthening of local community governance institutions.

PACIDA's peace and governance efforts in 2024 promoted social cohesion and policy advocacy efforts driven by communities. Under the Strengthening Climate-Resilient Livelihoods, Adaptation and Preparedness (CLAP) Project, supported by DANIDA in partnership with ADRA and Welthungerhilfe, PACIDA conducted **11 peace dialogues**, reaching **272 people** in Marsabit county. The Enhancing Women Capacity (EOW) supported by Caritas Austria, PACIDA conducted major peace drives

through local radio stations.

In the past year, PACIDA through the humanitarian (H), development (D), and peace (P) – HDP project, facilitated a peace dialogue meeting between the Dasenach and Hammer communities of Marsabit County. This activity was supported by Christian Aid and co-implemented by PACIDA, CIFA Kenya and Agriservice Ethiopia as implementing partners.

It emerged that challenges such as cross-border insecurity in Ethiopia underscored the need for continued peacebuilding efforts in the region.

In the past year, in collaboration with Ministry of Interior and National Administration, PACIDA organised a major peace meeting in Isiolo County to address the perennial challenge of cattle rustling. The two-day stakeholders consultative forum was attended by Elders from Samburu and Somali communities from Isiolo County.

Governance

Under the Governance sub-programme, the organisation equips communities with capacity to actively participate in governance processes such as inclusive budgeting, influencing policies and laws at national and county level, among others.

Through various policy dialogues interventions supported by Caritas Austria and other partners such as Horizont 3000, PACIDA interventions enabled communities to draft **5 policies** in Marsabit County while reaching about **10,872 people**.

With Caritas Austria support, women and community leaders from Turbi Ward engaged in county planning processes and identified community priorities that were channeled as a memorandum to the County Government of Marsabit.



"I'm not only a child; I am a peacemaker too. I am happy to have participated in a peace tournament uniting children like me from Borana, Rendile, Gabra and Burji communities in Marsabit County."

Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Programme

Strengthening
Humanitarian
Recovery and
Resilience:

Integrated post-drought
and flood project in
Marsabit County



Livestock restocking project supported by Oxfam Kenya and the ASAL Humanitarian Network - AHN through Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade .

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMME

Disaster Risk Sub-Programme

Under this sub-programme, PACIDA works with communities to ensure that negative effects of disasters such as drought, floods, epidemics, among others, are reduced significantly to save lives of the community members and their livelihoods and foundation of community assets.

PACIDA's interventions in 2024 were aimed at bolstering communities recovery efforts after devastating climate-induced disasters that affected families, sunk communities into poverty with the loss of their livelihoods while building long-term resilience. The interventions included cash transfers, provision of food rations, distribution of livestock and treatment of zoonotic diseases among others. The following is a brief summary of some of the 2024 Disaster Risk Reduction interventions.

Pastoralist Community Initiative

1. Caritas Germany GFFO Emergency Relief and Anticipatory Humanitarian Action for Victims of Climate-Related Disasters

This is an integrated project that realised a motley of recovery efforts and tangible impact. For instance, in the reporting period, the project supported **890 households** in northern Kenya with emergency cash transfer with each household receiving **Ksh 9,064**. Out of this, **54%** of the households reported that they were able to utilize

the cash received on food and thus household members were able to enjoy at least two meals per day. On the other hand, **600 households** in Kenya were supported with emergency food for **4 months**. In Ethiopia, **800 households** from three woredas namely Moyale, Guchi and Dire Woredas were supported with food items.

The project also supported **200 students** from poor backgrounds with **Ksh 10,000** under the food-for-fees intervention. A total of **15 primary schools** in Marsabit and Samburu received school feeding support. A total of **600 households** received non-food items such as soap, jerricans, among others.

A total of 800 people from Samburu and Marsabit received the highly nutritious Unimix while **500** received the same in Ethiopia. The GFFO project also rehabilitated boreholes in Burgabo, Rambi Nyoka, Bubisa, Salle, Tiigo and Balesa in Marsabit County.

Under vaccination and diseases treatment, the project saw at least **312,000 animals** treated for various diseases.

Lastly, the project distributed **2, 490 sheep and goats** during the reporting period boosting their post-drought recovery efforts.

2. Cash Transfer Emergency Response Interventions

The Network for Empowered Aid Response (NEAR) project, funded by the Network for Empowered Aid Response provided timely cash assistance to flood-affected households who lost their animals and household items. The cash transfer programme targeted the most deserving beneficiaries in; Kalacha, Kargi, El-Gade, and Yaa -Algana communities. A total of **400 households** benefited, with each household receiving Ksh 12,160 for three months.

3. Enhancing Reliable Access to Safe Water and Water Storage Capacity

PACIDA with support from Malteser International through the German Federal Foreign Office, under the Malteser International Emergency Programs Africa (MIEPA), an emergency response program, distributed water storage jerrycans to **375 vulnerable households** of Burgabo, Yaa Galbo, and Adadi communities, Marsabit County.

4. Provision of Food Rations to Reduce Acute Malnutrition

Through the Malteser International Emergency Programs Africa (MIEPA), funded by Aktion Deutschland Hilft and Malteser International provided food rations to **515 households** to improve food security for families affected by drought.

5. Non-Food Items Distribution

PACIDA, supported by the Start Network through Welthungerhilfe, distributed non-food items to residents of Samburu and Isiolo counties. They received non-food items such as soap, dignity packs, jerrycans and aqua tab for their hygiene use.

6. Anticipatory Humanitarian Action for Victims of Climate Related Disasters

Funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH), Merck Family Foundation, and Malteser International, two women groups - Yaa Galbo and Kuyal Women Group - from Maikona ward, Marsabit County received **60 shoats** (sheep and goats) from PACIDA with each group receiving **30 shoats**.

Further to the North, in Ethiopia, courtesy of the Caritas Germany-GFFO Project residents of Did-Jarsa Rebele, received sheep and goats donation from PACIDA targeting a total of **50 households** with each household receiving **5 sheep/goats** (shoats). In Samburu County, **87 vulnerable households** in Reno and Ndonyowas villages of Ndoto Ward, received sheep and goats (shoats) courtesy of a restocking initiative implemented by PACIDA.

With support from Oxfam in Kenya and the ASAL Humanitarian Network - AHN through the support of Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, PACIDA deepened its humanitarian recovery and recovery interventions – post drought and flood activities. At least **200 households** received goats and sheep for restocking in the county.

Climate Change Sub-Programme

This sub-programme registered tangible milestones in the communities. Importantly, through this sub-programme, PACIDA was awarded the BEST ORGANISATION IN CLIMATE CHANGE in 2024.

The following are the major highlights of the project:

Under the Voices for Just Climate Action project funded by Hivos East Africa, PACIDA facilitated bi-annual forums that saw Ward Climate Change Planning Committees share insights on the impact they were realising in the communities. It emerged that WCCPC, apart from seeking climate finance from Financing Locally Led Climate Actions (FLOCA) from Marsabit County, they actively involved in environmental conservation. These included combating charcoal burning and sand-harvesting. In addition, they reported that they had on their own raised resources to support the process of monitoring these environmental vices. They also reported that they had formed a sub-committee for rangeland management monitoring. This way, they are able to control grazing patterns in the regions.

During the reporting period, Mulika Tracking Tool, an innovative solution developed by PACIDA and its implementing partners Juhudi Mashinani and Thinkout Africa, was utilised by communities to track climate change funds and project allocated by the County Government of Marsabit. This had bolstered accountability.

In addition, 4 Ward Climate Planning Committees from Marsabit County received funding from Caritas Austria showing indeed that PACIDA had helped them build structures that other partners

were appreciating. Each received **Ksh 450,000**. The WCCPCs included: Hellu Manyatta, Turbi, Karare and Dukana.

In February 2024, PACIDA took part in the development and launch of Policy Dialogue Community of Practice in Kampala, Uganda through a project supported by Horizont 3000. The event was attended by partners from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Horizont 300 team from Uganda and Austria.

Under the Women for Climate Action supported by Horizont 3000, PACIDA developed a gender mainstreaming framework in climate change interventions. This was under a project aimed at bolstering the ability of women and girls in the Turbi ward to adapt to climate change.



"Mulika" a climate change fund tracking tool launched

Snapshot of Impact for 2024:

People Reached

Directly:

24,965

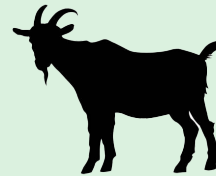
Indirectly:

63,160



Dry Food Stuff:

13,000



Shoats Distributed:

4,590

Water Trucking:

45,699 people;

8,443,500

litres •



Awareness

and Advocacy:

80,600



School
Children:

10,752



WCCPCs Members:

1,364



Beneficiaries
of WCCPCs
Interventions:

20,000

Cash Transfers:

\$1,572,311



Energy-Saving

Jikos: **2,000**



FOCUS ON SAMBURU & ISIOLO

WALK FOR PEACE

PACIDA joined the County Government of Samburu and other partners to mark the International Peace Day 2024 .

The event was held in Sereolipi, the beautiful village nestled in Waso Ward, Samburu County. The theme of the event was “cultivating a culture of peace”...”This means replacing division, disempowerment and despair with justice, equality and hope for all.

The event was graced by Samburu Governor H.E Lati Lelelit who made an impassioned call to communities in the county to harmoniously co-exist and uphold peace.



Cultivating a culture of peace

RELIEF TO FLOODS-AFFECTED RESIDENTS

As the festive season came to a close, floods-affected residents of Chumvi Yere and Merti Town, Isiolo County, had a reason to smile when they received non-food items such as soap, dignity packs, jerricans, for their hygiene use, courtesy of PACIDA, supported by the Start Network through WHH Kenya - Welthungerhilfe .

This support went along way in cushioning them from water-borne diseases and indeed for their general mental wellness. That there are responsive agencies intervening at their desperate time of need will bolster their hope.

A total of **248 households** benefited.



Distribution of non-food items to residents of Chumvi Yere and Merti Town Isiolo County courtesy of Start Network through WHH Kenya - Welthungerhilfe

CARITAS GERMANY BOOSTS COMMUNITIES IN SAMBURU THROUGH RESTOCKING

A wave of profound happiness swept through the communities of Keno and Ndonyo villages in Ndotto Ward, Samburu County, as eighty-seven **(87) vulnerable households** became beneficiaries of a crucial restocking initiative. This vital program, meticulously implemented by PACIDA with the generous support of German Humanitarian Assistance through Caritas Germany, brought much-needed relief and a tangible path to recovery. Each participating household received a significant allocation of six shoats (sheep and goats), a strategic intervention designed to rekindle their livelihoods.

The devastating impact of the recent severe drought had crippled these pastoralist communities, leading to widespread loss of their primary asset – livestock. This restocking effort was specifically conceived to enable these families to restart and progressively rebuild their depleted herds. Beyond immediate relief, the initiative's core aim is to significantly enhance their resilience against future climatic shocks and empower them to regain economic independence. By providing these foundational assets, the project directly addressed the long-term sustainability of their livelihoods. This comprehensive project is strategically targeting a total of **175 households** across



four villages within both Ndotto and Nyiro Wards of Samburu County, ensuring a broader impact in the region's recovery efforts.

EMPOWERING LOCAL INSTITUTIONS FOR RESILIENT WATER MANAGEMENT IN SAMBURU COUNTY

In Samburu County, the USAID Stawi Mashinani hosted Mia Beers, the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Resilience, Environment and Food Security, with USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance during the USAID PREG partners knowledge fair. During the visit, the USAID Stawi Mashinani team showcased their work with Water Resource Users Associations (WRUAs), Water Management Committees, and Farmer Groups in enhancing the resilience of local institutions to sustainably manage their water resources.

The knowledge fair served as a crucial platform for sharing innovative approaches and fostering collaboration among partners committed to building resilience in arid and semi-arid lands. Ms. Beers' presence underscored the high-level commitment of USAID to these critical initiatives, providing an opportunity for direct engagement with the on-the-ground efforts. The USAID Stawi Mashinani team's presentation highlighted their successful strategies in empowering local communities to take ownership of their water resources, a fundamental element in adapting to climate change and ensuring long-term food security. This focus on strengthening local institutions and their capacity for sustainable



water management is pivotal for the future prosperity and stability of the region.

FOCUS ON ETHIOPIA



Malteser International Emergency Programs Africa (MIEPA), responded to drought emergencies in Marsabit County and Ethiopia-Borena Zone

CHRISTIAN AID ETHIOPIA IMPACT ASSESSMENT VISIT

PACIDA was privileged to host a Christian Aid delegation from Ethiopia, Christian Aid Ireland and Christian Aid UK global staff who assessed the impact of the Triple Nexus interventions in South Omo, Ethiopia. Seen in the photos is one of the hand pumps installed by PACIDA on Kibich river, Nyangatom Woreda and Turkana County border

The visiting delegation comprised of senior Zonal, Woreda and Kebele government representatives who have been part of project implementation.

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Peace, Ban Ki Moon said, is the foundation upon which sustainable development is built.

SOLAR LANTERNS TO LIGHT HOMES IN SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA

PACIDA scaled its interventions in Southern Ethiopia with the donation of solar lanterns to communities in Lalaba ijje and Dhokano kebele of Moyale Wereda with each region having **60 households** benefiting. The lanterns have a revolutionary design and will enhance the adoption of green energy in communities. This support was courtesy of the Caritas Germany GFFO Project.

The Caritas Germany – GFFO project seeks to contribute to the enhanced well-being of disaster-affected communities in northern Kenya, Somalia and southern Ethiopia through improved access to food security, WASH, emergency preparedness and early recovery capacities



CASH TRANSFER SUPPORTING DROUGHT STRIKEN HOUSEHOLDS

With Caritas Germany support through the GFFO project, **230 drought-affected households** were supported with cash in Moyale Woreda, Ethiopia each household receiving **6900ETB**. The households were equally distributed from Dambichame and Mudh-Ambo



CASH TRANSFER SUPPORTING DROUGHT STRIKEN HOUSEHOLDS

PACIDA launched the second cycle of its multi-purpose cash transfer program in Dire, Gichu, and Moyale Woredas in Southern Ethiopia, reaching **730 vulnerable households**. The cash support enabled families to meet their most urgent needs—such as food, healthcare, and household essentials—while promoting dignity and self-reliance.

This intervention was implemented under the Caritas Germany-GFFO Project with funding from the German Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt). The GFFO Project aims to enhance the well-being of disaster-affected communities in Northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia by strengthening food security, WASH, emergency preparedness, and early recovery.

By providing direct financial assistance, the program not only supported household recovery but also stimulated local economies and built community resilience. PACIDA continues to work in close partnership with local stakeholders to ensure effective, inclusive, and sustainable humanitarian support.



Multi-purpose cash transfer in Dire, Gichu and Moyale Woredas in Southern Ethiopia.

Development Assistance
Knowledge and Institutions

GFFO PROJECT



Farmers group members from Samburu East & West, Samburu County received certified drought-resistant seeds & tools to address food insecurity in the county

PURCHASE OF SHOATS OF LOCAL BREED FOR RESTOCKING OF DISASTER AFFECTED PASTORALIST HOUSEHOLDS

Pastoralists in eleven villages in Turbi, Maikona, Marsabit Central and Sagante Jaldesa Ward had all reasons to smile as they benefited from a life changing restocking intervention. **415 vulnerable households** were provided with local breed of sheep and goats to help them rebuild their herds to cover their basic food needs in April and May 2024. Robe Elema, a mother of six children, from Shegel village could not hide her joy as she milked one of the goats donated by project. She is one of those who had lost all their livestock and left destitute as a result of the recent devastating drought.

Thus, she was targeted and received **6 shoats** and already one has given birth and providing milk that she said has greatly cushioned her children from malnutrition hence giving them hope and dignity indeed. Now her children can get the all-nutritious protein that they need for their wholesome growth. Through a community led targeting, priority was given to the most vulnerable households that have lost all or a significant number of their livestock due to the drought.

Female-headed households and persons with disabilities were considered. With each HH receiving **6 shoats**, a total of **2,490 Shoats** were purchased and distributed during the reporting period. With **175 households** already supported the previous year, the project has successfully reached a total of 590 households, surpassing the final project target by **30 HH**. This overachievement was made possible through the exchange gains realized by the project,

which provided the necessary funds to support more vulnerable households (**30 households totaling to 180 additional shoats**) hence **3,540 Shoats have been distributed in total.**



Guyo Boru, Project Officer during a monitoring visit to the family of Hassan Wako Korbesa who is a beneficiary of Shoats distributed by PACIDA at Jaldesa village in Saku Sub County, Marsabit. Photo: Kevin

Ochieng/PACIDA

DISTRIBUTION OF DROUGHT TOLERANT SEEDS

As farmers anticipated the short rains, PACIDA distributed **4 varieties** of certified drought-tolerant seeds and assorted farm tools to **150 and 100 farmers** from Marsabit and Samburu counties respectively.

This was under the GFFO Project, implemented by PACIDA and supported by Caritas Germany through the German Humanitarian Assistance (BMZ). The project sought to enhance the well-being of disaster-affected communities in northern



Kenya and southern Ethiopia.



GENDER BASED VIOLENCE TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTERS IN SAMBURU

We were thrilled to have conducted a training for community health promoters in collaboration with the County Government of Samburu and the Ministry of Health. The training covered Gender-Based Violence (GBV), with a focus on the broader, complex issues contributing to the vice and its impact on society. It aimed to raise awareness about GBV, communicate available reporting channels, and foster a safe environment for survivors to seek services.

The training was conducted through the GFFO Project, which was implemented by PACIDA and supported by Caritas Germany through the German Humanitarian Assistance (BMZ). The GFFO Project aimed to enhance the well-being of disaster-affected communities in northern Kenya and southern Ethiopia.

POWER TO GROW FOOD

In a significant stride towards mitigating food insecurity within Samburu County, **100 farmer group members** from Samburu East and West received vital support. These farmers, long affected by drought, were provided with certified drought-resistant seeds and essential farming tools by PACIDA.

This crucial intervention was made possible through the generous support of Caritas Germany, under the GFFO Project. The initiative aimed to bolster the resilience of local agricultural practices, offering optimism among beneficiaries. The distribution of these specialized seeds and tools was a direct response to the pressing need for sustainable food production in a region frequently affected by climatic challenges. Through this collaborative effort, PACIDA and Caritas Germany actively contributed to strengthening food security and fostering greater self-sufficiency within Samburu County communities.



Farmers group members from Samburu East & West, Samburu County received certified drought-resistant seeds & tools to address food insecurity in the county

IMPACT STORIES

SUCCESS STORY:

MY LIFE NOW BEAMS WITH HOPE

In the heart of Jaldesa village of Marsabit County in Kenya, Hassan Wako Korbese, a **74-year-old man** shared a heartfelt story of transformation, a story made possible by the efforts of PACIDA in partnership with Caritas Germany and the generous support of GFFO. This is the story of how six shoats, given to him months ago, have become more than just animals—they have become a lifeline for his entire family.

Hassan Wako, an elderly man who lives with his wife, their seven children (four girls and three boys), spoke with deep gratitude as he recounted the profound impact the shoats have had on his household. For years, his family had struggled to survive the effects of the raving droughts, often living from hand to mouth. Their daily meals were limited, and food security was always a concern. However, thanks to the shoats provided by PACIDA, that story has dramatically changed.

“The shoats we received have not only boosted our food security but have also brought new hope to our family,” he said. With access to nutritious milk and meat, his children have grown strong and healthy. His household now enjoys a more balanced diet, with protein-rich meals that were once out of reach. “I can see the difference in my children. They are healthier, more energetic, and full of life. The milk has become a vital part of their daily nutrition,” he explained with a smile. But the benefits of these six shoats extend

far beyond just nutrition.

Two of the sheep have already given birth to healthy lambs, signaling a bright future for the family. The flock is growing, and with it, the potential for further livelihood improvements. Hassan is now able to sell some of the milk and lambs, generating income that helps cover other household expenses. For a family that had once relied on sporadic handouts, this newfound source of income has been nothing short of transformative.



Hassan Wako Korbese, a 74 years old resident from Jaldesa village could not hide his joy as he narrates a heartfelt story of transformation following support of shoats, he received from PACIDA. Photo: Kevin/PACIDA

“I am no longer dependent on others for survival. My children are now getting education, and we can afford basic necessities like clothing and medicines,” he shared, his voice filled with emotion.

The sheep have provided not just food and money, but dignity. The ability to provide for his family and secure a better future for his children has restored his pride.

As he concluded his story, Hassan expressed his deep gratitude. “Thank you to PACIDA and Caritas Germany, and to everyone who made this possible. You have not just given us shoats, you have given us a future. You have saved our lives”. His words echoed the essence of our mission—to reach out to deserving communities, offer a helping hand, and create lasting change.

NKOOO LENASALON

Nkoodo Lenasalon, a participant with disability from Ntalitiani village, Kargi/South Horr Ward, Laisamis sub county, appreciates PACIDA and its partners - Oxfam and ASAL Humanitarian Network and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) – for the support extended to her community.

“Tuko na matumaini ya siku zijazo kwamba Maisha yetu yatakuwa sawa. Asanteni sana wafadhili wetu (we have hope that, in the coming days, our lives will be better. Thank you so much our partners),” she said.



FEEDING HOPE IN DROUGHT STRICKEN MARSABIT

Every evening, Sabdio waits outside her family’s homestead, eager for her older sister Adho Dabello to return from school. Today, the rain trickles gently on the roof of their hut as she stands by the entrance, eyes fixed on the distant footpath.

Moments later, she hears Adho exchanging goodbyes with classmates and rushes out to greet her. This daily ritual carries a deeper meaning. It signals the arrival of the only food Sabdio might have that day. With excitement, she grabs her sister’s basket, which holds a portion of githeri, a meal of boiled maize and beans served at school.

“Every time I get food at school, I remember my younger sister because I know there’s barely enough at home. I always save some for her,” Adho said.

Marsabit is one of Kenya’s Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL), a region plagued by recurring droughts, water scarcity, and unpredictable weather patterns brought on by climate change. In these harsh conditions, families often migrate in search of pasture and water, leading to an increase in school dropouts especially during dry seasons.

“We are purely pastoralists. We don’t have land to farm like others,” said Adho’s mother, Morme Dabello.

A 2022 Rapid Gender and Needs Analysis by Plan International in Marsabit showed a troubling **drop in school attendance from 61.5% to 51.1% during the drought**. The data revealed that **more girls (13.9%) than boys (9.3%) were already out of school before the crisis**. These numbers rose to **14.3% and 13.5%** respectively as the drought worsened.

To address the growing food insecurity, organizations such as PACIDA and Caritas Germany launched a school feeding program in July 2023, targeting **45 of the most affected schools in Marsabit and Samburu**. The initiative provides daily meals to pupils to keep them in school.

“The community here is still food insecure,” explains Godana Said, Programs Manager at PACIDA. “Most families lost their livestock which is their main source of livelihood. The school feeding program is helping prevent more children from dropping out,” he said.

At Rage Primary School, headteacher Budha Lochi sees the difference firsthand. “Before the feeding program, students came to class hungry. Attendance was irregular. Sometimes we’d close school early because learners couldn’t concentrate. But now, we have regular attendance and better performance,” said Lochi.

Adho is among the **302 students** benefitting from the meals. When the lunch bell rings, students rush to the kitchen area, their faces lit with joy. For many, school has become a refuge not only for education but for food security.

Lochi discovered that some students hide part of their lunch to take home. “Through my investigations, I found that some students eat half and save the rest in their bags. That’s how dire the situation is,” he said.

In addition to meals, PACIDA and Caritas provide porridge (Unimix), cash transfers to vulnerable households, and relief food to support families. Special attention is given to the elderly, pregnant women, and children under five years.

The organizations have also initiated hygiene education, mentorship programs, and kitchen gardens to improve student nutrition.

“The availability of food has created a conducive learning environment. It’s no surprise that our students’ grades are improving. My appreciation goes to PACIDA and Caritas,” Lochi said.

Still, challenges remain. “Some schools have no kitchens and cook under trees. To give students an equal opportunity, we need better infrastructure like more classrooms, toilets, and improved teacher housing,” notes Godana.

Parents and teachers alike hold out hope that their children, armed with education, will one day lift their communities out of poverty. But for that to happen, Godana believes the government must prioritize long term solutions. “Timely disbursement of food will ensure students are in schools all year round,” he said.

The school feeding program must be sustained and scaled to reach the most vulnerable populations. Drought may be inevitable, hunger shouldn’t be.



Pupils running towards the kitchen for their lunch

FAMILIES TURN TO FARMING TO TACKLE MALNUTRITION

In the heart of South Horr, Marsabit County, Jenifer Lenkurikuri and Fabian Lesigude bend over leafy rows of spinach, sukuma wiki, and cowpeas under the morning sun. Their farm, part of a community initiative by the group Namayana, is more than a patch of green in an arid land, it's a lifeline.

Traditionally pastoralists, Lenkurikuri and Lesigude represent a growing shift in Kurungu village, where communities once reliant on livestock are now embracing farming to tackle malnutrition which has affected **children under 5, the elderly, pregnant and breast-feeding women.**

“Our families come first. After harvesting, we make sure our children eat, and then we sell what's left to buy other foods, clothes, and pay school fees,” said Lenkurikuri

Limited rainfall, long distances to markets, and a reliance on milk, meat, and grains have made access to vegetables scarce. As a result, many families especially pregnant women, and children miss out on critical nutrients.

But with the introduction of vegetable farming through a project led by PACIDA and funded by the Australian government (DFAT), the landscape and perception on farming is changing.

The intervention couldn't have come sooner. According to a 2023 survey by the Ministry of Health and partners, Marsabit has a Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rate of **12.9%**, while the prevalence of severe malnutrition is at **2.1%**.

On dietary diversification, the survey showed **only 24.1% of households consumed more than 5 food groups**, while the minimum maternal dietary diversity showed that **88% of women aged 15 - 49 consumed less than five food groups.**

The impact is visible. Children once marked as underweight, now show signs of recovery, monitored by health workers at local clinics. Families are consuming iron rich vegetables that boost immunity and support healthy growth. “We are happy when we see our children in good health and transition from the program,” said Lenkurikuri.

The vegetables are also a source of fibre, folate, vitamins A, C and E. The programme addresses this by training community groups on good agricultural practices, providing them with seeds and tools, networking and linking them with market “We started with capacity building, then distributed jembes, pangas, and seeds,” said PACIDA's programs manager, Hokile Boku.

“We've learned how to prepare nursery beds, transplant, weed, and water. And when a seedling dries, we replace it,” said Lesigude.

PACIDA worked closely with professionals from the Ministry of Livestock and Agriculture, Trade, and other relevant departments to educate the groups more about entrepreneurship and farming methods.

To ensure the project is a success, the members have scheduled days marked for watering the crops. The farmers hope to expand their plots despite ongoing water shortages. “We're seeing the benefits. With continued support from PACIDA, we can grow even more,” Lesigude adds.

INSIDE A VILLAGE'S JOURNEY TO END OPEN DEFECACTION

As we drive through Soito village in Marsabit County, a group of children runs excitedly alongside us, waving and calling out in their local dialect. “Do you want to see the toilets?” they ask, pointing towards the manyattas scattered across the field.

In this community, also known as Lorukushu, pit latrines have become a source of pride. Every homestead now either has a completed latrine or one under construction, each a sign of the village's transformation. Leading us through this change is Peter Leisido, a respected elder coordinating the project in Lorukushu, which includes more than **65 households**. So far, **25 latrines** have been built.

“Each family committed to building a latrine just a few metres from their home. We've also encouraged everyone to set up a handwashing station outside the latrine, usually a 2 or 3-litre jerrycan filled with clean water,” said Leisido.



For women like Celina Letore, the transformation has been life changing. “We used to relieve ourselves

in the bushes. It was dangerous, especially at night we risked snake bites or attacks from wild animals. But now, we feel safer,” remarked Letore.

According to the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census, Marsabit and Samburu are among the **15 counties where 85%** of open defecation occurs.

During the rainy season, human waste gets washed into water sources used for drinking and cooking, increasing the risk of diseases like diarrhoea, cholera, and stomach infections.

“Since building the latrines, we've seen fewer cases of stomach illnesses, especially among children and the elderly,” said Letore.

Nationally, over **6,600 children** under five die annually from diarrhoea, and **80%** of those cases are linked to poor sanitation, hygiene, and unsafe water.

“When we first arrived, we asked, why are there no toilets? We learned that no one had explained the importance of having a latrine. Our first task was to change that mindset,” recalls Hokile Boku, PACIDA's programs manager overseeing the sanitation project.

With support from Oxfam and Australia's Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), PACIDA rolled out a hygiene and sanitation program to improve public health in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) like Soito.



In a place once defined by open fields, the community now stands united by something far more powerful of ownership of their health and future.

For lasting impact, there is a need for greater government involvement in ending open defecation by prioritizing sanitation in national and county policies.

HERE FOR GOOD: IMPACTING LIVES ACROSS NORTHERN KENYA

Training sessions were delivered in partnership with county health promoters (CHP), community health workers (CHW), and public health officers. “We learned how to dig a proper pit, use cement for the base, and timber for a secure structure,” said Leisido.

Not all change came easily. “Some elders believed the latrines being dug were a symbol of graves surrounding their manyattas. But after we explained the health benefits, many embraced the idea,” said Boku. Today, those same elders are now champions of sanitation awareness.

The cultural shift has been significant. “We no longer have to worry about contaminated water or illnesses. Our children are safer, and our homes are cleaner,” said Leisido.

A ceremony to declare Soito open defecation free (ODF) is planned once every household has a functioning latrine. “The community’s response has been inspiring. The CHPs and CHWs are doing a great work to sustain these changes,” said Boku. From bushes to cemented pit latrines, Soito’s journey reflects the power of local action, education, and dignity.

Over the past 15 years, PACIDA has remained a lifeline for communities in Northern Kenya, a region marked by climate shocks, recurring droughts, floods, and other humanitarian crises. In 2024, we continued to walk alongside communities in Marsabit, Samburu, Isiolo, West Pokot, Turkana, and Baringo Counties, deepening our legacy of timely humanitarian response and sustainable development.

Humanitarian Response

In response to one of the worst droughts in 40 years (peaking in 2022 and continuing into 2024), PACIDA spearheaded its largest ever humanitarian campaign. Through collaboration with national media and strategic partners, we helped mobilize national and global attention to the crisis. Our relief efforts reached thousands with lifesaving food, water, livestock support, and health interventions.

This effort was bolstered by the CHURUA CONTROL Project, where we mentored 21 local organizations to strengthen their own disaster preparedness and humanitarian programming. The project has become a model for locally-led humanitarian capacity building in the ASAL (Arid and Semi-Arid Lands) context.

Sustainable Water Solutions

Recognizing that long-term solutions must accompany emergency relief, PACIDA implemented transformative water projects:

- In Bobisa, Marsabit County, we launched the largest water desalination plant in East and Central Africa, now serving residents with clean water for domestic and farming use.
- In a historic first, we brought clean water to the El Molo community through a reverse osmosis water supply system, alleviating generations of water scarcity for this marginalized population.
- Across Samburu County, we expanded access to water through solar-powered boreholes, supporting food production and resilience building among pastoralist communities. These innovations have proven that, even in arid zones, local food security and water access are achievable with the right investment and technology.

Education

In Marsabit County, PACIDA's investment in Tiigo School continued to shine. The state-of-the-art learning facility was crowned Best Public School in Marsabit County in the 2023 national exams. This achievement stands as a testament to our belief that every child—regardless of their background—deserves the chance to thrive. The school now nurtures over **300 learners**, many from remote manyattas, and is shaping the next generation of leaders from pastoralist communities.

What We Learned in 2024

- **Localization works:** By mentoring local organizations through Chukua Control, we witnessed faster, culturally aligned growth in communities.
- **Water is transformative:** Our water projects reduced conflicts over resources, improved nutrition, and unlocked potential for small-scale agriculture.



Students from Tiigo school outside the solarised El Beso borehole



Solarised borehole drilled in Shurr village under the Caritas Germany GFFO project

Elmolo Community receiving energy saving cook-stoves (jikos)



Nothing is more heart-warming than seeing our community this happy! The Elmolo Community got a reason to smile when they received energy saving cook-stoves (jikos) under the Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in ASALs project - SWASAP. Implemented by PACIDA and supported by the Water Sector Trust Fund through DANIDA, the project benefited residents of Komote, Leyani and Algasan villages.

Now families can cook efficiently, using less energy (and costs) and indeed better health with reduced smoke. Apart from protecting the environment, cook-stoves usage reduces cases of eye and respiratory problems.

Laisamis Clay Entrepreneurs Build Towards a Better Future

Every day, Nathan Lepatoye joins 15 other members of the Naiserian Self-Help Group in Ngurunit, Laisamis Constituency, to bring their clay-based enterprise to life making bricks and energy saving stoves. The group, made up of five men and eleven women, started as a grassroots initiative to earn a living and support their families.

Their production site has become more than just a workplace. It is where they gather to brainstorm, make decisions, and carry out daily activities.

A typical day starts with transporting clay from a nearby farm, crushing it into fine particles, mixing it with water, and moulding it into bricks and modern stoves (jiko). Once shaped, they are left to dry before being fired in a kiln to harden.

The group received Ksh 330,000 in funding from the Australian Government's Department of

Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), through PACIDA. Before receiving the grant, the group used wheelbarrows to carry the clay across long distances which is a tiring and inefficient process. "Using wheelbarrows was tiresome and time consuming. After the grant, we can now hire trucks to transport the heavy clay in bulk," said Lepatoye.



In addition to the financial support, they also received training on market linkages and business management. This has significantly improved their productivity and ability to meet growing customer demand.

Naomi Lbalang'a, the group's secretary, said the modern stoves offer several advantages. "Compared to the traditional three-stone fires, our stoves use less firewood, produce no smoke, and cook food faster due to their energy efficiency," she explained.

This innovation has reduced indoor air pollution and improved health outcomes, particularly for women and children who are often responsible for cooking.

In a bid to diversify their income, the group has also established a tree nursery. The seedlings are sold to community members and are especially in high demand during the rainy season. The project has improved the daily lives of the members.

"The income I earn helps me provide food, pay school fees, and take care of my four children," said Lepatoye. The group sells each brick at Ksh 20, while their two stove varieties go for Ksh 300 and Ksh 500, respectively.

One of the major setbacks for the group is the lack of a clay crusher, which would help them process the clay more efficiently. "Sometimes the stoves crack because large particles remain in the mixture. A crusher would really help. PACIDA has already been a blessing, and we hope they can assist further," said Lepatoye.

According to Hokile Boku, PACIDA's Project Manager, the success of such community-led projects is a collective achievement. "The credit belongs to both the group and the wider community. When a project thrives, everyone wins. I believe this group has a bright future ahead," he said.

BEADS MAKING BUSINESS THRIVES IN NGURNIT, LAISAMIS

In the Samburu and Rendille culture, beads are an essential part of the communities' ceremonies. They



are a treasured cultural artefact. Tapping into this ready market, the Ngurnit Poi Beads Group located in Laisamis Sub-County, Marsabit County, started a thriving beads making business supported by grants from PACIDA under the DFAT II Project. And so far, their business is expanding significantly. DFAT II project is implemented by PACIDA and supported by Oxfam Kenya through the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with the ASAL Humanitarian Network - AHN being a strategic partner.

NEWS

PACIDA AWARDED THE BEST NGO IN ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, AND WASH

PACIDA was awarded Best in two categories in the inaugural NGO Awards 2024:

- (i) Best in Environment and Climate Change
- (ii) Best in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

The colourful event turned out to be a crowning for PACIDA as it was the **ONLY NGO THAT WON IN TWO CATEGORIES.**

“These colourful trophies are dedicated to the communities that we partner with; our donors and partners who believe in our vision of delivering lasting impact and our Board and staff who always go the extra mile working with people in the most hidden corners of the country,” said Patrick Katelo, the CEO of PACIDA.

Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance

“This win will invigorate our passion and commitment to do more. Being awarded in such a competitive process is a befitting reward for our impactful work,” said Dr Adano Wario, the Chairperson of PACIDA.

We thank every person who voted for PACIDA.
Your vote earned us these awards.





Patrick Katelo, Amina Abdi, Ibrahim Abdalla, Dr. Adano W. Roba and Simon Wachira at the 2024 NGO Awards showcasing the two Awards won by Pacida

BEST IN KENYA! TIIGO SCHOOL WINS BIG IN NATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

In a truly remarkable display of academic prowess and dedication, Tiigo School, an iconic institution nestled deep within Marsabit County, achieved an outstanding victory at the NATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR COMPETITION held in Nairobi. This triumph saw Tiigo School convincingly outperform institutions from all **47 counties** across Kenya, a testament to the exceptional talent and hard work of its students and educators. This national recognition highlights the incredible potential that exists even in the most remote and underserved regions.

Founded by PACIDA with a vision to provide quality education where it is most needed, Tiigo School has grown to attract hundreds of children from underprivileged pastoral backgrounds. Its success extends beyond the science fair; for the second consecutive year, the school has proudly sent over **90%** of its candidates to prestigious national schools, with the remaining students successfully joining provincial schools.

This consistent academic excellence is a powerful indicator of the transformative impact of dedicated support and quality instruction.

PACIDA extends its deepest gratitude to the diligent pupils, the committed teachers, and the supportive parents of Tiigo School. Their collective efforts, resilience, and belief in the power of education have truly made Tiigo School a crown-jewel in PACIDA's programming. We also express immense thanks to all our partners whose invaluable assistance has been instrumental in building and sustaining this beacon of hope.

Indeed, as the timeless adage goes, education is the greatest equalizer. The extraordinary achievement of ordinary children from pastoral backgrounds, rising to become the best in Kenya, serves as a profound testament to what children, irrespective of their socio-economic origins, can achieve when they are simply given opportunities – a genuine fighting chance. PACIDA remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering such opportunities, believing that every child deserves the chance to unlock their full potential and shape a brighter future.



MULIKA: GROUND-BREAKING CLIMATE CHANGE FUNDS TRACKING TOOL LAUNCHED

A GROUNDBREAKING climate funds tracking tool known as MULIKA was launched by PACIDA and its partners.

Developed by a consortium of PACIDA, the lead partner, Juhudi Mashinani, the grassroots partner and Thinkout Africa, the storytelling partner, the tool tracks funds allocated by the County Government of Marsabit and other partners to address climate change in the county.

The Marsabit County's Chief Officer of Environment and Climate Change Mr Abdullahi Sheikh said that the tool was foster accountability and openness by all partners allocating funds to address climate change in the county. "This tool will ensure that members of the public take part in tracking climate change projects in our county," said Abdullahi.

"This is about taking power to the people as far as tracking the usage of climate change funds is concerned," said Ndinda Maithya, the Programme Manager of Voices for Just Climate Action (VCA) at Hivos East Africa.

"The Chairperson of the Committee of Water, Environment and Climate Change in the County Assembly of Marsabit Hon Huka Galgalo Mamo said that the tool will help the County Assembly in its oversight role."

"This tool will monitor the utilisation of climate change funds allocated by the County Government of Marsabit, Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLOCA) and partners like NGO," said PACIDA's

Partnership Manager Ibrahim Adan.

"With support from Hivos East Africa, we scale this to track climate change funds in all the counties," said Thinkout Africa CEO, Simon Wachira.

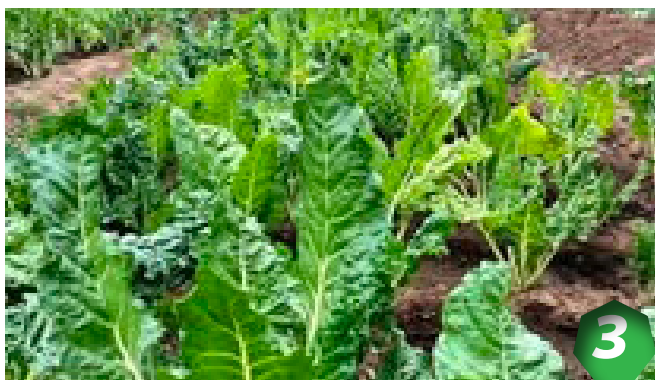


The screenshot shows the MULIKA Tracking Tool web interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Climate Change Projects', 'FLLOCA Projects', and 'Other Partners Projects'. The left sidebar lists 'Kenyan Counties', 'Marsabit', and 'Samburu'. The main content area displays an 'Environments List' table with columns for ID, Ward, Project Name, Project Site, Estimated Cost, and Year.

ID	Ward	Project Name	Project Site	Estimated Cost	Year
149	Turbi	Genset for Bubisa	Bubisa	2500000	2021/2022
150	Turbi	Construction of underground tank 100m3 at Demo	Turbi	2500000	2021/2022
151	Turbi	100 pcs plastic tanks for 5000ltrs for Turbi town	Turbi	4000000	2021/2022
152	Turbi	5000ltrs plastic tanks for 50 households	Bubisa	2000000	2021/2022

A screenshot of the innovative Mulika Tracking Tool. To access it, visit www.mulikabudget.com and search projects either by Ward or Sub-County.

PICTORIAL



1. PACIDA distributed water jerrycans to 375 households in Marsabit County to improve access to safe water
2. Launch of the CLAP (Strengthening Climate-Resilient Livelihoods, Adaptation, and Preparedness) project in Moyale Sub county
3. A bountiful harvest from Kinisa borehole Moyale Sub-county
4. Beneficiary of cash transfer in Marsabit County basks in appreciation having received cash
5. Norad project partners visitation at Dakabaricha, Badassa and El Besso, Marsabit, Kenya



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6. Celebration of the International day of Peace 2024 in Samburu County

7. 90 farmer groups supported with agricultural inputs such as seeds, tools, and improved livestock goat breeds in North Horr and Saku sub-counties.

8. Community leaders meeting to address all forms of Gender-Based Violence in Samburu County

9. A group specializing handcrafting necklaces and bracelets from traditional beads (shanga), as well as decorating handmade baskets with detailed beadwork.

10. Large scale animal feed distribution in Saku, North Horr, Moyale, and Laisamis sub-counties of Marsabit County

FINANCIAL STATEMENT



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME	USD 2024	2024 Shs	2023 Shs
Grants income:			
Unrestricted	245,492.10	33,067,786	19,554,589
Restricted	9,136,017.70	1,230,621,580	1,007,667,751
Interest income	12,871.70	1,733,818	1,040,000
Total income	9,394,381.50	1,265,423,183	1,028,262,340
EXPENSES			
Direct projects costs	7,202,684.30	965,159,686	738,252,407
Projects support costs	769,528.60	103,655,502	100,940,166
Other projects & administrative costs	1,806,141.30	243,287,222	196,054,650
Total expenditure	9,740,923.60	1,312,102,410	1,035,247,223
Gross surplus/(deficit)	(346,542.20)	(46,679,226)	(6,984,883)
Less: Tax	3,861.50	520,145	312,000
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(350,403.70)	(47,199,371)	(7,296,883)

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THE TIIGO SCHOOL: The School Raising Stars to Light up the North



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.

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.

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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