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# AT THE FRONTLINE: Reaching the Most Vulnerable

## OUR Vision

A peaceful, progressively prosperous  
and resilient community

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## OUR Mission

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

## Values

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



Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance  
Building on Indigenous Knowledge and Institutions

# **AT THE FRONTLINE: Reaching the Most Vulnerable**

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## Dedication

This report is dedicated to:

1. The communities that wake up everyday yearning for hope, against all odds.
2. The humanitarians from PACIDA who, like infantries in a battle, were at the frontline of cushioning communities during the worst drought in 40 years.
3. Our partners who stood with us during the most difficult period in our humanitarian experience.

### **EDITORIAL NOTE:**

While we witness the most harrowing and heart-wrenching images in our region following the devastating drought, the PACIDA Annual Report 2022 made a strategic editorial decision not to use them. With our partners and communities' support, we aspire to see a world of hope.

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# Statement from the Chairman

A while ago, I come across this adage: "Life doesn't get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient." This wise saying is the most eloquent summary of the Financial Year 2022. The year tested the Board's strategic and policy guidance role to the limit.

The previous two years, PACIDA was at the forefront of addressing the Covid-19 pandemic and the locust invasion. The year 2022 was uniquely challenging. Our region of operation grappled with the drought crisis and the Kenyan elections campaign period. The latter had a bearing on communal peace.

Being a humanitarian and sustainable development organisation, PACIDA was at the frontline of addressing the drought in our region of operation. Communities suffered from severe water shortage as water pans and other open water sources dried up. Many pastoralists lost almost 80 percent of their livestock. Malnutrition in some of the sub-counties was recorded as three times the global average. Food prices were also high as a result of the war in Ukraine that disrupted market forces. With these 'shocks' affecting communities already exposed by the vagaries of the Covid-19 pandemic, emergency interventions to guarantee their survival were direly needed. In addressing these challenges, the Board of PACIDA took a more strategic role linking the organisation to partners where necessary, and also in encouraging the Secretariat that was stretched in a way not seen before.

Elections in our region usually come with the challenges of regional instability. Clans and tribal fissures get more pronounced leading to conflicts and displacements. The year 2022 was not an exception. Marsabit County, one of our main regions of operation, saw one of the longest curfews imposed as a result of insecurity. Again, PACIDA was at frontlines as a neutral actor encouraging lasting peace and bonds of cohesion amongst communities. There can never be development without peace. The organisation remains committed to working with like-minded actors to make our region a citadel of lasting peace.

On a positive note, the Financial Year 2022 saw the organisation substantially grow its partnerships and resource base. With these resources, the organisation scaled its interventions becoming the most visible humanitarian actor especially in Marsabit and Samburu County. PACIDA also made tangible footprints in other northern counties such as West Pokot, Isiolo and Turkana through its relief efforts and development programming in areas such as Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Education, Livelihoods, Health and Nutrition, among others.

Undoubtedly, our impact stories cannot be complete without appreciating three most important players. First, we thank our funding and implementing partners for enabling our work and scaling our impact. Secondly, we thank our communities for giving us the 'implementation mandate' and credibility. Lastly, we appreciate our Secretariat for their commitment and diligence. This is a call that goes beyond 'job descriptions.'

As a Board, we request our partners to continue working with us to address the development challenges that communities that we work with continue to face. Together, we will weave a beautiful story of partnership for lasting impact.

Thank you so much.

**Dr. Chris Field**  
**Chairman**

# Statement from 2 the CEO

A gem, Confucius said, cannot be polished without friction nor man without trials. This maxim that fits in organisations as well, tells our 2022 story and the fragility of the terrain that we operated in.

The year 2022 was the season when all our innovation and perseverance qualities were summoned for action. We opened the year with a collaboration with national and international media partners as we told the world of the drought that was raging in Marsabit and the wider Northern Kenya region. This captured the nation psyche. At an organisational level, we adjusted our sails to the storm that was affecting all our programming interventions.

As the drought got more severe, we became embedded in our communities delivering water through water trucking, scaling cash transfer interventions and providing dry foods and nutritional supplements to children and breast feeding mothers who bore the brunt of the drought. PACIDA also tried as much as possible to save the remaining livestock through supplementary animal feeds. To keep children in schools, we collaborated with the government and other actors to bolster school feeding initiatives. As we did all these interventions, situation reports from the government and humanitarian actors got grimmer every single month.

As an organisation, we remain committed in supporting communities' recovery, resilience and adaptation efforts. We will continue to champion for sustained climate actions, early actions and early warning systems and elevated communities' voices in addressing climate change. Sustainable interventions will be pivotal.

As the country got embroiled in the intensive election campaigns, inter-clans' conflicts simmered and intensified. These conflicts were also fueled by competition for resources. Through our Peace and Governance Programme, PACIDA worked with communities to broker a historic peace meeting between the Gabbra and Borana communities that culminated in a peace walk along the Marsabit-Moyale highway. This opened a chapter of tranquility and peace in our region. This is an achievement we are incredibly proud of.

In the Financial Year 2022, PACIDA also scaled its international advocacy engagements. The organisation, for instance, presented an elaborate plan on 'early warning and early action' representing humanitarian organisations at the COP-27 in Sharm El Sheik, Egypt. In addition, the organisation also delivered a status report on the hunger crisis in Kenya during the launch of the Global Hunger Index 2022 Report at the European Parliament in Brussels. PACIDA continues to call for more global attention to communities affected by humanitarian in Kenya and the Horn of Africa.

The Year 2022 also saw PACIDA scale its other sustainable development interventions. The organisation, for instance, repaired and constructed more boreholes and also supported livelihood interventions in Samburu and Marsabit Counties. Under education, Tiigo School, a school started by PACIDA, registered a milestone as its Grade 6 and Grade 8 pupils sat for national examinations for the first time. In other schools, the organisation availed furniture such as desks and chairs, infrastructure, learning materials such as books and pens to deserving pupils. In addition, PACIDA also awarded bursaries to children from underprivileged backgrounds. These interventions are captured in detail in our 'Annual Report 2022' impact stories and numbers.

In the coming years, recovery and resilience efforts will be direly needed for the communities exposed to the vagaries of the pandemic, drought and the wider climate change effects and indeed other disruptions. This will call for innovative programming and implementation – all variables dependent on collaborations and more resources.

At implementation level, these impact stories were made possible through our dedicated Board of Directors and committed staff as well as communities. At support level, we are grateful to our donors, implementing partners, suppliers and other stakeholders for being the guideposts of our impact journey.

We remain committed to transforming communities in our region in a sustainable way.

Thank you for making our impact possible.

**Patrick Katelo Issako**  
**Executive Director**

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# Disaster Risk Reduction Programme

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An elderly lady carrying food donated by PACIDA for her family in Ngare Mara, Isiolo

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## When PACIDA Partners Gave it All to Save Lives

### Humanitarian Context:

During the reporting period, Kenya experienced what humanitarian and development actors called the worst drought in 40 years. The arid and semi-arid lands (ASAL), already exposed to the vagaries of poverty and poor weather, were the most affected. Across the once beautiful flat plains of the northern region, carcasses were strewn over as scavengers devoured the inter-generational wealth of communities. In Marsabit and Turkana Counties, two counties that slipped into emergency phase during the reporting period, 98 % of open water source dried up, according to reports by the National Drought Management Authority.

At the peak of drought, Marsabit was classified in the Extremely Critical levels of Acute Malnutrition at over 30% - three times the global average. Schools were closed, undoing the efforts that had been made to promote literacy. We have never seen communities exposed to such unspeakable mental strain in our living memory. It was despondency in the rawest form of the word.

Diminished pasture and water resources meant increased trekking distances to water points and grazing sites for livestock. The average trekking distance by livestock in search of water rose to 33 kilometres according to NDMA reports. Families were forced to ration their water use and prioritise drinking and cooking over hygiene predisposing them to water-borne diseases. In the scorching dry plains under the rays of sweltering heat, women were walking, at times with children strapped on their back, carrying water containers to unimaginable distances - the quality didn't matter.

### Drought Response

Every cloud, the adage goes, has a silver lining. Amidst the gloomy outlook, PACIDA got incredible support from its humanitarian partners. Our approach was four-pronged. First, we raised attention to the crisis through mainstream and online media coverage of the drought situation. Mainstream media stations were incredibly supportive in airing human interest stories at an election year. This ensured that the drought story wasn't a footnote but a major agenda. PACIDA organised for elaborate national and international media

coverage. As a result of this, we saw the true meaning of 'Ubuntu' philanthropy when Kenyans started donating food from their gardens to support the drought-affected communities. A small SDA church from Eldoret town rallied its members to fast and share their food to Marsabit Residents. Several other Catholic Churches and mosques in Marsabit, Nairobi and Mombasa did the same.

Secondly, we undertook direct interventions such as provision of food rations, cash transfer, water trucking, among others to the drought-affected regions. This went a long way in literally saving lives.

Thirdly, PACIDA went beyond the traditional regions that it targets: we went to every ward in Isiolo County, we covered West Pokot County and reached the neediest regions in Turkana County. We were entrusted by the Government of Kenya to coordinate the Kenya Covid-19 Fund that encompassed a significant part of humanitarian interventions.

Fourthly, our interventions were inclusive. With support from CBM International, PACIDA ensured that persons with disabilities were included in humanitarian interventions. They were in village accountability and cash transfer committees. Appropriate accommodations were provided to ensure that they were not left behind. We targeted women - especially the breast-feeding and expectant mothers. We also had an elaborate response targeting girls as well as schools.

In Samburu County, PACIDA received support from Acted, Concern Worldwide and USAID BHA to implement an emergency response through provision of unconditional cash transfer to vulnerable households in Samburu County.

### Our interventions entailed the following:

- Provision of food rations
- Provision of cash transfer
- Water trucking to communities
- Provision of nutritional supplements to children, expectant and breast-feeding mothers
- Provision of animal feeds
- Interventions targeting schools
- Mainstream media, online and direct engagement campaigns to raise attention of actors to the humanitarian crisis that was unfolding.

## You Saved Lives:

With no twinge of hyperbole, we dare say, were it not for our humanitarian actors, many lives would have been lost. There were many interventions by various partners working with us that we can't list in one publication. On behalf of the immensely grateful communities that were saved, PACIDA says a big thank you to the following partners – in alphabetical order.

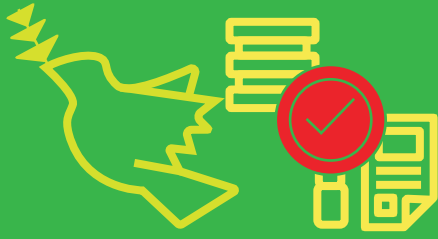
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We thank all the Faith-Based Organisations that stepped in such as the Catholic Church, various mosques in Nairobi, Mombasa and Marsabit Counties, SDA Church in Eldoret, among others.

We thank the following media stations for the incredible coverage of the drought stories: ITV, Mediamax, Royal Media Services, Radio Africa Group, Reuters, The Standard Group and all the radio stations from Marsabit and Samburu Counties e.g Radio Jangwani, Star FM, Sifa FM, Chalbi FM, among others.



A water trucking activity by PACIDA supported by Dutch Relief Alliance and Dorcas Aid



# Peace and Governance Programme



Borana and Gabra communities elders come together in a landmark peace declaration

## **Guns Go Silent as PACIDA Helps Secure Historic Peace Between Communities**

PACIDA's 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, mediation and strengthening of local community governance institutions. The organisation also equips communities with knowledge and skills to actively participate in governance processes.

For months, Marsabit County witnessed one of the longest insecurity periods in history. Two major communities in the country – Gabra and Borana – were engaged in a bloody conflict. Tens were dead, with children and women the most affected.

Thousands were displaced. Communal trading activities in assets such as livestock was disrupted. As a result of this, the government declared a dawn-to-dusk curfew and a massive disarmament programme. Despite this, guns couldn't go silent. Killings were still ongoing in monumental proportions.

PACIDA's investment in series of inter-communal peace drives, bore fruits when a major peace declaration was made amongst the communities at Turbi, along the boundary of North Horr and Moyale Sub-County. This brought a sense of relief to thousands. This ushered a sense of calm leading to displaced people going back to their lands. This was welcomed by the government and other opinion leaders.

This landmark peace commitment was supported by PACIDA with sponsorship from IGAD through the IGAD-CEWARD Rapid Response Fund (RRF). It was largely made possible by developing peace mechanisms that included strengthening of security sector coordination, peace forums at both the county and sub-county levels as well as forums for herders who are always at the front lines of disputes.

The price of freedom, a wise person said, is eternal vigilance. So is peace. PACIDA will continue to encourage inter-communal harmony and bolstering of structures that secure long term peace.

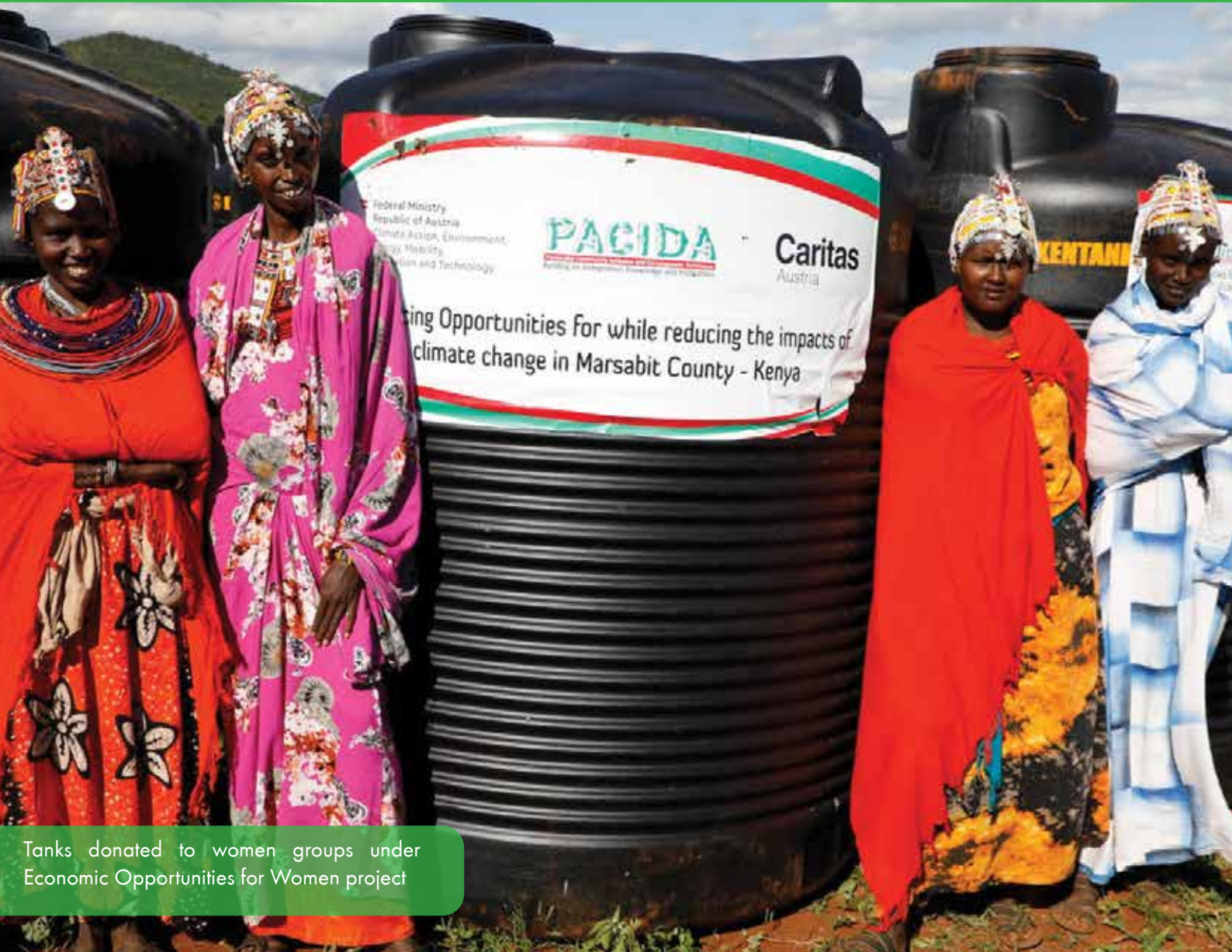
## **Governance**

Under the governance component of the programme, PACIDA, in collaboration with the County Government of Samburu, supported communities' participation in a series of public participation drives on the draft Samburu County Climate Change Policy. Public participation is a key tenet of governance.

Appreciating how crucial inclusive budgeting is to development, PACIDA also conducted community awareness sessions on Marsabit and Samburu counties planning and budgeting that involved women, youth, elders, persons with disabilities and ward administrators. Another milestone in the year was the development of the draft Marsabit County Climate Finance Framework that incorporated views from youth, women, civil society organisations and faith-based organisations.



# Sustainable Livelihoods and Climate Change



Tanks donated to women groups under Economic Opportunities for Women project

## Sustainable Livelihoods

### Women Venture into Sustainable Enterprises through a Major Adaptation Project

#### Marsabit County

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.

In the past year, PACIDA's project aimed at enhancing empowerment of women and building their resilience to the impact of climate change through capacity building on entrepreneurship skills and livelihood support registered tangible outcomes. Funded by Caritas Austria, the project sought to boost the start-up and development of women's businesses in rural areas in Marsabit County through enterprise development, social transformation and policy advocacy interventions.

This transformative project has targeted 4,927 female pastoral and agricultural entrepreneurs by increasing their business skills and access to inputs, productive assets, finance and markets focusing on the creation of sustainable jobs that increase at the same time climate change adaptation capacities of the respective communities.

Through this support, PACIDA organised 8 business skill trainings were conducted for 8 women groups in Marsabit County. Communities shared how they had been affected by climate change in their various livelihood areas namely, nomadic pastoralism, agro pastoralists, fisher-folks and business community. The project also facilitated market linkages of 15 honey women groups to existing Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and also helped them to conduct market surveys.

Through the project, 30 households received plastic tanks for water harvesting to support kitchen gardening/horticulture production and planting of fruit trees.

The project also provided capital seed to 4 women entrepreneur groups for alternative livelihoods/diversification. The beneficiaries will focus on honey production. Each group benefited from 150,000kshs. In addition, 4 women honey production groups received tools and equipment for honey production.

#### Samburu County

PACIDA in partnership with IPAS Africa Alliance implemented a programme that empowered women on alternative livelihood options including climate smart agriculture. This was aimed at boosting not only their economic status but also their nutrition and ultimately other inter-linking indicators. A total of 4 groups were trained on fruit farming and climate smart agriculture and supported by department of environment and agriculture with technical expertise.

In addition, 2 women groups in Pooro and Suguta Marmar were trained on village saving and loans association and linked to county department on affirmative action fund. This helped improved the women socio-economic status and enabled them to engage in alternative livelihood options including business and entrepreneurship and small-scale farming.

## Climate Change

#### Marsabit County:

With support from Hivos East Africa under the Voices for Just Climate Action Programme, PACIDA (lead partner) in partnership with Juhudi Mashinani, a non-profit organisation and Thinkout Africa, a communication and storytelling company, has been implementing a climate change project in Marsabit County.

The purpose of the project is to strengthen adaptation and resilience of communities from Marsabit County to climate change by rallying them to form and strengthen

structures envisaged in the Marsabit County Climate Fund Act 2020 and therefore influence climate change funds flow to the wards.

During the reporting period, the PACIDA Consortium to support communities in the wards to establish Ward Climate Change Committees. Apart from building the capacity of the Ward Climate Change Planning Committees, the PACIDA Consortium facilitated them to draft Ward Development Plans (WDPs) to shape their response to climate change.

Another milestone in the year was the development of Marsabit Climate Finance Framework that will guide the flow of climate change funds, influence the county's County Integrated Development Plan 2022 - 2027 and the County Climate Action Plan 2022 - 2027. In undertaking all these activities, the consortium ensured that that they were covered in the mainstream, community and social media platforms.

Lastly, to bolster accountability in climate change funds, PACIDA helped the launch of Mulika Tracking tool - a critical tool in tracking allocation of funds to address climate adaptation at the ward level, from the County Government of Marsabit.

To strengthen mitigation capabilities and enhance capacity of pastoralist communities on climate adaptation, PACIDA implemented projects in Samburu funded by Christian Aid. One ongoing project encompassed: Strengthening Pastoralist Communities Resilience to Climate Change and Conditional Cash Transfers. The primary beneficiaries targeted were women and youth who are vulnerable to climate crisis.

In undertaking this project, PACIDA seeks to see resilient communities with capacity to anticipate, plan and adapt to climate change. PACIDA facilitated women and youth to participate in environmental initiatives and climate action.

Participation and raising the voices of youth and women entailed identifying women and youth as Climate Justice Champions. These champions received training to enhance their capacity and build their confidence to act as change agents and advocates for inclusivity in decision making in issues that affect them and the community. In order to create a favourable policy environment, PACIDA supported the County Government of Samburu to develop Climate Change and Conservation and Management policies and a Climate Change Fund bill. The bill, when passed into an Act, will enable communities in the county's wards to receive climate change funds.

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# Education Programme

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Tiigo School pupils shaping  
their future

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## Tiigo School Posts Outstanding Results in its First Attempt at National Exams

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.

This was a landmark year for our education programme. After years of investment in the children of Tiigo School, the crown-jewel of PACIDA's education programme, the past year saw the first cohort of candidates at the school take the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exams. And the results made us incredibly proud. The school emerged Second-Best Public School in the entire Marsabit County and the Best in North Horr Sub-County with a mean score of 333.03 out of the possible 500 marks. Out of the 43 candidates who sat for the national examinations, 39 attained at least 300 out of maximum marks of 500.

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. PACIDA thanks the pupils, the Board, teachers and parents at the school for delivering this exemplary performance. We also thank our partners for investing in the education of children from nomadic counties. Quality education and conducive learning environment that our partners have graciously supported are key in good academic outcomes.

## Education and Emergency Interventions: Keeping Schools Open During Drought

The past year so what humanitarian actors called the worst drought in 40 years in Kenya. School going children were among the worst affected. With no food rations and water at home, many children dropped out of school. Through various media reports, Marsabit County Director of Education Mr Titus Mbatha expressed concerns over the heavy disruption of learning in the county due to the prevailing drought situation noting that most parents in the region depended on their livestock to educate and feed their families.

As part of its drought response, PACIDA targeting learning institutions through food donation, water trucking and

provision of nutritional supplements to school going children. This contributed in a significant way in retaining children in school.

The following is a highlight of major drought interventions that targeted schools:

- Emergency water deliveries through trucking 180 trips for 2,000 pupils in for 4 months in Korr, Turbi, Maikona, Dukana and North Horr Wards. This followed the SPHERE standards rate of 7.5ltrs/person/day.
- Supporting food-for-fees for 650 (290Males and 360Females) learners from poor background in seven (7) High Schools in Marsabit County. This promoted enrolment and retention of poor children in school. The beneficiary schools have reported that learning continued without interruption.
- 7278 (3572M and 3706F) learners were reached through provision of food supplies for pupils in 20 rural schools. This has resulted in smooth learning and reduced cases of food deficiency in local schools in North Horr sub-county that was the worst hit by the drought crisis. The intervention of food subsidy worth KES 300,000 per term was lauded by the teachers, parents and school management committees saying that this greatly contributed to improved nutrition of learners and retention in the schools during the drought.
- "Sharing love", a church-based organisation, supported PACIDA to undertake cash transfer targeting school-going children in Maikona. The organisation supported PACIDA to reach more children from drought-affected regions through cash transfer. The organisation also provided bursaries to children from the region.
- 904 (552Males and 352Females) Early Childhood Education (ECD) pupils who are aged between 4-6 years benefitted from provision of nutrition support for three months. This was realised through Unimix porridge donated by PACIDA.

## Teenage Girls in Schools Receive Reusable Sanitary Towels

- This was a short project aimed at addressing challenges faced by girls especially from rural areas through promotion of menstrual hygiene and sanitation programme. This project targeted teenage girls in Turbi, Maikona and North Horr wards. Consequently, 2000 teenage girls benefitted from reusable sanitary towels that were provided to enhance their menstrual hygiene and sanitation management and smooth participation in learning and school activities.





# WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



**PACIDA**  
BUILDING RESILIENCE AGAINST CLIMATE  
EXTREMES AND DISASTERS (BRACE)  
INSTALLATION OF 1 No. COMMUNAL PREPAID  
WATER METER AT BUSBA WATER KIOSK  
IMPROVEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF  
PIPELINE SYSTEM  
IMPLEMENTED BY PACIDA IN COLLABORATION WITH BRACE  
COMMUNITY WITH FUNDING FROM CARTAN ORGANIZ

A woman fetches water from a prepaid metre project

## PACIDA Launches the Largest Water Desalination Plant in East Africa

Bubisa is a dry area in Turbi Ward, with a relatively high population. This region has experienced water challenges in unimaginable scale. These have ranged from shortage and with the few available sources, water quality has been a big challenge. This area has been known to have high cases of colorectal and esophageal \*cancer that locals suspect could be related to the saline levels of the underground water sources (\*PACIDA and other actors have engaged experts to establish whether the prevalence of cancer cases could be linked to water quality).

In 2022, residents from this village had a reason to celebrate when PACIDA launched a major desalination project. With support from Cargo Human Care, Caritas Germany and the County Government of Marsabit, this is the largest water desalination project in East Africa. This provided adequate water for domestic and livestock use.

### The Bubisa Water Project in Numbers

- 15m<sup>3</sup>/hr borehole capacity
- 18.5kW submersible pump-set
- 58kW solar power system
- 3X 10m<sup>3</sup> plastic raw water storage tanks
- 2 containers for store and office
- 11m<sup>3</sup>/hr capacity of desalination plant
- 250m perimeter fence
- 210m pipeline system
- 50m<sup>3</sup> steel tank on 12m high steel tower structure
- Masonry water kiosk and installation of water ATM
- Pre-paid water bowser system
- System operationalization and capacity building of management committees and operators



## Drought and WASH: Taking Water to Communities

Climate change isn't just an environmental issue. It is a human development issue. As such, it affects many facets of our lives. One of the development aspects affected by climate change is water and sanitation.

At the peak of the drought in 2022, 98 percent of open water sources in Marsabit were according to the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) reports. In the past year, more than ever before, PACIDA got intensely engaged in WASH interventions.

These entailed water trucking interventions, repair of boreholes, provision of fuel for boreholes running, water purification among others. These specific interventions are covered in the Drought 2022 pictorial section of this annual report.

### El Boru Magadho Borehole

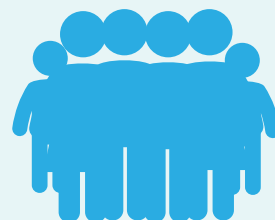
In 2022, PACIDA launched the El Boru Magadho Borehole project in Marsabit County. The solar-powered borehole will serve at least:

- 160 households
- 4,000+ people



**160**  
Households benefit from El Boru Magadho Borehole project

**4,000+**  
People get access to water following the El Boru Magadho Borehole project



## Reaching the El Molo: A Minority Community Showered with Hope after a PACIDA Water Project

The El Molo is a small Cushitic community living on the shores of Lake Turkana. Because of their small population, they are almost considered extinct. Their language is classified by the United Nation Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) as endangered. The El Molo community is one of the poorest in Kenya. Despite living near a land water mass, they lack clean water.

In 2022, the community had a reason to smile when PACIDA initiated a major water project that will target at least 1,000 people. Launched in Komote Island that is 13 kilometres from Loyangalani town and Layeni village that is near Lake Turkana in Loyangalani, the project that will be completed in 2024, encompasses a water desalination plant, water storage tanks, a solar system, a piping extension, among others.

### El Molo Project in Numbers:

- 2X m<sup>3</sup>/hr Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment plants
- 2 solar power station each 16 kW capacity
- 4X 10m<sup>3</sup> plastic water storage tanks
- Piping and extension
- 2 water retailing facilities
- 2 reverse osmosis plant houses
- 1 Perimeter fence
- Training component
- CLTs activities
- Provision of energy saving jiko



# Health and Nutrition

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## The One Health Project Starts in Kenya and Ethiopia

Health and Nutrition is a new programming area for PACIDA under the Strategic Plan. The purpose of this programme is to avail to promote access to health services and proper nutrition to underserved communities. Through this, PACIDA seeks to promote and improve the well-being of communities through various interventions: 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 neediest communities.

### Marsabit County and Southern Ethiopia

During the reporting period, PACIDA initiated the One Health project. Funded by German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Aktion Deutschland Hilft and Merck Family Foundation, the project seeks to contribute to improving human, animal and environmental health in northern Kenya and southern Ethiopia with focus on zoonotic diseases, through sustainable cross sectoral strengthening of local capacity and control.

The project is implemented by Malteser International in partnership with PACIDA with collaboration with other partners and the relevant government ministries.

The project targets to realise the following:

- i. Improve surveillance of zoonotic diseases and their timely reporting through introduction of technologies, use of improved guidelines for disease reporting from communities and strengthening through mobile clinics / OH units;
- ii. Strengthen intra- and intergovernmental structures and One Health relationships and use public private partnerships;
- iii. Improve cooperation and partnership in research and cross-border engagements;
- iv. Improving fodder production and rangeland management
- v. Integrating the new challenges of peace and conflict into natural resource sharing

During the launch of the project, the team project team visited the Department of Livestock in Ethiopia to kick-start project's activities in Dire Wereda. Discussions were held with the Heads of Animal Science and Animal Health Departments where points of action were set. The team paid a courtesy call to the Department of Health and held discussions with a Senior Officer of the department on the project's activities regarding human health. The department pledged to provide support for the proposed activities. The Malteser and PACIDA Kenya teams visited the Ethiopian PACIDA office and interacted with the staff in the office. The team also delivered anthropometric equipment (weighing scales and height boards) to Hurri hills dispensary and Maikona Health Centre.

During the reporting period, PACIDA and its project partners also organised training of 80 Community Health Volunteers and 80 Community Disease Reporters on disease surveillance and reporting on Zoonotic diseases. This was aimed at ensuring that there was improved zoonotic disease surveillance and timely reporting by introducing technologies, using improved guidelines for disease reporting from communities and strengthening through mobile clinics Occupational Health units.

### Samburu County

In order to promote access to reproductive health services among women and girls in Samburu, PACIDA in collaboration with departments of Health conducted sessions on sexual reproductive health and rights. These sessions covered menstrual health management, contraceptive use, hygiene and sanitation in Samburu East and Central. The entry strategy used was menstrual health that included providing reusable sanitary towels, this created an avenue to discuss other sexual reproductive health issues such as contraceptives, Early unintended pregnancies and abortion.

The sessions equally served as a platform to integrate climate smart agriculture, to improve nutrition and financial status of the women. The sessions integrated sessions on climate change education, highlighting impact of climate change and adaptation strategies. From this project, 390 women from existing grass root networks were reached with integrated Sexual Reproductive Health Rights information.



Chororo Women Group display honey harvesting materials donated by PACIDA through Caritas Austria

# 4 NEWS AND IMPACT STORIES

## Hope In the North: Guns Go Silent as a Historic Peace Meeting Between the Gabra and Borana Communities Held



Marsabit County has experienced protracted inter-communal conflicts. Various factors contribute to these conflicts such as competition for grazing land and water sources, historical inter-clan and inter-communal competition, political competition, among others. In 2022, violence escalated to unprecedented levels leading to loss of lives and displacement of communities. This conflict largely pitted the two dominant communities: Gabra and Borana. Keen to address the challenge, the government imposed a dawn-to-dusk curfew – one of the longest ever seen in the country.

Having invested a lot of efforts in building inter-communal harmony, PACIDA had to be at the frontline of seeking lasting solutions. Leverage on its Humanitarian, Development and Peace model, PACIDA activated the networks of opinion leaders, youth and women that it had worked with.

In September 2022, a historic peace meeting between the Gabra and Borana communities was held. Supported by PACIDA with sponsorship by IGAD through the IGAD-CEWARD Rapid Response Fund (RRF), the event culminated in a historic peace walk along the Marsabit-Moyale highway. Communities committed to work towards lasting peace to realise lasting development.

The dividends of peace were immediate. At a very dry season, livestock from the two communities traversed the vast grazing lands, while seeking pasture in Ethiopia. Trade between the two communities got a boost and guns went silent.

Later in the month, PACIDA rallied the two communities to mark the International Day of Peace at El Borr situated at the border of the North Horr and Moyale Sub-County. PACIDA will work closely with the communities, development partners, county and national governments as well as religious leaders across faiths to bolster peace efforts in the northern region and indeed Southern Ethiopia.

*“Trade between the two communities got a boost and guns went silent.”*

## PACIDA Takes a Prominent Role at the COP-27 in Sharm El-Sheikh

In 2022, the Conference of Parties (COP) Climate Change Conference was held at Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, the second time the event that was being held in Africa. PACIDA prominently featured at the conference when the organisation's Head of Partnership Ibrahim Adan was given a prime slot to address a side-event.

Ibrahim shared PACIDA's position on Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) communities' perspectives on early action and early. He made a case on the need to tap indigenous knowledge in early warning and action. "Communities in arid and semi-arid regions have traditional knowledge systems that they rely on to forewarn them on impending disasters. This can be tapped to bolster early warning systems and actions in Africa," said Ibrahim.



## El Boru Magadho Borehole Launched: Over 4,000 People Set to Benefit



Water is a pressing challenge in Marsabit county and indeed the northern region. The region doesn't have a permanent river or a major dam to serve communities. Sanitation challenges predispose communities to the challenges of water-borne diseases.

El Boru Magadho village in Marsabit County had a reason to smile as PACIDA launched a major borehole project in the region. The borehole will serve at least 160 households therefore reaching close to 4,000 people.

The solar-powered project will also benefit at least 400 cattle, 8,600 camels and 24,000 goats and sheep in the region. Importantly, it will reduce the distance covered by community members in search of water points by at least 75%.

The project was funded by Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe and Caritas Germany.

## **Inclusive Humanitarian Interventions: CBM International Supports PACIDA to Reach Persons With Disabilities through Drought Interventions**



Persons with disabilities are disproportionately affected by disasters. Several factors contribute to this such as: access and mobility barriers, communication barriers, economic vulnerabilities among others. In pastoral communities where we work, persons with disabilities bear the brunt of disasters. Take the case of pastoralists migrating in search of pasture and water sources and they have to carry along persons with disabilities. During interventions, they are less likely to be attended to due to lack of understand of humanitarian actors on their needs.

Cognisant of these challenges, PACIDA reached out CBM International, a leading global disability actor at the peak of the drought to ensure that persons with disabilities are not left behind in interventions. With CBM's support, PACIDA provided water trucking and cash transfer interventions to select regions in Marsabit County in 2022.

In executing the emergency interventions, the organisation built a network of persons with disabilities in Marsabit to ensure that they were included in Village Steering Committees and Village Complaint and Feedback Committee that steer cash transfer interventions and accountability mechanisms. PACIDA worked with communities to ensure that these committees had representation from persons with disabilities.

To ensure the sustainability of such interventions, PACIDA has been receiving technical support from CBM to develop an

inclusive disaster response framework for future disasters. With CBM's support, the organisation has managed to design measures aimed at adopting reasonable accommodation in disasters. Some of the reasonable accommodation measures that PACIDA has since adopted include: addressing sign language barriers, access barriers at food distribution sites, modalities of ensuring that persons with disabilities are not invisible during disasters and that their voices are heard, network building for persons with disabilities, among others.

## **IPAS Alliance Supports PACIDA in a Project aimed at addressing Climate Change and Women's Health**

IPAS Africa Alliance, an organisation that advocates for policies that advance women's reproductive health and rights across the continent, partnered with PACIDA in a project aimed at creating awareness the link between reproductive health and climate change.

The organisation jointly worked with PACIDA to organise training sessions empowering Climate Justice Champions on the linkages between climate change and health. These training series were conducted in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the Department of Environment of the County Government of Samburu.

The worsening climate crisis in arid and semi-arid counties is disrupting communities' access to sexual reproductive health services. Climate change mitigation efforts MUST encompass sexual reproductive health interventions.

Putting women at the frontlines of their reproductive health interventions enhances their quality of life and dignity.



## PACIDA Takes a Prominent Role During the Launch of Global Hunger Index



The Global Hunger Index is a peer-reviewed annual report, jointly published by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe, designed to comprehensively measure and track hunger at the global, regional, and country levels. The aim of the GHI is to trigger action to reduce hunger around the world.

In 2022, PACIDA CEO Patrick Katelo was one of the main speakers during the presentation of the Global Hunger Index Report at the European Parliament in Brussels.

Mr. Katelo shared on the devastating hunger crisis affecting the Northern region of Kenya and the Horn of Africa. He called on humanitarian agencies to work with local organisations like PACIDA to address the acute hunger, high malnutrition rates, livestock deaths, acute water shortage and the devastating effect the drought has had on the education sector in the region.

“The world is facing a serious setback in efforts to end hunger. Conflict, the climate crisis and the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic – compounded by the war in Ukraine – are turning a crisis into a catastrophe,” read an excerpt from the report.

# DROUGHT INTERVENTIONS PICTORIAL: OUR PARTNERS GAVE IT ALL



1. With USAID and Concern Worldwide support, PACIDA donated water to several villages in Maikona and Hurri Hills, Marsabit County.

2. USAID and Concern Worldwide supported PACIDA to donate animal feeds in Laisamis Sub-County

3. With CBM's support, it was joy galore when PACIDA donated water to Toricha and Mudhe regions - all drought-affected - in Marsabit county.

4. The Dutch Relief and Dorcas Aid supported PACIDA to undertake a water trucking activity in Marsabit County.

5. Dutch Relief and Dorcas also supported PACIDA to distribute fuel that went towards borehole generators in Dhekuku, Demo and Turbi regions in Marsabit County.



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6. Caritas Germany supported PACIDA to donate food rations in Toricha, Balesa, Dukana, Eladi, Turbi and Demo villages in Marsabit County.

7. Caritas Germany also supported PACIDA to distribute water in Toricha and Kambinye villages.

8. PACIDA in partnership with the Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund Board distributed food stuff in Isiolo, West Pokot and Turkana Counties.

9. PACIDA was supported by Concern Worldwide in partnership with ACTED, ASAL Humanitarian Network and ECHO to undertake cash transfer interventions in North Horr and Laikipia Sub-Counties.

10. PACIDA's field staff registers a beneficiary of cash transfer deep in the villages



## HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTIONS: LESSONS FROM THE FRONTLINES OF DISASTERS

Humanitarian interventions are crucial efforts aimed at providing aid and assistance to people facing crises. These interventions prioritize saving lives, alleviating suffering and preserving human dignity. They have had a significant impact on our community. From improving quality of life to addressing environmental concerns, economic interests, and social progress.

In the last three years, PACIDA has been at the frontline of humanitarian crises of monumental proportions. We have been at the frontline of cushioning communities from the effects of Covid-19, the second worst pandemic 100 years after the Spanish Flu. We also faced the worst locust invasion in 70 years in our region. Lastly, we have been at the frontline of addressing the worst drought in 40 years. We have been stretched in levels not seen before.

### What lessons have we learnt in our interventions?

#### (i) Always Involve Communities

The response has to be localised. We should never assume that communities are passive recipient of humanitarian support. They know their needs and local context well. They have a lot of knowledge that humanitarian actors can tap from to make interventions effective.

The Local Knowledge and Contextual Understanding of the communities succours us to be intimately familiar with their local environment, culture, and requirements. To a greater degree, cultural sensitivity is also critical. Communities have distinctive cultural customs that ought to be respected and included in plans as needed. Involvement of communities builds an atmosphere of trust, respect and ownership.

#### (ii) Collaboration is Pivotal

No single organisation can handle humanitarian disasters alone. Collaboration is critical in areas such as resource sharing. The region that we target is incredibly vast. Marsabit County, for instance, is about 16 percent the size of Kenya. It is larger by far than most of the countries in the world such as Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium, Israel, and many others. Covering such a vast area can only be achieved when partners collaborate. This also helps in resource sharing, fostering specialisation and bolstering better coordination.

#### (iii) Technology is an Unavoidable Enabler of Humanitarian Efforts

Technology is perceived as an instrument within the current humanitarian space, but also as a transformative tool to alter the foundations of humanitarian action.

The field of humanitarian technological innovation is fast moving and emergent in nature. Technology is therefore an enabler of humanitarian interventions. For instance, PACIDA has been more effective in cash transfer interventions because of utilising money transfer technologies such as MPesa. Such systems are also pivotal in accountability. Other technologies that bolster humanitarian interventions include disaster management systems, crowdsourcing, social media campaigns, among others.

To make technology effective in areas such as arid and semi-arid regions where the level of literacy is low, network coverage is low and smart phones are not widely adopted, humanitarian actors must continue engaging with technology regulators such as the Communication Authority of Kenya to push for inclusion of such regions through fibre, satellite or broadband coverage as well as other technologies.

Indeed, technology has the power to revolutionize a number of facets of our life, including financial services and catastrophe management systems. Mobile payment systems

like M-PESA, is a prominent illustration of how technology may alter financial services in the North. Financial inclusion for the marginalised communities has been significantly impacted by this, particularly in locations with little access to conventional banking services.

It is, however, critical that we take cognizant of difficulties associated with embracing new technology, like digital divisions, data privacy issues, and cybersecurity dangers. Technology in humanitarian interventions should adhere to international legal framework, policies and agreements for humanitarian action.

#### **(iv) Embed Mental Health into Humanitarian Interventions**

It is critical that we acknowledge and give priority to the mental well-being of people we serve as well as frontline humanitarian actors during disasters. Humanitarian crises, whether caused by conflict or natural disasters can leave severe and long-term effects on the mental health of those affected. The psychological impact of such tragedies is as severe as the physical repercussions, yet mental health issues have generally been ignored in the context of humanitarian help. Nearly all those affected by humanitarian emergencies experience psychological distress, with one in five likely to have a mental disorder such as depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia.

Embedding mental health in humanitarian interventions is not just an option but a necessity. Having inhouse or outsourced wellness officer(s) ensure that the mental health of the staff is constantly monitored.

#### **(v) Retreating and Taking Stock**

When humanitarian groups are responding to crises, conflicts, or natural disasters, retreating and taking stock are essential components of their actions. To maintain the efficiency and longevity of humanitarian operations, these steps are crucial. Taking a deeper look at both is as follows; in the context of humanitarian initiatives, retreating refers to the temporary removal or relocation of humanitarian assets and personnel from a given site or circumstance.

#### **(vi) Early Warning and Early Action**

The purpose of early warning systems is mitigating the risk produced by disasters, but these risks are compounded by the socio-economic vulnerability of the population exposed to the hazards. In this context, early warning systems must be inclusive and sensitive to the different sources of vulnerability. Building resilience in the face of an increasingly uncertain environment requires spending money on reliable early warning systems and fostering a culture of preparedness. The early warning and early action have a number of components which include but not limited to the following Risk analysis, planning, risk monitoring and risk framework, lastly, platform for dialogue and decisions making.

Humanitarian intervention is a difficult and complex enterprise that calls for a careful balancing of the obligation to uphold human rights.

There is no one-size-fits-all approach that can be taken in every circumstance. These lessons provide a unique analysis of the efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of humanitarian aid in the arid and semi-arid regions in the future.

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**5** FINANCIAL  
REPORT

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Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance (PACIDA)

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION & CHANGES IN RESERVES

	Notes	2022 Shs	2021 Shs
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipments	11	44,461,243	43,605,277
Current assets			
Receivable and prepayments	4	12,942,351	7,270,868
Cash and cash equivalents	9	149,279,587	46,824,040
		162,221,938	54,094,908
Less: Current liabilities			
Payables and accruals	12	163,182,478	52,577,038
Net current assets		(960,540)	1,517,869
Net assets		43,500,703	45,123,146
Finance by:			
Opening accumulated reserves		45,123,146	52,331,804
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(1,622,443)	(7,208,658)
Accumulated funds		(43,500,703)	45,123,146

Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance (PACIDA)

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	Notes	2022 Shs	2021 Shs
INCOME			
Grants income:			
Unrestricted		48,104,758	16,167,338
Restricted	3	974,178,974	212,049,730
Grants brought forward		46,376,327	35,685,470
Grants receive in advance	5	(158,206,905)	(46,376,327)
Donated equipment			3,520,436
Total Income		910,453,154	221,046,647
EXPENSES			
Direct project costs	6	703,344,600	134,560,665
Project support costs	7	83,618,775	28,926,996
Other projects & administrative costs	8	125,112,222	64,767,644
Total Expenditure		912,075,597	228,255,305
Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,622,443)	(7,208,658)

# Thank You Our Partners



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## BEST OF THE BEST: Tiigo School Leads in Marsabit County in its First Attempt



### School Emerges the Best in North Horr Sub-County and the Second-Best Public School in the Entire Marsabit County

Tiigo School school is a crown-jewel of PACIDA's interventions in education. Built in the rocky plains of Marsabit in what looks like 'the middle of nowhere' as there are no settlements around, the school has been the citadel of hope to communities on what's possible.

The year 2022 provided an opportunity for Tiigo School to send its 'report card' to the dozens of partners who have supported it over the years. In its first attempt at the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) the 2022 Tiigo School Grade 8 pupils showed the true star the school really is. When the results were announced, it was celebration galore as the school was ranked the Second-Best Public School in the entire Marsabit County and the Best in North Horr Sub-County. This outstanding performance saw the school post a mean score of 333.03 out the possible 500 marks. The top school had a mean score of 333.62, only 0.59 ahead of The Tiigo School. Out of the 43 candidates who sat for the national examinations, 39 attained at least 300 out of maximum marks of 500.

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 Stars to Light up the North and indeed Kenya

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](http://www.thetiigoschool.sc.ke)) is literally 'nowhere'. It is the only primary school in a radius of 50 kilometres in one harsh, larva 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 (10 USD). 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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