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Word From The CEO

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Mali Ole Kaunga

CEO & Founder

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable journey we have undertaken together. It is my privilege to present to you our annual report, encapsulating the strides and successes IMPACT Kenya, in 2023. A testament to the relentless pursuit of our goal, mission and vision.

In reflecting on the past year, I am humbled by the significant strides we have made in our work in Northern Kenya and beyond. Our unwavering commitment to social justice, indigenous led conservation, supporting & building social movements has enabled us to effect meaningful change in the lives of those most marginalized and vulnerable.

In 2023, IMPACT Kenya continued to be a beacon of hope and resilience for indigenous communities, advocating tirelessly for their rights to land, resources, and cultural heritage. Through strategic partnerships and grassroots mobilization efforts, we have empowered indigenous communities to amplify their voices and assert their rights in the face of systemic injustices.

One of our proudest achievements this past year was the successful advocacy campaign to secure legal recognition and protection for indigenous land rights in Northern Kenya. These not only reaffirms our commitment to indigenous rights but also sets a precedent for similar struggles across shared landscapes in Africa and beyond.

Moreover, our initiatives in peace building, climate change adaptation and resilience, business and human rights, and sustainable livelihoods improvement have made a tangible difference in the lives of marginalized communities, fostering resilience and self-reliance in

the face of adversity.

Looking ahead to 2024, IMPACT remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing the rights and well-being of indigenous peoples and marginalized communities. Our roadmap for the upcoming year is guided by our new strategic plan 2023 -2027 clear vision of secure, just, and inclusive society for Indigenous Peoples in Kenya, which in turn will lead to a more just and equitable world, where every individual is empowered to thrive in harmony with nature.

In the year ahead, we anticipate scaling up our efforts to address emerging challenges such as climate change, environmental degradation, and social exclusion. Through innovative programming and advocacy, we will continue to amplify the voices of indigenous peoples and advocate for policies that prioritize their rights and interests.

As we embark on this journey together, I extend my deepest gratitude to our communities, supporters, partners, who have stood by us in our mission to create a more just and sustainable world for all. Your unwavering support and commitment inspire us to redouble our efforts and continue the fight for justice and equality.

In closing, let us reaffirm our collective resolve to uphold the rights and dignity of indigenous people and marginalized communities, ensuring that their voices are heard, and their rights respected. Together, we can build a future where every individual, regardless of their background or identity, can live with dignity, equality, and respect.



Who We Are

IMPACT Kenya was founded in 2002 in direct response to increasing human rights violations against pastoralist communities throughout Laikipia District of Northern Kenya. We emerged from the vibrant, people-driven Organization for the Survival of the Ilaikipiak Indigenous Group Initiative (OSILIGI), founded in 1995 as one of the earliest Indigenous Peoples' groups focused on advancing human and land rights.

Due to the need to expand our vision and mandate, IMPACT Kenya was registered in 2003 as a community-based organization under the Ministry of Culture and Social Services. In a strategic and deliberate effort to meet communities' growing demands, we became a registered trust in February 2009.

We work with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs), a majority of whom are pastoralists—as defined in Article 260 of the Kenyan Constitution, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights,² the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the International Labour Organization's Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention—to address the major problems faced by minorities and Indigenous Peoples. In this regard, we have primarily tackled the loss of land rights, historical land injustices, and the exploitation of resources without the participation of or accrual of benefits to Indigenous Peoples. In tandem with our efforts on enhancing human rights responses, we are dedicated to empowering indigenous communities to thrive amidst the shifting landscape of climate change. Through initiatives aimed

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at rebuilding livelihoods and strengthening resilience, we not only mitigate the immediate impacts of climatic shifts but also foster sustainable economic growth within households. Our approach emphasizes adaptation strategies tailored to the unique challenges faced by pastoralist and minority communities of Northern Kenya while also capitalizing on existing opportunities to shape a more resilient future. By partnering with local stakeholders and leveraging our expertise, we aim to equip indigenous communities with the tools and resources necessary to navigate and thrive in an ever-changing climate."

What We Do

IMPACT is a nonprofit organization founded and led by Indigenous Peoples to advocate for Indigenous Peoples' rights, collective rights, peace-building, and sustainable development. IMPACT's core purpose is to build the capacity of communities and their local institutions, especially those of Indigenous Peoples, to understand and defend their individual or group rights as stipulated in the Kenyan Constitution. Our goal is to build a grassroots social movement in which Indigenous Peoples are able to stand up for and defend their human, land, and natural resource rights.



Accronyms & Abbreviations



ACC - Assistant County Commissioner

AICA - The Alliance for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities for Conservation in Africa

APAC - African Protected Areas Congress

ARISEC - Alliance for Rights, Inclusivity and Social Equity in Conservation

CECM - County Executive Committee Member

CFA - Community Forest Association

CLA - Community Land Act

CLOAK - Community Landowners Alliance of Kenya

CLMCs - Community Land Management Committees

COP - Conference of Parties

CSOs - Civil Society Organizations

DCC - Deputy County Commissioner

EAIPLS - East Africa Indigenous Peoples Land Summit

ICI - Inclusive Conservation Initiative

ICPE - International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology

FPIC - Free Prior and Informed Consent

IPLCS - Indigenous People and Local Communities

KEBS - Kenya Bureau of Standards

KEMRI - Kenya Medical Research Institute

MCA - Member of the County Assembly

NLC - National Land Commission

WRUA - Water Resource Users Association

RESTORE - Resilience Enhancement through, Transformational, Opportunities & Resources for Empowerment) of communities.

RTF - Reversing The Flow

TARL - Teaching at the Right Level

TMPs - Traditional Medicinal Practitioners

VSLA - Village Savings and Lending Association

IMPACT in Numbers



Community Legal Empowerment

30,428, number of direct community members reached in securing land tenure



Land Rehabilitation

888 Acres, of land rehabilitated from reclaimed land invaded by invasive species; Opuntia Stricta and Acacia Reficiens and degraded from erosion and over grazing.



Community Land Use Plans

5 Community land use plans developed, Nkaroni, Sessia, Lpus, Ltirimim and Opiroi. Covering a total land mass of **319,404** acres



Community Forest Association

1 Interim, CFA formed



Government Engagements

4 county governments, engaged, consulted, and participated in designing of key interventions in all our projects areas: Marsabit, Isiolo, Laikipia and Samburu (MILS) counties.



Organizational and Institutional capacity strengthened

18 staff trained, trained in various relevant capacity areas.



Communities Empowerment

7 Communities, reviewed & adopted their by-laws, trained their leadership on FPIC, investment contracts, and negotiation skills and reviewed their existing investor contracts.



Conflict Resolution

3,328, community members directly reached on peace building, co-existence, resource sharing and conflict resolution through inter community dialogues and peace meetings.



Culture Revitalization

404 Community members, participated on culture revitalization and formation of Nyiro forest CFA.



Community Land Use Plans

Ksh. 7.4 M, invested in community groups in Mukogodo East and West to undertake land restoration and water security interventions.



Community Groups

8 community groups, successfully implemented their interventions and documented their learnings as the first sub-grants of the project.



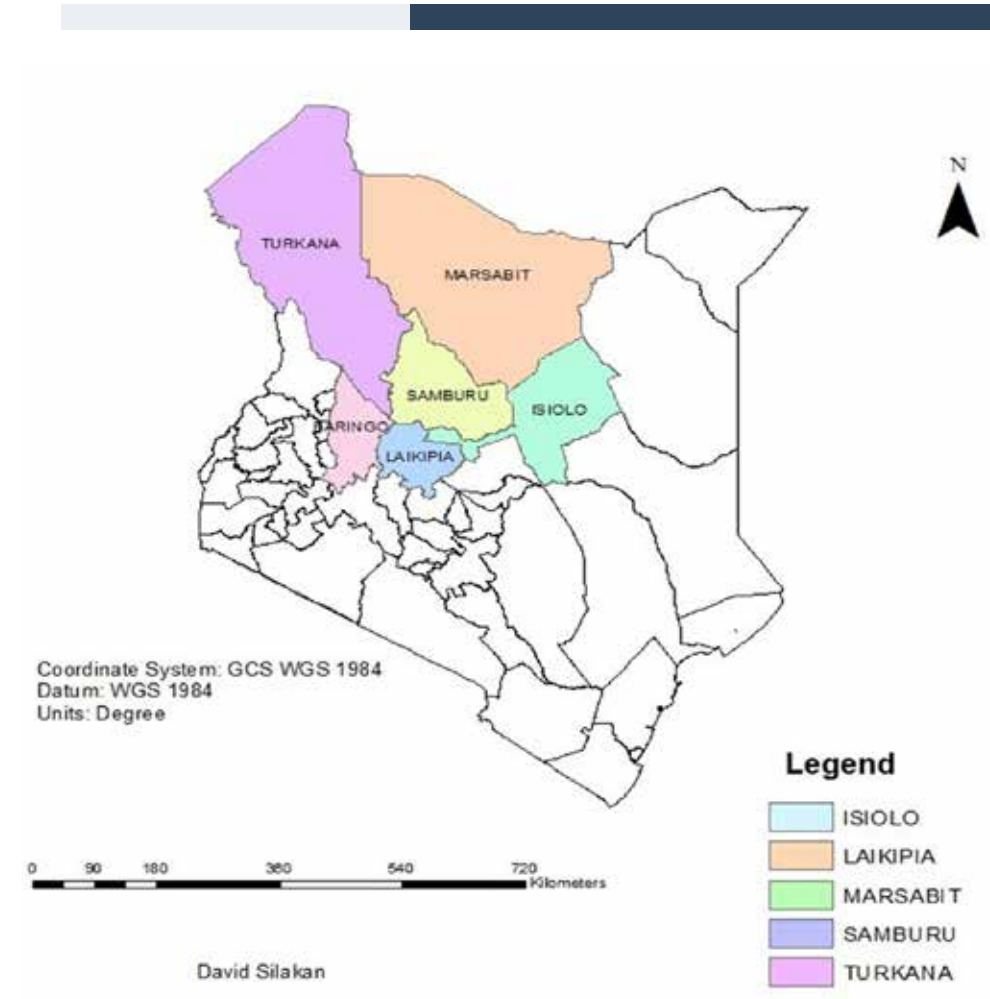
Water & Land Restoration

17,065, community beneficiaries of water and land restoration interventions under the RESTORE project.



Emergency Program

5,010 households and 35 schools, benefited from our emergency program from the four counties of **Marsabit** (Kargi and Laisamis ward), **Isiolo** (Chari, Burat and Oldonyiro), **Laikipia** (Mukogodo East and Mukogodo east) and **Samburu** (Wamba West, Waso, Baawa, Ndoto and Nyiro).



Our Presence

Our work targets the counties of Northern Kenya, which includes Isiolo, Laikipia, Marsabit, Samburu, and some parts of Turkana and Baringo Counties, all of which are home to a considerable number of Kenya's Indigenous communities—mainly of them pastoralists and hunter-gatherers. The Northern Kenya region and its Indigenous Peoples have not made major strides in development on account of marginalization for much of Kenya's colonial and independent history. The predominantly communal and customary nature of these communities' results in them often being vulnerable to exploitation and

displacement as well as shortchanged on access to the accrued benefits from a wide variety of natural resources. The competition over resources (primarily water and pasture) and periodic incidences of cattle rustling have often led to violent conflict between communities that inhabit this region. At the same time, these Indigenous Peoples have rich cultural traditions, and throughout their history, they have coexisted with a rich diversity of wildlife and carefully managed an abundance of natural resources. Despite their vulnerability, IPs are not powerless. Over the last 20 years, Indigenous Peoples in Kenya have

demonstrated increasing agency and collective action. They are demanding and enforcing their rights, claiming their space in decision-making forums at all levels, and advancing their right to self-determination. The year saw us working on these issues under our new strategic plan that became fully operational in the year. The strategic plan sets out five thematic goals that will guide our interventions between 2023-2027 in realization of our bigger vision of a secure just and inclusive society for indigenous people.

Thematic Area 1:

SECURING COLLECTIVE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO COMMUNAL LAND



Land is a key resource for the indigenous people and local communities of Northern Kenya, it is the source of their livelihoods and an ancestral heritage for intergenerational linkage. In the year 2010 Kenyan promulgated the new 2010 constitution that gave birth to new reforms in the land sector, leading to a new dawn for indigenous people and local communities living in the former group ranches and trust lands in Kenya. Riding on these provisions, IMPACT has over the years put its best foot forward to advance indigenous peoples' tenure right in the landscapes. We firmly believe that for people to thrive, they must hold ownership to the land they live in. Therefore, in this year, we continued our advancement of communal land rights work through conducting a spectrum of grassroots dialogues, trainings of communities on the provisions of the current land laws and building their capacity on legal empowerment in community land titling and registration processes. The CoK is the

brainchild for the new CLA No. 27 2016, that paved the way to transition of the former group ranches and unlocking the registration of trust lands into community lands, enhancing customary tenure rights and communities centered approaches in land ownership and natural resource governance. The Community Land Act of 2016 repealed the old laws of Trust lands Act of 1939 and Group Representatives Act of 1968 respectively, and communities living in the Trust lands and Group Ranches were legally required to re-register as community lands.

1.1 Phase IV - Community Land Protection Samburu, Marsabit & Laikipia



In 2023 we began Phase IV of our legal empowerment project, a build up from our previous efforts of land registration. In this phase we supported the new regime of CLMC leadership by capacity building them to effectively deliver on their mandate. We ventured into mobilizing communities living on trust lands which have been a particularly hard area to unlock by engaging their leadership to support the land registration process. We

began awareness and planning for development of land use plans for communities who had successfully registered. The main geographical focus of these interventions was Nyiro west, Loonjorin, Sessiai, Ntaletiani, Kargi, Arge, South Horr, Musul, Nkiloriti, Munishoi, and Lekurruki.nnn

Our Impact:

- 10,968 community members were reached on legal empowerment.
- A total of 9 staff were trained, 7 paralegals and 2 program staff.
- 10 new communities were engaged and mapped for community land registration in Samburu and Marsabit Counties.
- 7 Communities reviewed & adopted their by-laws, trained their leadership on FPIC, contracts, and negotiation skills and reviewed their investor contracts.
- Held consultative dialogues on collective bargaining for the 27 conservancies [carbon credit] of Northern Kenya
- Supported the development of CLOAK's strategic plan.
- Convened the 3rd Annual community land summit in Samburu County focusing on: Gender equality, women, youths' autonomy in rangelands management, and sustainable pastoralist economy.

1.2 Capacity Building and Result-Based Land Management



Critical to secure tenure rights for indigenous people, is the need for communities to better manage their lands. During the year we worked with communities from Samburu to develop land use plans. The process is aimed to strategically strengthen

the community governance institutions and empower them to better plan their lands and benefit effectively from the natural wealth found therein.

Our Impact:

- 5 Community land use plans developed: Nkaroni, Sessia, Lpus, Ltirimim and Opiroi, Covering a total land mass of 129,258 Hectares.
- 5 GIS maps for the land use in place for the five community lands.
- Community land settlements and public utilities mapped for the five communities' lands engaged.
- 17,036 people participated in the land use plan development.

1.3 Revitalization and strengthening of vital indigenous traditional institutions and ecological knowledge systems in protecting and managing forest ecosystems in Nyiro mountain in Samburu County Kenya.



Nyiro ecosystem is a critical biodiversity, ecological and sacred site that holds cultural significance to indigenous people in Northern Kenya. Over the years the ecosystem has faced climate change and human induced challenges. In 2023 our

work focused on strengthening the indigenous traditional institutions and ecological knowledge systems in the protection and management of Nyiro forest ecosystems.

Our Impact:

- Stakeholders were mapped in the ecosystem.
- Consultative dialogues were held between Community, County Government and National Government on registration of the Nyiro Community Forest Association.
- CFA formed with 1 interim CFA committee was formed, and 12 women elected.
- 9 Community User rights (water abstraction, beekeeping, herbal Medicine, fuelwood, ritual/shrines, ecotourism, and tree nurseries) registers initiated.
- 3 women groups trained on nature-based solutions.

Thematic Area 2:

STRENGTHENING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' INFLUENCE OVER THE REFORM AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES THAT MOST IMPACT THEIR LIVES



The Constitution of Kenya and other legal frameworks empowers its citizens to hold the leadership accountable and grants the citizens' rights to access information. Under this theme we work directly with communities to influence policies that directly affect their lives.

In 2023 these were the key milestones in the advancement of the vision.



2.1 Capacity Building in Extractives



In 2023, we supported communities on advocating for responsible investments in renewable energy exploitation, transition

and safeguarding communities' rights and interests in Northern Kenya.

Key Outcome:

- **Trained communities on operationalization of FPIC and negotiations in extractives** – A series of capacity building trainings based on the Conservation International Model of Indigenous Negotiations were implemented in Komote, Loiyangalani, Loonjorin, Milimani, Ngurnit, Loosuk, Paka and Korosi areas across Marsabit, Samburu and Baringo Counties.



2.2 Justice in the Just Transition



Kenya being the host of the biggest wind farm in Africa and further being at the forefront of renewable energy in the continent, we believe that for a just transition to clean energy, human rights must be upheld in the in the process. During the year 2023, we conducted a series of community trainings on

centering human rights in the exploitation of natural resources in the target counties. The trainings were informed by a baseline report that was undertaken to explore the current energy investments within community lands.

Achievements:

- Development of a Renewable Energy Manual and Toolkit – this serves as a guide to communities potentially impacted by renewable energy to understand the groups affected, key players, responsibilities of companies and the government, common threats, types of redress, and avenues for redress.
- Documented allegations and sought response through Business and Human Rights Resource Centre's Company Response Mechanism – Using the platform on Business and Human Rights Resource Centre, representatives from the El Molo community filed a company's complaint indicating that Kengen had failed to provide sufficient information regarding a proposed wind farm on El Molo ancestral land.

2.3 Enhancing community inclusion in disaster management policies in northern Kenya.



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work focused on strengthening the indigenous traditional institutions and ecological knowledge systems in the protection and management of Nyiro forest ecosystems.

Achievements:

- **Formed and trained Ward DRM Committees on Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) in Porro, Shabaa and Loosuk in Samburu County** – Established under the Samburu County Policy for Disaster Risk Management, the Ward DRM Committees are tasked with continued vulnerability assessment, reporting, management, and dissemination of disaster situations within the ward.
- **Trained 22 Climate Change Ward Committee on Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) in Mukogodo East and West** – Established under the Climate Change Act – Laikipia County, the Climate Change Ward Committees have the role to consult with community and County government on climate finance, planned interventions and to monitor interventions at the ward level.

Thematic Area 3:

STRENGTHENING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' LIVELIHOODS AND PROMOTING HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS.



Indigenous Peoples livelihoods' have always held a symbiotic relationship with land and natural resources within which they live. Their livelihoods and ecosystems are continuously threatened by effects of Climate change and unfriendly policies which render them more vulnerable.

During the year, we implemented the following interventions addressing key gaps as below:

3.1 RESTORE (Resilience Enhancement and Support through Transformational Opportunities and Resources for Enabling) communities. – Reversing the Flow (RTF)



During the year, we kickstarted the implementation of our RESTORE initiative, a unique project seeking to finance community institutions to undertake climate, water, and landscape restoration initiatives in Mukogo East and West and Burat

wards. The interventions places communities at the center of designing, planning, and implementing projects that address climate resilient. The project focuses on direct funding, knowledge development and learning and policy influence.

Achievements:

- Invested Kshs. 7.4 M to 8 groups in Mukogodo East and West to undertake land restoration and access to water to the villages.
- 8 community groups successfully implemented their interventions and documented their learnings as the first sub-grants of the project.
- Hosted Reversing the Flow (RtF) international Learning event in Kenya for hubs from Kenya (IMPACT, MID-P and TUPADO), Sudan (SOS Sahel Sudan), Ethiopia (ORDA and APDA), Burkina Faso (NGO APIL, Tiipaalga) and Bangladesh (Uttaran and Friendship).
- Community groups established 3 coordination and monitoring structures at the community level in Mukogodo West, Mukogodo East and Burat that created a forum for feedback by funded community groups.

3.2 Inclusive Conservation Initiative (ICI) | Uhifadhih Wa Kiasili | Ramat Ang' | Ayuokor | Horsa Bulcha



In 2023, we launched our inclusive conservation initiative, an IPLCs dedicated grant from GEF. This is a notable milestone to our advocacy work, and IMPACT prides itself for being one of the nine sub projects in the seven biocultural regions implementing the initiative. A key notable achievement of the year was becoming the first subproject to have its impact strategy

approved and endorsed by CI-GEF and contract signed in July 2023. among the all the 9 subprojects. A part of the year involved re engaging the 24 targeted communities for free prior informed consent and project implementation planning.

Project Advisors: Charis Enns and Brock Bersaglio.

Achievements:

- Finalization, approval, and endorsement of the impact strategy in July 2023.
- 24 Community resource persons engaged and trained on biocultural mapping and calendars.

3.3 Strengthening pastoralist adaptation and resilience to climate change risks in northern Kenya.



IMPACT believes that pastoralism is a sustainable economic activity that if supported has the potential to enhance resilience of communities that practice. Our interventions this year aimed to address issues facing pastoralism holistically while utilizing

people-centered and landscape approaches in counties of Laikipia, Marsabit, Isiolo, and Samburu.

Achievements:

- Over 800 Acres restored through removal of invasive species, and reseeded of rehabilitated and bare land.
- Assessed 7 borehole for rehabilitation on the coming year.
- In collaboration with County Governments of Laikipia, Isiolo, Marsabit and Samburu, we established community Disease reporters' model and trained 23 of them.
- Established a fodder production site at Mayianat and the construction of a storage facility for the Nasila self-help group.
- Our restoration efforts have led to the formation of partnerships with SNV and other organizations in the area to scale up the impacts.
- 250 beehives distributed among the 5 target groups to diversify their revenue streams as complimentary livelihoods.

3.4 Revitalization of indigenous vegetables through sack gardening, saving on space, utilizing grey water in the water deficient regions and introduction of climate tolerant maize and beans.



To further strengthen existing livelihoods and community resilience, we support communities to explore innovative and resilient agricultural practices to complement their main economic activities. During the year the following key interventions were implemented:

Bee Hives

60

Galla Goats

75

Indigenous Chicks

533

Tree Seedlings

700

Achievements:

- 60 Hives distributed among 6 community groups and trained them on beekeeping and management.
- 75 Galla goats distributed across three women groups (Nabulaa, Nailepu and Lulu) to enhance restocking after prolonged effects of drought and enable them to rebuild on household economy.
- 700 Tree seedlings planted including fruit and medicinal trees.
- 200 Women from six different groups capacity built through exchange and learning visit.
- 533 Indigenous Chicks distributed to 3 women groups and trained on chicken handling and management.
- 1 Curio shop constructed in opiroi to act as a common market point for the women groups.
- Constructed a water pan for Nabulaa women group to provide water for farming and tree nursey management.

3.5 Emergency Response



IMPACT implemented the Emergency Response program aimed at reducing/minimizing the impact of drought and floods through relief food distribution, water trucking inter-

ventions among communities of Samburu, Laikipia, Isiolo and Marsabit.

Achievements:

Counties	Wards	Number of Households	Number of schools reached (Secondary and Primary schools)
Laikipia	Mukogodo East and Mukogodo East	2000 HH	14 schools (4 secondary schools and 10 primary schools)
Samburu	Wamba West, Waso, Baawa, Ndotto, Nyiro	1700 HH	7 Schools (2 Secondary schools and 5 primary schools)
Isiolo	Chari, Burat and Oldonyiro	560 HH	7 Schools (2 Secondary schools and 5 primary schools)
Marsabit	Kargi and Laisamis ward	750 HH	7 Schools (2 Secondary schools and 5 primary schools)
	TOTAL	5,010 HH	35 Schools

3.6 Strengthening and improving traditional ethnomedical knowledge transmission and biodiversity conservation for Indigenous people in Middle Ewaso Ng'iro Basin



In 2023, we supported communities around Mukogodo forest (Laikipia North) in developing and implementing locally led climate protective measures and adaptive activities towards building their resilience.



Achievements
Middle Ewaso
Ng'iro Basin

Trained Traditional
Medicine Herbalists

105

Achievements:

- Formation of one umbrella group of 105 members from Laikipia – Samburu traditional Medicinal Herbalist to consolidate voices and increase their bargaining power in policies, legislation and seeking recognition from the government.
- Trained 105 medicinal plants practitioners on marketing, packaging, branding, value addition, licensing and processing of medicinal plants and implementation of traditional conservation of specific indigenous medicinal plants that are endangered.

3.7 Grassroots Communities Taking Action for Resilient Ecosystem in Mukogodo Forest.



Mukogodo forest is a key biodiversity landscape that supports pastoralist communities from Laikipia and its neighbors' during dry seasons. The forest has experienced unprecedented pressures as result of over utilization by communities during drought season. During the year we worked with com-

munities to develop approaches to reduce pressure on the forest and enhance its sustainability, while supporting economic live hood of the neighboring communities under the umbrella ILMAAMUSI.

Achievements:

- 10,000 tree seedlings planted at Mukogodo forest.
- 10,000 tree nurseries constructed at Nasila self-help group to support tree growing at the degraded Mukogodo forest landscape.
- 100 beehives distributed to 4 groups and groups trained on honey value chains and apiculture.
- Supported the second Mukogodo forest walk, which brought over 1000 people together with the aim of enhancing protection and conservation of mukogodo forest and bio enterprises for communities living in and around the forest.

3.8 (B)eat the locust.



With climate change shocks and unforeseen disasters like the Desert locust invasion of 2020, pastoralist communities are now open to innovations and approaches that will help withstand the climate shocks and help rebuild their household economies. During the year, we sought to establish a disaster preparedness project where communities will assess impending disasters as an opportunity rather than as a calamity only, (B)eat the locust targets communities in four Kenyan counties

in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL): Isiolo, Samburu Laikipia and Marsabit. As the name suggest, we intend to establish insect-based value chains in pastoralist communities to become complimentary livelihoods targeting especially youth and women who have fallen out of pastoralism and need a complimentary source of income and to advocate for the use of Biopesticides as opposed to synthetic pesticides.

Achievements:

- Facilitated 55 opinion Leaders' Engagement to Create Strategies for Community Engagement Workshop in Samburu, Isiolo, Laikipia and Marsabit Counties. The strategy saw the establishment of project ambassadors, willing entrepreneurs and communication channels developed in each county.
- Sensitized 34 community members through a Visit to ICIPE to learn on insect rearing and insect-based value chains.
- Mapped 47 groups as potential Entrepreneurs across the 4 counties.

3.9 Life skills Development and Apprenticeship Training for Nomadic Young Women and Men in Northern Kenya



In 2023, IMPACT inception a 29-month project targeting 200 young men and women in the four counties (Marsabit, Laikipia, Isiolo and Samburu) of northern Kenya. By the end of the implementation period, we hope to improve the employability and socio-economic situation of youth across the four counties.

The project will utilize these two key approaches: develops concrete training opportunities for the personal and professional development of youth as well as promoting sustainable networking and construction of a youth hub to deliver on the above ambitions.

Achievements:

- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding between IMPACT and Maiyanat community to get community consent on the allocation of land to build the youth hub.
- Recruited 1 Project staff to ensure the smooth running of the project.





Thematic Area 4:

ENSURE INDIGENOUS TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE IS VALUED AND CONTRIBUTES TOWARD GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS ON COMMUNAL LANDS



In 2023 our research thematic area scaled our action led research that informs our advocacy efforts, implementation and

shapes our interventions by establishing a body of evidence that determines our strategic models based on facts.

Achievements:

- During the year we undertook a 9-month research on the impact of renewable energy and other investments on indigenous people across four counties.
- Baseline Survey Report on the impacts of renewable energy on communities Traversing across Marsabit, Samburu, Laikipia, Nyandarua, Baringo and Narok Counties, selected community resource persons interviewed communities impacted by Yamo Dam, Lake Turkana Wind Farm, Baringo- Silali Geothermal and Loiyangalani – Suswa Ketraco Powerline and government officials revealing that State duty to protect human rights and corporate responsibility to respect human rights are farther from fulfilment than the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights anticipates.
- Concluded baseline exercise with 24 communities to collect information on community boundaries and presence leading to community land maps and community biocultural maps and calendars.



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Solutions will not be found while Indigenous people are treated as victims for whom someone else must find solutions.

Malcolm Fraser

Thematic Area 5:

SUPPORTING COLLABORATIONS AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE ACROSS SHARED LANDSCAPES



During this year, our target project areas experienced rainfall in the late part of the year and therefore there was prolonged drought that necessitated pastoral communities to move beyond their borders in search of grass and water. Therefore, there were little incidences of conflicts reported, however the

situation was unbearable for the pastoralists during the prolonged drought.

Areas that needed strategic peace interventions include Samburu West – Tiatia East sub-county border, Isiolo north – Laikipia North border, Isiolo North and Samburu East.

In the peace program, we have been implementing two projects in the year 2023 including:

1. Promoting peace through Inclusive Community Dialogues to Strengthen Natural Resource Governance among the Pastoral Communities of Laikipia, Isiolo, Marsabit and Samburu County.
2. Building drought resilience for pastoralist and agropastoral communities in Samburu and Isiolo Counties (Outcome 1 - Communities and their institutions' capacity to promote peace and lead in conflict prevention, transformation and reconciliation are strengthened)



Achievements:

- Conducted 7 Conflict analysis through Stakeholders' engagement and peace meetings in the project areas to find ways to promote early warning mechanisms and community dialogue strategies.
- Conducted 8 Trainings on peace building and conflict resolution to Increase awareness of community institution.
- Facilitated 4 Inter community dialogues meetings - Communities were able to resolve pertinent issues affecting them through meetings.
- Conducted 8 Community sensitization meetings on natural resource management and review of grazing agreements.
- Held 3 peace ambassadors meeting to share updates, challenges, and successes of the peace initiatives to inform the ongoing interventions.
- Trained 90 camel keepers and milk vendors on incorporating conflict sensitivity into business practices.
- Reached 1,329 people through the 11th Edition of Ewaso Ng'iro Camel Caravan that brought together communities and stakeholders within the Ewaso Nyiro North Ecosystem to promote collective measures on conservation and restoration of the ecosystem.
- Reached 635 people on the International Day of Peace at Baragoi, Samburu County bringing together peace actors and communities to reflect on peace processes in the region and call for peaceful co-existence and sharing of resources.

Challenges

1. Environmental Challenges:

- Prolonged droughts and El-Niño rains led to water scarcity, destruction of crops, and displacement of communities.
- The spread of invasive species in the landscape, despite community and partner interventions.
- Heavy rains increased river volumes, rendering some areas inaccessible.

2. Wildlife and Livestock Interference:

- Wildlife and livestock interference on community lands affected grass regeneration.
- Human-wildlife conflicts led to crop destruction and beehive damage.

3. Resource and Financial Constraints:

- Limited funds hindered to meet the community over expectations, the upkeep, and the implementation at larger scale.
- Seasonal buying price fluctuations.
- Insufficient research data on certain invasive species impeded their control and eradication.

4. Community and Social Challenges:

- Resource-based conflicts along boundaries adversely affected community harmony.
- Community concerns about biocultural mapping interfering with existing partners and investors.
- Lack of harmonization of community opinions and priorities versus local leadership regarding land boundaries and registration.
- Security concerns in certain regions posed significant risks to staff and community organizations.

5. Government and Political Issues:

- Low political prioritization in some counties hindered progress in community land registration.



6. Disease Outbreaks:

- The outbreak of the blue tongue disease in the Mukogodo forest after livestock from other counties moved in.

7. Legal and Human Rights Issues:

- Frustrations over unending court battles in the communities affected by Lake Turkana Wind Farm.
- Multi-layered challenges affect the realization of human rights in respect to business investments, including unregistered community land, overlapping interests in project lands, intra-community conflicts, and unclear land valuation parameters.

8. Conflict and Security Issues:

- Conflicts due to drought and the increase of livestock from Isiolo and Samburu counties within the forest sparked conflicts due to inadequate resources. Cases of banditry were also high due to competition over resources.
- The complexity of conflict trends makes it difficult for stakeholders and communities to address them.
- Inter-ethnic resource-based conflicts worsened the insecurity situation and weakened the trust among communities in the project areas.
- Community internal boundary issues disrupted the harmonization and peaceful co-existence among and between community members.

9. Infrastructure Issues:

- Poor road network, especially in the rainy seasons, affected the implementation of activities.

Opportunities

1. Stakeholder Engagement and Support:

- Increase coordination initiatives in the landscape to assist in leveraging funds efforts and learnings for better impacts at the community level.
- Conduct comprehensive county-specific stakeholder engagements to streamline community land registration processes and reduce land boundary conflicts.

2. Cultural and Social Considerations:

- Recognize and support the changing role of women in pastoral communities through deeper engagements and targeted capacity development initiatives.
- Rolled out application of FPIC across all interventions and enhance full understanding of their impacts in the community and their landscapes.

3. Knowledge and Education:

- Conduct extensive sensitization on non-conventional/new value chains before fully rolling out the implementation plan.
- Review the interventions identified at the planning period based on the changing priorities of the target communities.

4. Environmental and Seasonal Factors:

- Utilize indigenous knowledge in addressing a variety of interventions including human wildlife conflict.
- Strengthen community capacity on land rehabilitation, water use and management practices and other natural resource management practices to propel land restoration and enhance thriving ecosystems.



5. Peace and Conflict Resolution:

- Recognize that peace is a process and requires time to realize the outcomes.
- Strengthen alternative justice system mechanisms to reduce conflict related to natural resource management.
- Integrate Peace programs in other livelihood interventions to address the drivers of conflict in a holistic manner, considering the diversity of community priorities.
- Foster continuous partnerships and collaborations to reduce conflicts and promote cohesion.
- Strengthen early warning mechanisms to prevent conflict incidences before they occur.

6. Land Management and Registration:

- Recognize and further support the Community Land Management Committee model as a legal customary institution and a link between the community and development partners.
- Heavily invest resource and time to Support the community land registration process and land use plans as it can be expensive, tedious and lengthy.



Collective Actions: Local Events

Ewaso Nyiro Camel Caravan 2023

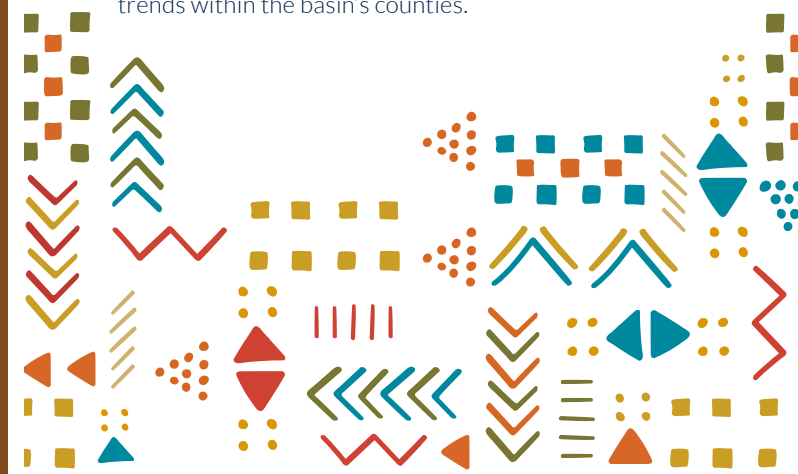


In partnership with Isiolo Peace Link, Merti Integrated Development Program (MID-P), and Ewaso Ng'iro North River Basin Development Authority (ENNDA), the 2023 Edition of the Camel Caravan was held in Isiolo County covering a distance 150+ Kms and disseminating important Conservation and peace messages to communities from Gafarsa, Malka Daka, Barambate, Gotu, Archer Post Complex and in the final convening.

The 2023 edition's theme, 'Collective Conservation and Restoration of Ewaso Ng'iro North Ecosystem,' resonated with the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration's goal to empower marginalized groups like indigenous people, women, and youth to actively participate in ecosystem restoration effort. The Camel Caravan's focused on engaging communities along the river's course to endorse action plans for the ecosystem's protection and restoration is a strategic approach to achieving SDG 6.

The initiative's call for a capacity needs assessment and the development of a central data system for the Ewaso Ng'iro river will provide valuable insights for policy-making and strategic development. This data-driven approach is essential for the effective restoration and protection of the Ewaso Ng'iro ecosystem.

Moreover, the engagement of all stakeholders to create a roadmap for SDG 6 achievement highlights the importance of collaborative efforts and the review of catchment action plans to reflect new development trends within the basin's counties.



Community Land Summit – Maralal, Samburu County



Achievement Community Land Summit

Over 200 indigenous people community delegates participated in the dialogue, with plenary sessions organized to deliberate on critical issues.

The Community Land Summit 2023 was a significant event that took place in November in Maralal, Samburu County. Co-convened by IMPACT Kenya and PARAN Alliance, the summit focused on gender equality and the autonomy of women and youths in rangelands management, for a sustainable pastoralist economy.

The summit provided a strategic avenue for indigenous peoples and local communities to discuss inclusivity in land governance, advocate for indigenous peoples' land tenure rights, and explore opportunities for income-generating interventions in community lands.

Over 200 indigenous people's community delegates participated in the dialogue, with plenary discussions organized to deliberate on critical issues such as land tenure rights, gender equality in land ownership, renewable energy, conservation, and eco-tourism.

Collective Actions: Local Events

Legal Aid Caravan



While the complexity of land in Kenya dates to colonialism, intersecting factors shaped through an insufficient legal framework, marginalization of indigenous peoples' landscapes and the drive for economic development has continually threatened land tenure system of indigenous peoples in Kenya.

IMPACT has been supporting communities over the years with historical land injustices both through facilitating legal fees, pursuance of cases at various relevant institutions, community mobilization and advocacy. These historical injustices among other legal issues coupled with challenges to access legal representation contribute to exacerbating inequality of indigenous communities.

To execute the partnership established with Strathmore Law Clinic with an objective of leveraging on their pro bono services to support emerging and ongoing cases, a legal aid caravan was implemented across Laikipia and Samburu Counties targeting Loosuk, Maralal and Ilpolei areas.

The legal Aid Caravan reached over 300 communities across the Counties; with 65 cases brought to the attention of Advocates present.

Legal Aid Caravan **300** 2023 **65.0** CASES

Community Land Act Workshop



Community Land Act is a policy that gave hopes to the indigenous communities as remedy to their longstanding challenges on communal land management, however, with the policy there is still eminent gaps in the overall management. During the year we brought together partners and experts on land related matters to discuss the gaps under the Community Land Act 2016. The key objectives of the convening were:

- To analyze changes in land relations within and among communities, including gender and age relations and changes in land management institutions.

- To explore key factors at different scales driving the changes in land relations that are affecting the communal management of land; and
- To explore complex nuances of customary land tenure and the extent to which the Community Land Act 2016, in its present form, effectively bestows and protects customary rights.

Key Takeaways:

- The profound – and paradoxical – attachment which communities have to land ownership remains evident. Community land ownership in Kenya has not always yielded the results that could have been hoped for. In particular, there are numerous issues with the community registration process and with mapping the boundaries of each community's land claims while compounded by emerging investment trends that ought to be investigated, explored and discussed at length.

International Events

MEETING	OBJECTIVES
Inter- Learning Exchange on Indigenous – Led Renewable Energy Systems Penampang, Sabah, Malaysia , January 9th – 11th, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a platform for exchange for indigenous communities on the basics of small-scale renewable energy systems and indigenous-led innovations on renewable energy. To establish a pool of practitioners on community led renewable energy among indigenous peoples.
UN Water Conference New York, USA, March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To engage with partners on water and sanitation in scaling up community interventions To share best practices experiences of the RESTORE project- looking at shifting the power of resource management from organizations to communities-Locally led interventions
Carbon credit and conservation workshop. Freetown, Sierra Leone, June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build background knowledge on the above-mentioned topics and create space for peer exchange about ongoing work in Kenya and Sierra Leon.
Summer Academy Workshops on Land, Security and Climate Caux Palace, Switzerland, 16th – 22nd July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To strengthen climate resilience of conflict-affected and vulnerable communities. To participate in the 2023 Caux Forum event dubbed “Healing the Wounds of the Past”.
African Forum for Business and Human Rights Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, August 2023	Bringing together all actors with a role and an interest in advancing the business and human rights agenda in Africa.
The Alliance for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities for Conservation in Africa (AICA) Windhoek, Namibia, 25th -27th October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To launch the Alliance for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities for Conservation in Africa, discuss its strategy and explore opportunities for partnership to support the implementation of the IP and LC Strategy (2023-2027) with development partners and conservation organizations. To demonstrate community conservation practices and associated knowledge systems, under a progressive format for sharing and learning. To launch and share the preliminary findings of a new RRI study on community-led and rights-based approaches to conservation in Africa. To influence IP and LCs inclusion and recognition in the implementation of the international strategies such as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the Nagoya Protocol, the Free, Prior and Informed Consent tool of the United Nations, and the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity’s goals and targets. To call for the inclusion of IPs and LCs in the development of the national biodiversity strategies and actions plans for each country in the region. To increase direct and consistent funding for IPs and LCs, including women and youth, for nature conservation that is inclusive of all landscapes.

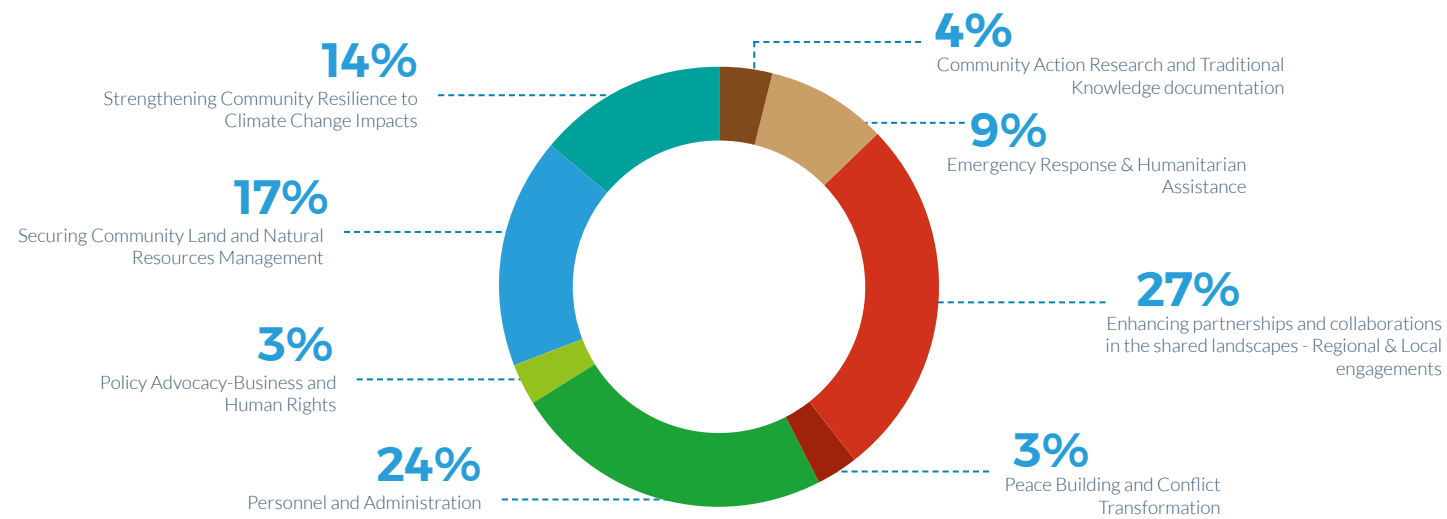
MEETING	OBJECTIVES
COP 28 ExpoCity, Dubai, 24th November to 7th December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitative working group meeting. The Indigenous Caucasus meeting. IMPACT presentation through Alliance for IP and LCs for Conservation in Africa at Indigenous people pavilion on direct climate financing as means of strengthening community and landscape resilience and adaptation
Development of the AU Pastoralism Hub Lusaka, Zambia, 17th to 21st December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is meant to provide a platform for collaboration, coordination, and knowledge sharing between African countries, with the aim of reducing transhumance-related conflicts, promoting sustainable pastoralism, and ensuring peaceful coexistence between pastoralists and settled communities.

Financial Summary



Financials in KES

Organisational Support Per Theme	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Community Action Research and Traditional Knowledge Documentation	10,382,353.40	4%
Emergency Response and Humanitarian Assistance	22,960,734.00	9%
Enhancing partnerships and Collaborations in Shared Landscapes - Regional and Local Engagements	70,048,396.13	27%
Peace Building and Conflict Tranformation	8,817,897.00	3%
Personnel and Administration	63,646,390.31	24%
Policy Advocacy-Business and Human Rights	6,872,130.11	3%
Securing Community Land and Natural Resource Management	43,615,473.14	17%
Strengthening Community Resilience to Climate Change Impacts	37,707,197.40	14%
Total:	264,050,571.49	100%



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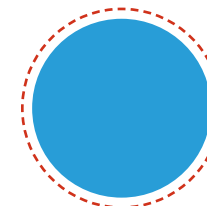
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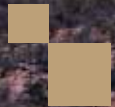


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