



# IMPACT

Indigenous Movement For Peace Advancement  
& Conflict Transformation

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*ENDURING INDIGENOUS LEGACY, INSPIRED BY ANCESTRAL WISDOM.*



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A WORD FROM THE  
CEO

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IMPACT Kenya's work delivers tangible, life-changing results for Indigenous communities. We've secured 1.7 million acres of communal land and supported 48 groups comprising over 2,000 participants in eco-enterprises, directly enhancing the lives and livelihoods of thousands. These achievements are more than numbers— they represent real people reclaiming their land and heritage and shaping their futures. From a Maasai woman leading a beekeeping enterprise to a youth group restoring degraded rangelands, we're witnessing the power of Indigenous-led change. As we celebrate these successes, we recognize their broader significance. Indigenous wisdom, applied in local context, offers insights into global challenges. Our community-led conservation efforts contribute to the larger fight against climate change. Our work in sustainable livelihoods demonstrates alternative economic models. Looking ahead, we envision a future where Indigenous voices shape policies, traditional knowledge guides conservation efforts, and sustainable, culturally rooted economies take root and thrive. To drive this vision forward, we've strengthened our foundations. Our expanded, diverse board brings critical expertise and community representation. We are also investing in our team's capacity, ensuring they're equipped to meet evolving challenges and opportunities in our sector. This vision is ambitious but achievable through collective action. Your partnership is crucial as we scale our impact and forge new alliances. Together, we're preserving cultures and cultivating solutions that benefit humanity. Join us in this vital work. Every acre secured, every enterprise launched, every policy influenced brings us closer to a world where Indigenous wisdom helps chart the course for a sustainable future. Toward meaningful change.

MALI OLE KAUNGA  
CEO & FOUNDER – IMPACT KENYA

WHO WE ARE  
HISTORY

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Rooted in Advocacy

Founded in 1995 as OSILIGI, a local Indigenous youth-led movement, the organization transformed into IMPACT Trust in 2002 in Laikipia District. Its mission is to promote the rights of Indigenous Peoples. The movement emerged to address human rights violations against pastoralist communities. IMPACT Kenya has since become a vital force in community development, governance, land rights, and policy advocacy.

Strengthening Through Knowledge

IMPACT Kenya supports Indigenous communities by strengthening local institutions' knowledge and capacity and advocating for the defense of land, resources, and dignity enshrined in the Kenyan Constitution.

Championing Indigenous Rights

IMPACT Kenya prioritizes marginalized groups, aligning with national and global frameworks to defend land rights and redress historical injustices for Indigenous

WHAT WE DO

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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 can stand up for and defend their human, land, and natural resource rights.



# ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

- ACC - Assistant County Commissioner
- AICA - The Alliance for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities for Conservation in Africa
- BCM- Biocultural Maps
- BCP- Biocultural Protocol
- CECM - County Executive Committee Member
- CFA - Community Forest Association
- CFC-Community Framework of Cooperation
- CLA - Community Land Act
- CLOAK - Community Landowners Alliance of Kenya
- CLMCs - Community Land Management Committees
- CoK- Constitution of Kenya
- COP - Conference of Parties
- CSOs - Civil Society Organizations
- DCC - Deputy County Commissioner
- CLS - Community Land Summit
- ICI - Inclusive Conservation Initiative
- FPIC - Free Prior and Informed Consent
- IPLCS - Indigenous People and Local Communities
- LAIGWANAK – Tradition Maa age-set leaders.
- NLC – National Land Commission
- WRUA - Water Resource Users Association
- RESTORE - Resilience Enhancement and Support through Transformational Opportunities & Resources for Enabling of communities.
- RTF – Reversing the Flow
- VSLA – Village Savings and Lending Association
- CCPP- contagious caprine plural pneumonia
- PPR- Peste des petits ruminant



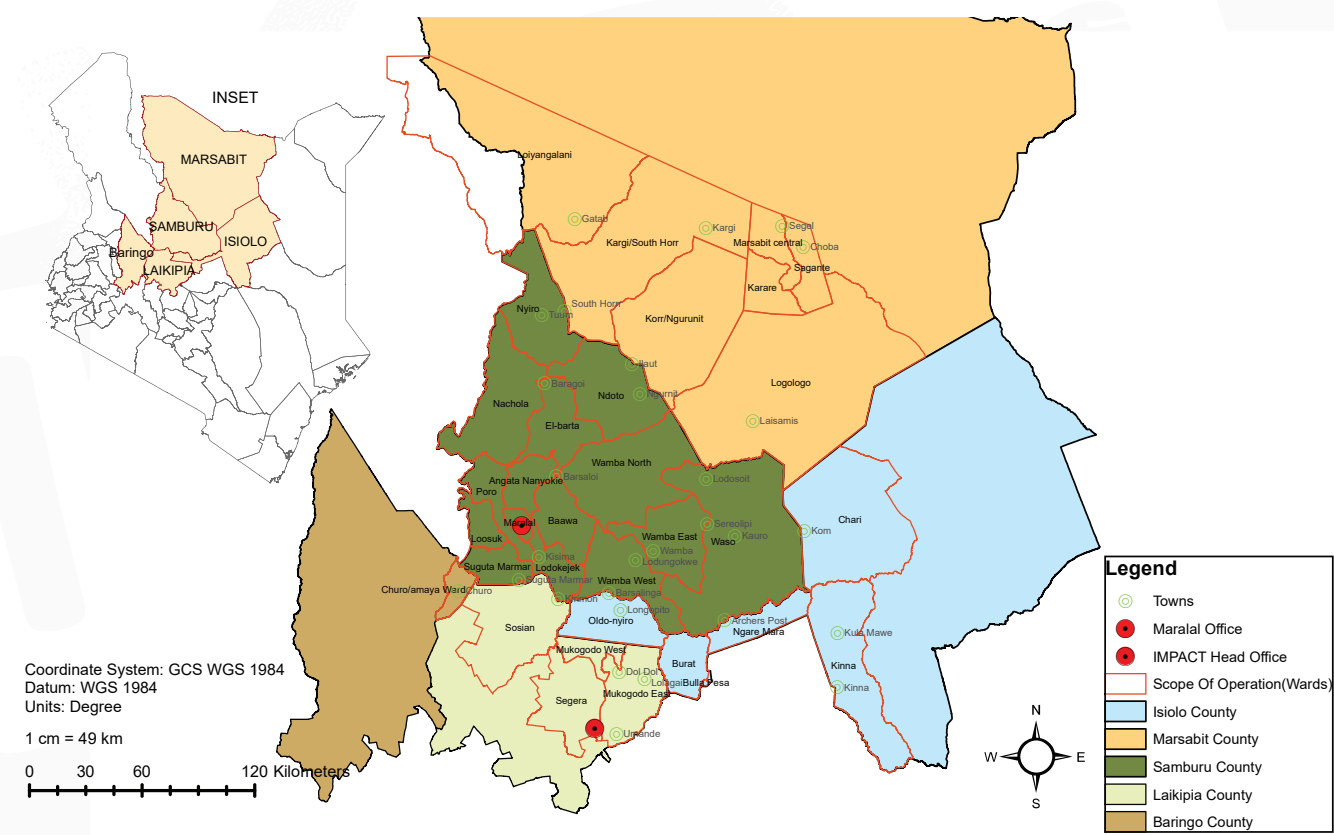


NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

6 counties engaged in all our projects Marsabit, Isiolo, Nakuru, Baringo Laikipia and Samburu counties.



OUR PRESENCE



6 land use plans developed covering 131,929 hectares of land secured land: 5 in Samburu County and 1 in Laikipia County.

3 policy processes supported: (A manifesto on inclusive conservation, a peace and cohesion policy drafting, review and validation in Samburu County and Environmental Action Plan drafting supported in Laikipia County).

Ksh 38.516M disbursed / sub-granted to 19 community groups

187,209 sheep and goats vaccinated against CCPP, PPR and sheep and goat pox

1760 Galla goats restocked in 4 wards in Samburu, Laikipia and Isiolo Counties.

22 communities supported developing 44 Biocultural Maps and 1 biocultural protocol developed in Mt. Nyiro.

Our work focuses on the counties of Northern Kenya- namely; Isiolo, Laikipia, Marsabit, Samburu, and some parts of Turkana .These counties are home to a significant number of Kenya's Indigenous communities, the majority of whom are pastoralists and hunter gatherers. Historically, Northern Kenya region and its Indigenous Peoples have faced systemic marginalization, both during the colonial era and in post-independent period. The predominantly communal and customary nature of these communities' results in them being vulnerable to exploitation and displacement as well as short-changed access to the accrued benefits from a wide variety of natural resources. Competition over critical resources (primarily water and pasture) combined with periodic incidences of cattle rustling have fueled recurring inter and intra often led community conflicts in the region. Despite these challenges, Indigenous communities in Northern Kenya have deep-rooted tradition of environmental stewardship, having coexisted with diverse wildlife and sustainably managed natural resources for generations. While vulnerable, Indigenous Peoples are by no means powerless.. Over the last 2 decades, , they have demonstrated increasing agency and collective action: asserting their They are rights, engaging in decision-making spaces and advancing their right to self-determination. The year, we continued working on these issues under our new strategic plan which 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.



# IMPACT IN 2024



## GOAL 1

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

IMPACT Kenya champions communal land rights by working with pastoralist communities in Northern Kenya to secure legal ownership of ancestral lands. Often spanning years, this process requires persistent effort and collaboration between communities and legal advocates. Through land registration and the development of Land Use Plans, IMPACT Kenya supports communities to safeguard their resources and assert their rights.

Each registered acre represents more than territory; it anchors cultural heritage, reinforces traditional knowledge, and ensures legal recognition of lands.

IMPACT Kenya has advocated for Indigenous land rights through legal aid and strategic litigation, defending communities from displacement and securing ancestral lands strategically utilizing the opportunities provided for under the CoK, and the CLA Cap.287.

IMPACT Kenya developed Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) tools to train and equip land and environmental defenders to protect their lands. Additionally, IMPACT Kenya continues to build collective power by contributing to legal aid, supporting community self-organization, conducting research, and leading global media advocacy campaigns. These efforts enable Indigenous communities to protect their rights and lands for generations.

### MILESTONES.

6 Land use plans developed [131,929 hectares of land] 5 in Samburu County and 1 in Laikipia County.

A total of 6028 participants reached (Male 3771 female 2057) during the registration of community land processes.

25 community wide meetings in 25 community lands conducted with the aim of sensitizing communities on CLA 2016 and related land laws, covering approximately 334,910 hectares in Laikipia, Samburu, Isiolo and Marsabit counties.

2 Radio talk show conducted on understanding the provisions of the Community Land Act Cap. 287.

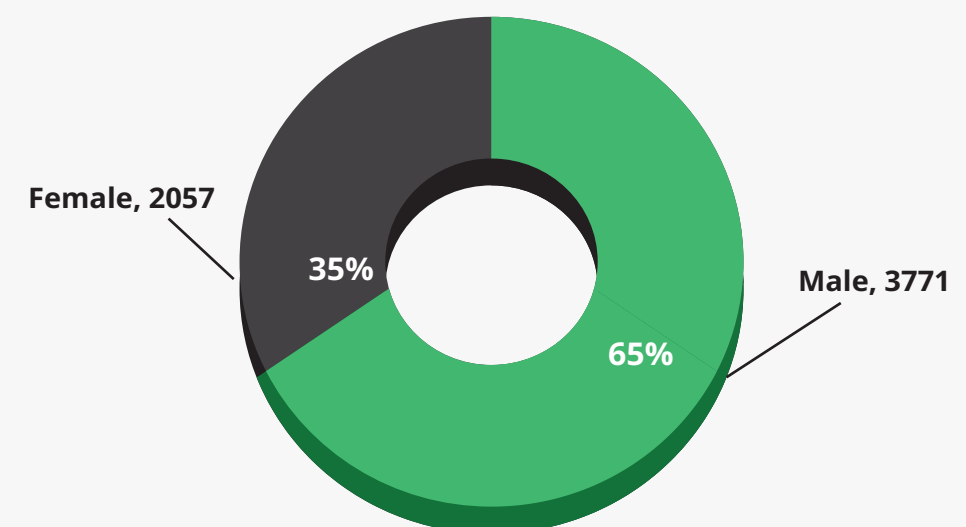
3 elections of Community land management committee (CLMCs) in the former trust lands supported in Loonjorin, Nkare Narok A and Nyiro-West

35 CLMC members trained in their roles and responsibilities as stipulated in the Act.

13 gender sensitive and inclusive bylaws drafted, reviewed and adopted.

2 stakeholder meetings held with the relevant County departments: (land adjudication office, NLC, Community land registrar, county planner and GIS, surveyor).

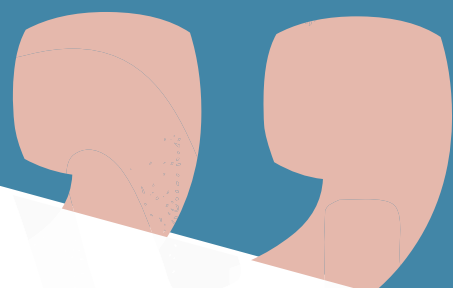
Participants engaged in collective rights securing by IP in communal land efforts





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# Pathways to Progress



The program, led by IMPACT Trust Kenya in partnership with NAMATI, is built on three guiding principles: Knowing the law, using the law, and shaping the law. It aims to empower indigenous and local communities to understand and utilize legal frameworks concerning land rights. The primary beneficiaries are communities residing in former Trust Lands and group ranches that were not dissolved in accordance with the Community Land Act (CLA) 2016 and the 2010 Constitution—the two key legal instruments governing community land in Kenya.

Under Article 63(3) of the Constitution and Section 6 of the CLA 2016, unregistered community land is held in trust by county governments. However, such land remains vulnerable to abuse, including large-scale land grabbing and forced government acquisition. The CLA emphasizes the community's role in overseeing and protecting these lands from unauthorized transfer or privatization.

Through training and legal empowerment, the program supports communities in securing their collective customary land rights. This includes guiding them through the registration process and ensuring their active participation in land governance. The initiative seeks to safeguard community land from exploitation while enhancing long-term wellbeing and self-determination.

“Legal empowerment can help us understand the process of land registration and the laws to be followed, we thank so much IMPACT-Kenya program for the legal education provided to us” ~ Richard Lemarkat CLMCs chairperson Nyiro-west community land.

“Through IMPACT-Kenya project it as opens our eyes on land matters and we can now know our rights and ways of lobbying and advocating them under the Kenyan laws” ~ Kapiris Lepatoyie a member of CLMC committee Nyiro-west.



# GOAL 2

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



IMPACT Kenya supports Global, Regional, National and Grass root level policy initiatives that seek to address historical marginalization and exclusion of Indigenous Peoples to self-determine, land ownership; access and control, and decision making. Our approach is centered around leveraging partnerships with strategic government institutions, civil society organizations, multilateral organizations and communities. Creating opportunities of IPs to directly engage policymakers and increase their visibility in policy development, and implementation.

In 2024 impact, we developed East African Pastoralists Strategy; this was developed to establish and strengthen cross-border pastoralist's mobility with the end goal of informing the development of an East African Pastoralism Policy.

We consolidated community views on the carbon market regulations to the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry. We also supported communities to submit a petition to parliament on the registration of community lands.

## MILESTONES.

- 8 renewable energy companies trained on their corporate responsibility.
- 1 Legal aid caravan conducted, reaching 238 Male 119, Female 119 and 31 Cases recorded
- 1 peace and cohesion policy drafting, review and validation Supported in Samburu County. 1 County Environmental Action Plan drafting supported in Laikipia County
- Supported communities to develop A Manifesto of Inclusive Conservation to foster a shared understanding of inclusive conservation among relevant stakeholders
- Submitted comments on carbon market regulations to the Ministry of Environment Climate change and Forestry
- Engaged in legal and policy framework dialogue for IPs and marginalized communities organized by National Gender Equality Commission (NGEC)

431 people reached in Business and Human Rights activities (183 male 248 female) through

**People Engaged in Business Human Rights Activities**

MALE 183

FEMALE 248

# GOAL 3

STRENGTHENING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' LIVELIHOODS AND PROMOTING HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS

For the Indigenous communities we partner with, thriving livelihoods are deeply rooted in sustainable relationships with natural resources. This makes secure access to land not just an economic necessity but a cornerstone of cultural identity and climate resilience. At IMPACT Kenya, our approach centers on securing communal land tenure rights, ensuring communities can sustainably steward their ancestral territories while preserving traditional knowledge and self-determination. By strengthening Indigenous institutions and prioritizing their governance systems, we empower communities to protect their resources and chart their own development pathways.



Indigenous women and youth are at the heart of this transformation. They lead locally driven economic initiatives that are nature-based enterprises, that harmonize cultural heritage with innovation. These activities are designed to generate sustainable income, reduce vulnerability to climate shocks, and foster environmental stewardship. For example, traditional agroecological practices are revitalized to enhance food security, while community-led ecotourism projects create livelihoods that value and protect ecosystems.



MILESTONES.

- 66 Groups trained on nature-based and social enterprises; Women & Youth groups; Cricket Rearing, Bee Keeping, Agroecology, Tree Nurseries, Beadworks, VSLA, Gums and raisins collection and Kitchen gardening.
- 6,530,600Ksh generated by community groups from nature-based and social enterprises.
- 100 acres of invasive species cleared, and 235 acres reseeded by creating 14,100 semicircular bunds with Perennial grasses under direct restoration.
- IMPACT supported sustainable pastoralism and landscape resilience of people, livestock and wildlife through the restoration of degraded rangelands:
  - 100 acres of invasive species cleared, and 235 acres reseeded by creating 14,100 semicircular bunds with Perennial grasses under direct restoration.
  - 88,252.69 Acres covered (Nyiro 974.83 acres, Wamba west 16,240.75 Acres, Mukogodo West 6,254.8 Acres, Mukogodo East 3,490.67 Acres, Burat 1,976.84 Acres, 45,714 Chari, 13,590.8 Oldonyiro) in guided conservation and restoration interventions.

335 Acres of Land restored through direct restoration



- 18 acres fenced and 10 acres cultivated in Musul Community Land and Nasila self-help group 8 Acres for fodder production.
- 2,092 fodder bales harvested and stored communally for subsidized sale at Nasila by self-help group in Arjiju and Musul community land.



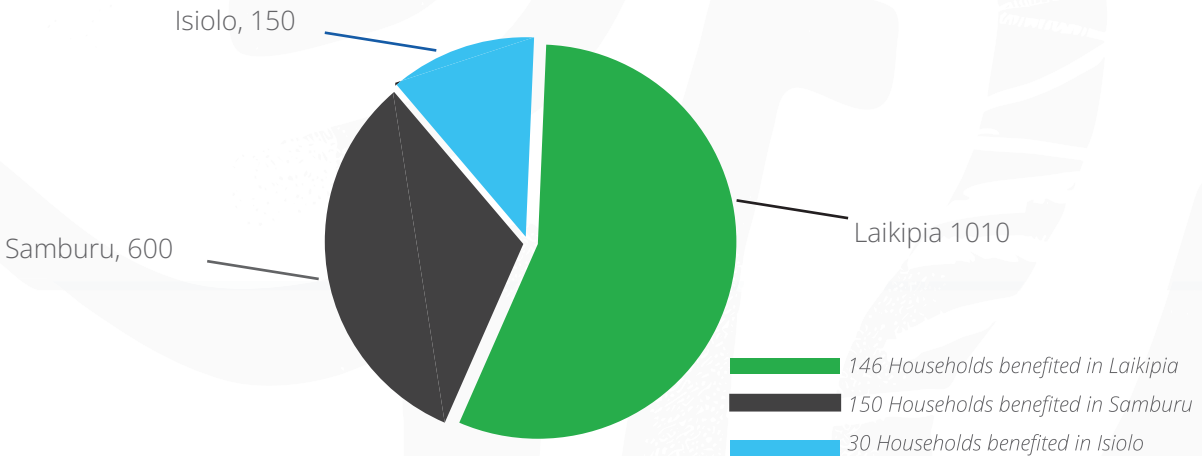
18 acres of land put into fodder production for dry spell mitigation and seeding production  
2092 bales of fodder harvested from the field and stored communally

- Livestock restocking and vaccination campaigns; 1760 Galla goats distributed to 326 vulnerable households to strengthen and secure pastoralism livelihood systems and restore dignity among vulnerable members of the community : 1010 goats distributed across Mukogodo East and West wards in Laikipia North sub-county, 600 in Wamba West of Samburu County, and 150 in Oldonyiro ward of Isiolo.



- 187,209 sheep and goats vaccinated against CCPP, PPR and sheep and goat pox in Laikipia
- 23 Community Disease Reporters trained and equipped on continuous monitoring on animal health and disease surveillance.

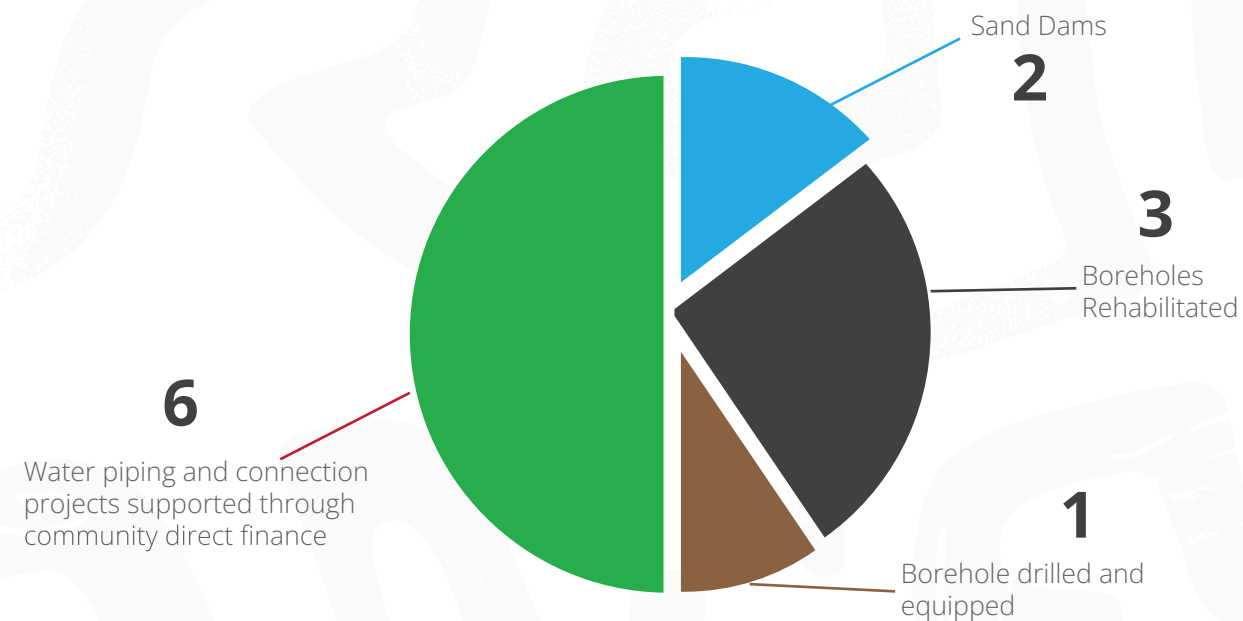
Galla goats Restocked per County



- Water access projects implemented to reduce time wasted in accessing distant waterpoints and use that time to do support and diversify their livelihoods.
  - 3 boreholes rehabilitated in Ilpolei/Munishoi border, Katunga and Leparua.
  - 1 borehole drilled and equipped in Shulmai



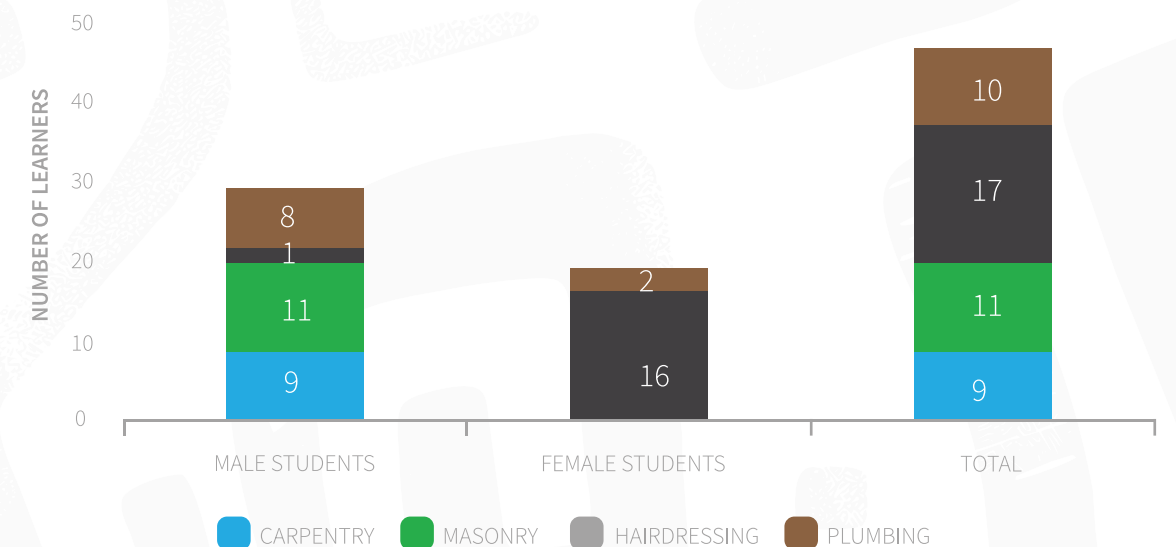
- 6 water piping and connection projects supported in Osirwa, Olokirisiai, Maiyianat, Westland's, Nabulu and Koija.
- 2 Sand dams constructed, one supporting 3 community lands Ilpolei, Munishoi and Murupusi and 1 serving Iingwesi community land.



- Pastoralists especially women and youth lack access to financial opportunities, through Rasilimali Sacco, we are able to offer tailor made access to financial opportunities.
  - 3,500,000+ Ksh Million disbursed in loans to 2 Groups and 26 Individuals.
  - Increase in membership from 171 individual members in 2023 to 552 individuals and 42 registered groups in 2024
- To access learning facilities, gain hands on skills and to increase the employability of indigenous youth, we supported the establishment of the Youth, culture and Livelihood: Maiyianat Indigenous Youth Life skills, Arts, Culture development Centre:
  - 5 Acres of Maiyianat community land was set aside by the community for the construction of the center.
  - 47 (29M, 18F) students sat for their NITA assessment: (carpentry 9 (M), Masonry 11(M), Hairdressing ,17 (1M, 16F) Plumbing 10 (8M,2F)).



### LEARNERS WHO SAT FOR THEIR NITA ASSESSMENT IN MAYIANAT YOUTH LIFESKILLS CENTRE IN 2024



- Complimentary livelihoods:
  - Total of 380 beehives distributed to youth and women groups: ( 120 in Nyiro ward, 40 Waso ward, 140 Mukogodo east, 40 Mukogodo west, 40 Opiroi- Baawa ward), 720+ kgs of honey harvested in Marsabit, Isiolo, Samburu and Laikipia.

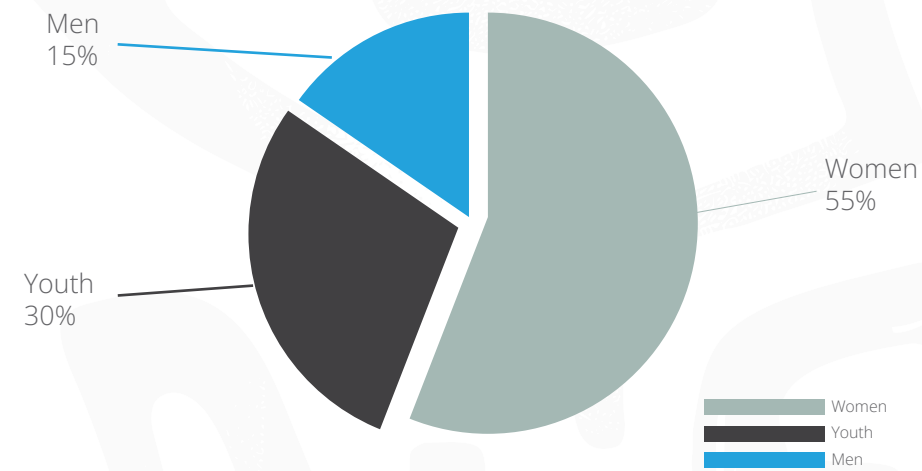


- 50 complete harvesting gears distributed to the same group (15 Nyiro, 5 Waso, 15 M. East, 5 M. West, 10 Opiroi)
- 61 groups trained on agroecology with 55% of participants being women, 30% youth, and 15% men, with 5 shade nets installed to support the initiative.



- 35 kitchen gardens established by women in Laikipia and Samburu

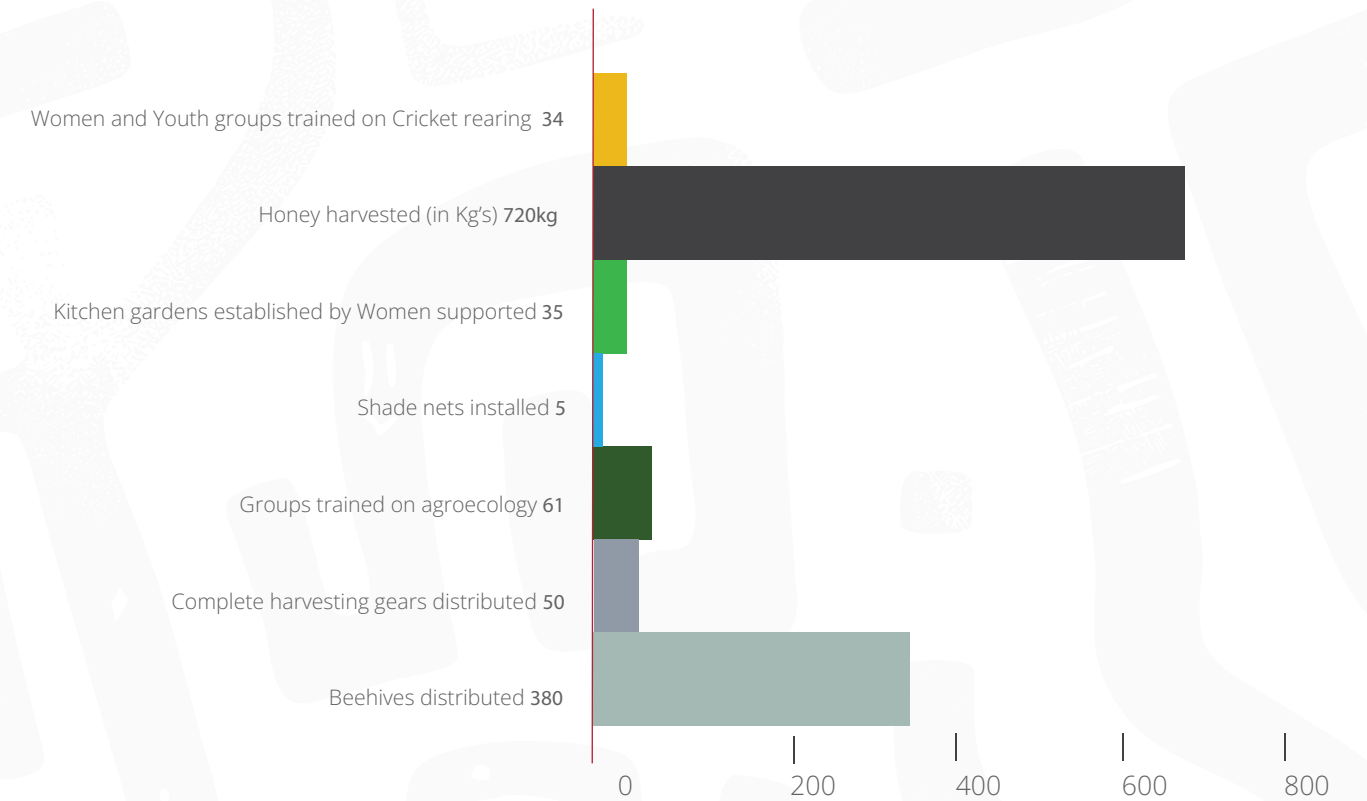
Proportions of agroecology trainings attendance



- 689 community members drawn from 34 youth and women groups trained on Cricket rearing: (158 – Samburu, 177 – Isiolo, 176 – Laikipia 178- Marsabit).

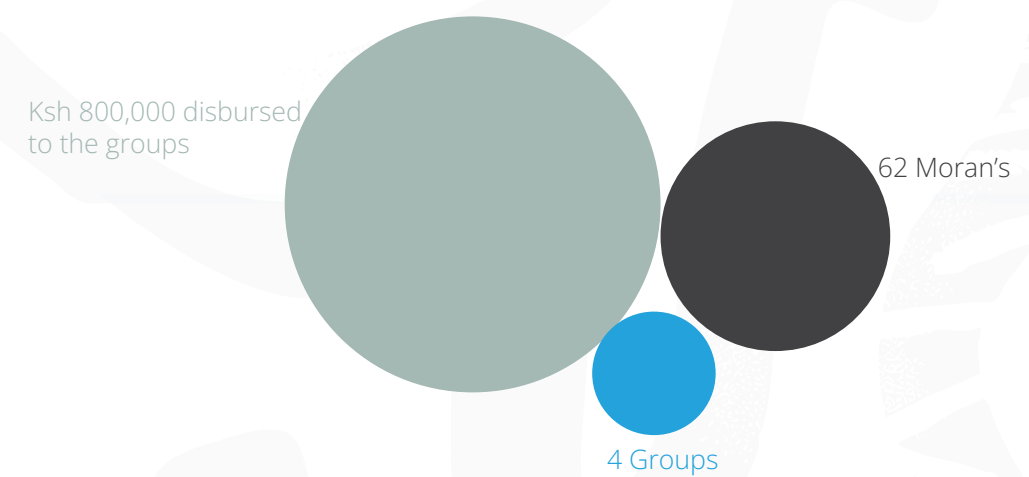


Complimentary livelihood Achievements in 2024



- 4 peace ambassadors Moran groups (62 Male ) supported to engage in alternative sources of livelihood.

Livelihood support to reformed Moran





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# Voices of Transformation

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## Youth Empowerment and Gender Inclusion

### Thomas Lengolia's Journey into Hairdressing

In Seek village, Laikipia North, Thomas Lengolia challenged gender norms by pursuing hairdressing, traditionally seen as a female-only profession. Through a three-month apprenticeship at the Maiyanat Indigenous Youth Life Skills, Arts, and Culture Development Centre (MIYLACDC), he mastered both modern and indigenous styling techniques. Despite initial skepticism, he gained community recognition after an impressive public assessment. Thomas now aims to launch a mobile salon business, inspiring other young men to break stereotypes and pursue diverse careers.

## Water Access and Climate Resilience

### Rehabilitation of Ntumot Borehole (Twala II)

Under the SPARK Project, IMPACT Kenya and the County Government restored the Ntumot Borehole, benefiting over 200 households and 3,000 livestock. Strategically placed in a dry-season grazing area, the borehole also supports wildlife like elephants, promoting peaceful coexistence. The community manages the resource sustainably through monthly MPESA contributions and training by Element Access International (EAI) on governance and maintenance. It is part of a broader effort to rehabilitate six more boreholes in four counties.

## Women's Economic Empowerment

### Abdia Golobo's Butchery Business in Isiolo

In Chari Ward, Isiolo County, Abdia Golobo, a pastoralist and member of the Ade Women Group's VSLA, turned a Ksh 3,000 loan into a thriving goat meat business. After receiving financial literacy training from IMPACT, she practiced disciplined saving and reinvestment, quickly expanding her customer base. Now a successful entrepreneur, Abdia supports her family and serves as a role model for other women, proving the transformative power of financial education and accessible credit.

## Community-Led Development and Sustainability

### RESTORE Project in Tiamamut Community

The Tiamamut Community, home to 2,500 people across four villages, faced chronic water shortages due to failed past projects. Through IMPACT Kenya's RESTORE initiative, they received Ksh 4 million to revive a borehole, install a 2.76 km pipeline, and set up water tanks for local schools and households. The project was fully community-managed, with locals deciding on adaptations like an extra water tank and rerouted lines to ease access for women. The initiative significantly reduced the distance for water collection and ensured smooth school operations, showcasing the power of community ownership and participatory development.



# GOAL 4

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

Sustainable land management is intrinsically tied to the deep connection between Indigenous wisdom and thriving ecosystems. This symbiotic relationship has been cultivated over generations, with Indigenous communities acting as stewards of the land upon which their very existence depends. Their traditional knowledge, honed through centuries of observation and practice, ensures the health and sustainability of these vital ecosystems.

IMPACT Kenya supports the preservation of Traditional Knowledge by assisting self-strengthening pastoralist communities. Through facilitating participatory mapping and research involving elders and community members, we work with communities to create biocultural maps and calendars that guide integrated land management.

By combining ancestral wisdom into modern conservation practices, these management plans ensure ecosystems harmonize with Indigenous aspirations, delivering local and global environmental benefits.



## MILESTONES.

- 44 Laigwanak (traditional Maa age-set leaders) engaged with an aim of revitalizing the traditional governance structures.
- 44 Biocultural Maps produced and validated for 22 community land (26 Laikipia, 10 Samburu and 8 Isiolo) to support resource sharing between communities and enhance indigenous conservation methods.
- 1 Biocultural protocol developed and validated for Nyiro.
- 7 indigenous groups engaged and consented the development of Biocultural Protocols (BCPs)





Indigenous groups engaged and consented for development of BCPs under ICI

- Lewaso
- Turkana
- Borana of Chari Ward
- Ilmoronyot
- Hdikiri
- Ilgvest
- Samburu of Isicilo
- Samburu of Wamba West Ward





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# Stories of Change

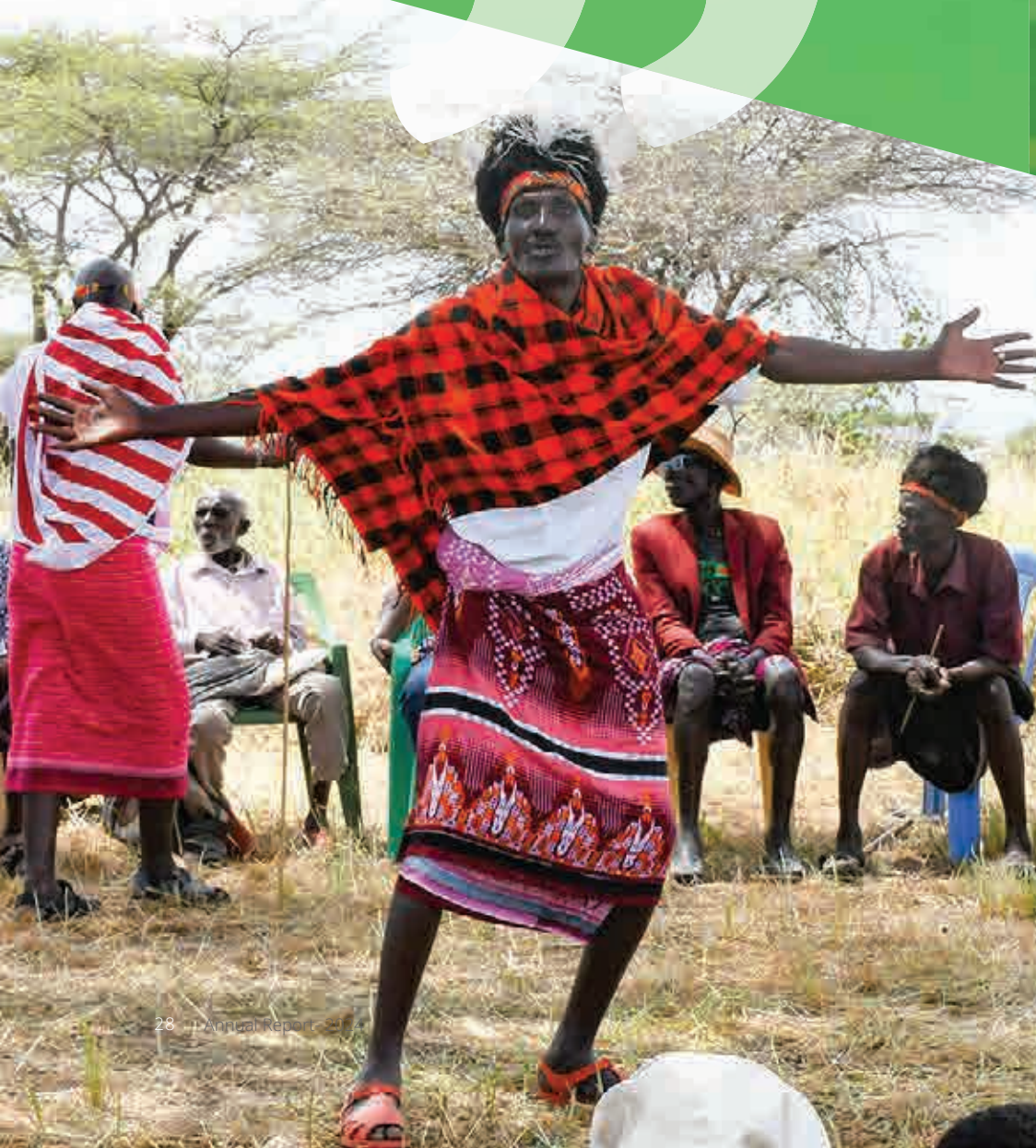


## Raphael Leparkiras, Chief of Tuum Location:

“As the Mt. Nyiro Community, we are deeply grateful to IMPACT-KENYA. Through both the land initiative and this forest project, IMPACT has truly become part of our community. By helping us formulate and document our traditional knowledge and history through the development of the Nyiro Biocultural Protocols, our heritage can now be preserved in written form for future generations.”

## Lpalaluan Lenkaak, Elder from Loruko Village:

“I would like to thank IMPACT for the incredible work being done in our area—especially this initiative on biocultural protocols, which documents our way of life. It’s also a participatory learning approach that uses sketch maps, allowing us to better understand and appreciate our surrounding environment and the biodiversity of the ecosystem we call home.”





# GOAL 5

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



Indigenous communities are driven by the power of collective action. Movements are united, amplify Indigenous voices, drive local, national, and international change as well as serving as catalysts for securing land rights, preserving traditional livelihoods, and protecting cultural identities.

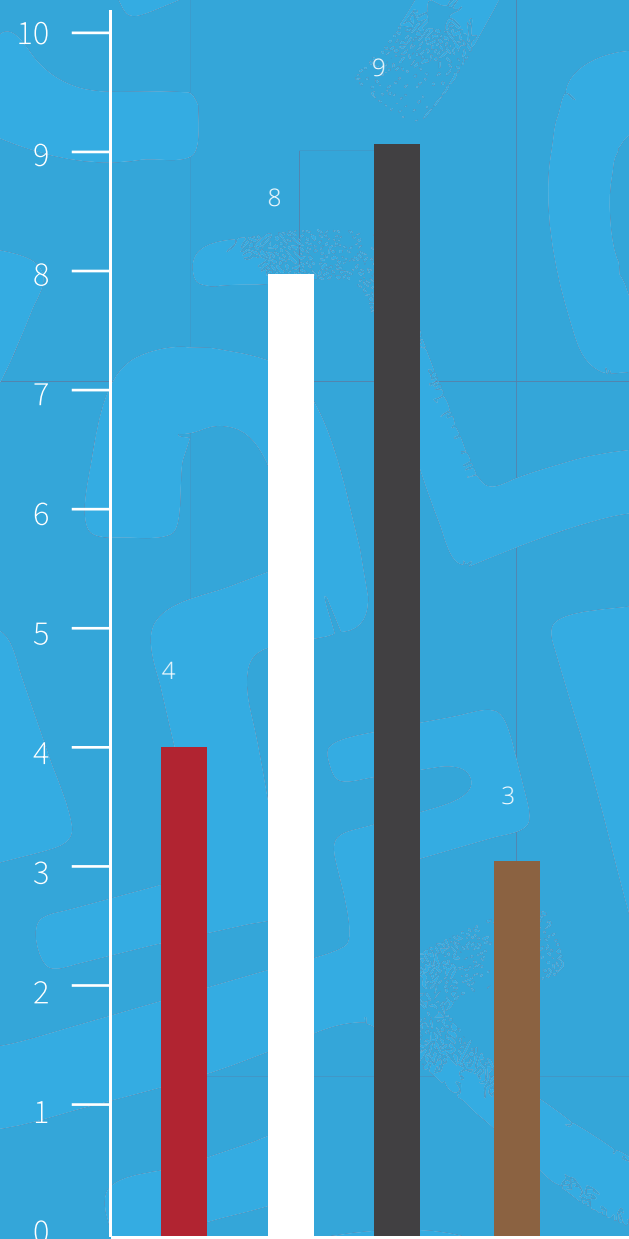
To strengthen dialogue and enhance peaceful coexistence among communities, IMPACT engaged in a number of activities:



- 3 quarterly coordination and planning meeting for peace activities within Samburu and Laikipia conducted (72Male, 21Female)
- Supported 9 intra and inter community peace dialogue meetings to enhance peaceful coexistence and sharing of natural resource.(967Male, 128Female ).
- Facilitated 8 resource sharing negotiations and review of grazing agreements and community framework of cooperation in Samburu north, Laikipia north, Oldonyiro ward and Waso ward. (679Male, 228 Female).
- Supported the review of 1 natural resource sharing and peace agreements.
- Supported 4 intra and inter community exchange visits reaching 526 participants for peaceful coexistence in Samburu (255: 189Male, 66 Female) and Isiolo (271: 201 Male, 70 Female)



## PEACE INTERVENTIONS IN 2024



Intra and inter community exchange visits for peaceful co-existence in Samburu North and Kipsing

Resource sharing negotiations and peace meetings in Samburu North, Laikipia North, Oldonyiro Ward and Waso Ward

Intra and inter community peace dialogue meeting

Quarters peace actors' coordination of meeting for Samburu and Laikipia



## “Collaborating for Impact”

IMPACT Kenya is spearheading transformative, community-driven initiatives across Laikipia, Isiolo, and Samburu counties, focusing on youth empowerment, improved water access, and women's financial independence. These efforts demonstrate the impact of inclusive, locally-led development solutions.

In Laikipia North's Seek village, Thomas Lengolia broke gender stereotypes by pursuing hairdressing—a field traditionally dominated by women. Through training at the Maiyanat Indigenous Youth Life Skills, Arts, and Culture Development Centre (MIYLACDC), Thomas learned both modern and traditional techniques. His determination and success have not only opened a new path for him but also inspired other young men to consider unconventional careers.

In Ilpolei, under the SPARK Project, the rehabilitation of the Ntumat Borehole (Twala II) has significantly improved water access for over 200 households, 3,000 livestock, and wildlife like elephants. The community manages the borehole through a monthly MPESA-based contribution system, following governance and maintenance training by Element Access International (EAI).

In Isiolo, Abdia Golobo from the Ade Women Group used a Ksh 3,000 loan from her Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) to launch a thriving goat meat butchery. With financial literacy skills gained through IMPACT, she successfully expanded her business and now supports her family while inspiring other women.

Through the RESTORE Project, the Tiamamut community in Laikipia revived a long-stalled borehole, installed a 2.76 km pipeline, and distributed water to schools and homes. The community-led approach ensured full ownership, adaptation, and long-term sustainability.

Together, these stories highlight IMPACT Kenya's commitment to fostering resilience, inclusion, and sustainable development through community empowerment.





# 2024 Through

## Gender Lens





In 2024, a total of 6028 (Male 3771 female 2057) of community members have been supported to understand their rights as enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya, CLA and other related laws, 13 community lands supported to develop and review gender “sensitive bylaws to ensure inclusivity in governance, use and access to natural resources, with improvement in women in leadership positions from 47 (2023) to 97 (2024) in 18 community lands.

50% of the rangeland restoration activity targets the youth, 48% targeting both women and men and 2% is to ensure inclusion of PWDs and elderly, given tasks such as control and management of *Opuntia stricta* and other invasive species maybe physically demanding. However, persons abled differently and the elderly are engaged in decision making and benefit sharing from restoration activities. Additionally, 9 women-led groups were reached in direct restoration initiatives spread across Laikipia and Samburu, with Ksh. 2million disbursed to these groups.

To promote diversification of revenue streams amongst women and youths this year; IMPACT has facilitated various training modules on financial literacy on VSLA for 40 groups with 85% of the groups targeted being women and 15% youth. Further, 15 women and youth groups engaged in complementary livelihood registered an annual income of Ksh 2, 429,700.

Facilitated and supported dialogues to strengthen women’s voices in various thematic areas such as land rights, livelihoods, policy advocacy and peace building through this year’s annual events of Community Land Summit, Camel Caravan, quarterly women bootcamp and International Women’s Day. The 4 events reached a total of 391 women across the 4 counties.

Deliberate efforts in attaining 50% participation and representation of women, youth and elders in all external and internal meetings has been achieved by : Conducting separate meetings for both men, youth, women in development of land use plans, BCMs, BCP, peace dialogues , (ii), identification of vocal women in each community as the lead mobilizers for meetings, (iii), creation of sessions for role plays and separate sessions as well as continuous sensitization on community bylaws and national laws on equality, as well as ensuring cultural and gender –sensitivity in our communication and engagements.





## Camel Caravan

Camel caravan is an annual advocacy event geared towards the responsible utilization and conservation of Ewaso Ngiro River and its ecosystem. The 2024 camel caravan focused on: "Shaping our vision on cultural heritage, pastoral livelihoods and biodiversity along Ewaso Ngiro North River Ecosystem." it brought together a total of 246 participants (178 male 68 Female) from Marsabit, Isiolo, Laikipia, Samburu and Nyandarua, geared towards uniting and celebrating diversity of communities through appreciation of different cultures.



## Community Land Summit

Community Land Summit (CLS) is an annual event that brings together indigenous peoples, policy makers, academia and researchers, civil society organizations and developmental partners to deliberate on key issues, directly affecting indigenous peoples' way of life. In 2024 the event theme focused on: "Enhancing Indigenous Peoples' Collective Bargaining Power Towards Carbon Markets." with an attendance of 323 participants (Male 199 Female 124). The outcome of the event, was the production of the report and Communique available on: [www.impactkenya.org/events/cls](http://www.impactkenya.org/events/cls)



## Legal Aid Caravan

The Legal Aid Caravan, a collaborative initiative by IMPACT Kenya and Strathmore Law Clinic, conducted a series of legal aid activities across Northern Kenya. This program is designed to address pressing legal needs, promote access to justice, and empower vulnerable communities by providing free legal assistance and education. The 2024 caravan targeted key locations in Isiolo county including; Ngare Mara, Leparua, Isiolo town, Kambi ya Juu, and Kiwanja. Each of these areas faces distinct socio-economic challenges, ranging from disputes over land and natural resources to access to basic services and the protection of human rights, making them critical hubs for intervention.







**IMPACT Kenya** works at multiple levels, from grassroots community-led actions to advancing large-scale structural change in collaboration with governments. By engaging policymakers, IMPACT Kenya ensures local movements translate into systemic, sustainable impact.

#### **Our Multilevel Approach**

We participate in Community, National, Regional and International processes. level movements to amplify the voices of Indigenous Peoples to create visibility and to showcase Indigenous Peoples' best practices in Climate change and resilience, Biodiversity Conservation, combating Desertification, Carbon Markets and Gender mainstreaming. We have supported in the convening of regional and national bodies that seek to address key priority issues affecting Indigenous Peoples regionally and further enhance solidarity.

#### **International Processes**

We actively participate in UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change), UNCBD (United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity), UNCCD (United Nations Convention on Climate Change and Desertification), CSW (Convention on the Status of Women) and a member of ILC (International Land Coalition) among others.

#### **Regional Movements**

We have support in the establishment and operationalization of AICA, ERETO Solidarity Fund, hosting of Zero Tolerance Initiative.

One of the key result areas of the regional engagements has multi-stakeholder strategy on pastoralism and conservation in East Africa that is intended to inform the policy engagement at the national level

#### **National Movement**

Shared challenges and efforts have been brought together to establish alliances within Kenya: PARAAN (Pastoralists Alliance for Resilience and Adaptation Across Nations), Community Landowners Alliance of Kenya (CLOAK) and CLAN (Community Land Action Now).

#### **Strategic collaborations with government agencies.**

1. MoU with the State department of ASALs and Regional Development.
2. MoU with University of Nairobi, NDMA, KNHRC, Environmental Defense Fund.
3. Relevant County government Departments of Laikipia, Samburu, Isiolo, and Marsabit Counties.
4. National government - NLC, NGEC, NEMA, WRA, NDMA, ENNDA among others.



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

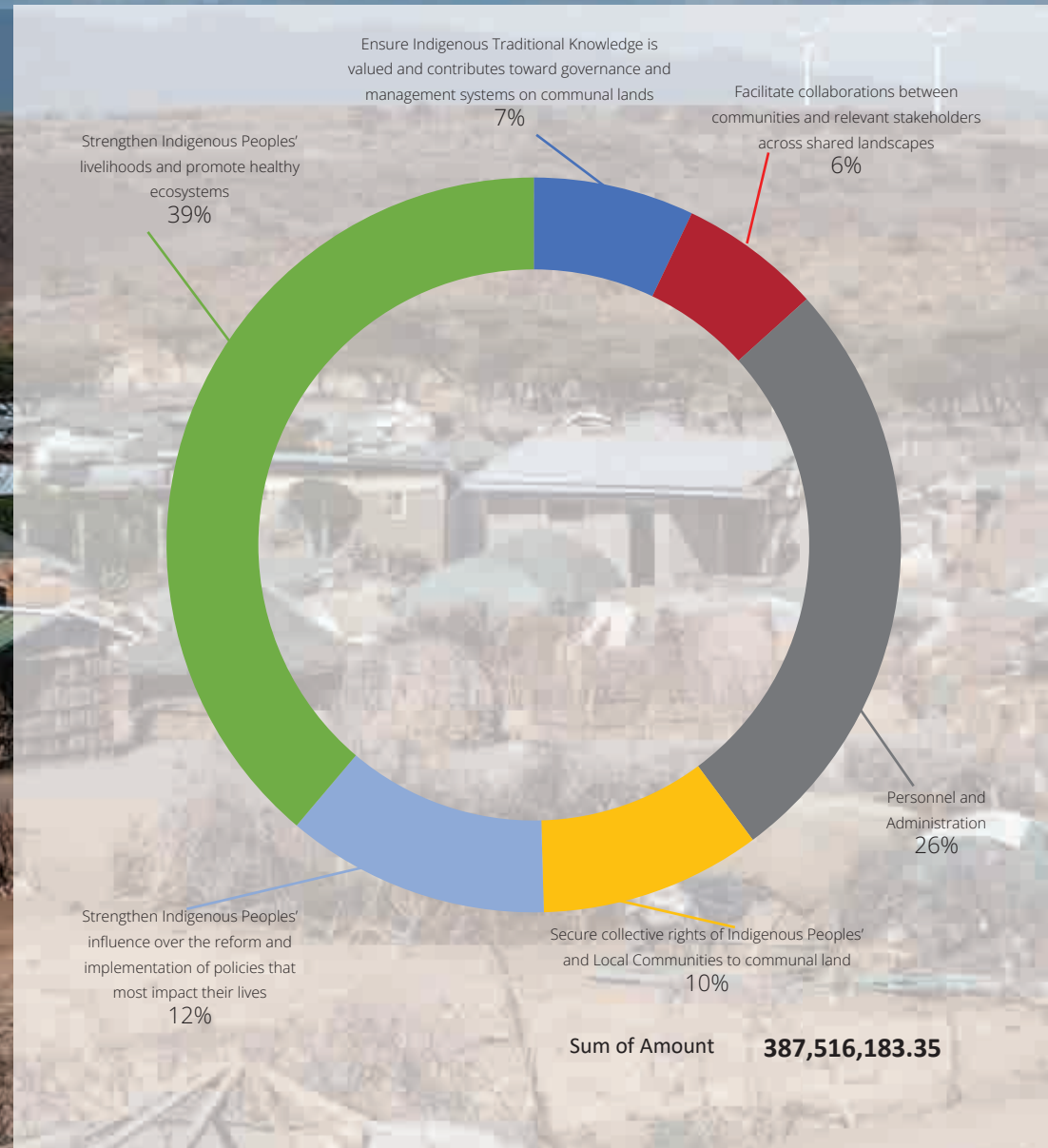
No	Conference	Purpose and contribution
1	IMPACT Partner Visit - Stockholm Resilience Center, Sweden	<i>To strengthen partnerships for inclusive conservation and human rights integration.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ensures IPLCs' traditional knowledge is integrated into international conservation policies.</li><li>- Creates platforms for IPLCs to co-design projects, challenging top-down conservation models.</li><li>- Advances SDG 15 (Life on Land) and SDG 13 (Climate Action) by promoting rights-based conservation.</li><li>- Aligns with the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Target 22: Equitable participation).</li></ul>
2	AICA High-Level Strategic Meeting - Maputo, Mozambique	<i>To finalize a unified Alliance for Indigenous People and Local Communities for Conservation in Africa (AICA) strategy.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Empowers IPLCs to set regional priorities (e.g., land rights, climate finance) and demand policy reforms.</li><li>- Supports UNFCCC Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) by consolidating African IPLC advocacy.</li><li>- Contributes to Paris Agreement goals (Article 7: Indigenous knowledge in adaptation).</li></ul>
3	Summit of the Future - New York, USA	<i>To accelerate global commitments on sustainability and equity.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Positions IPLCs as key stakeholders in shaping "Pact for the Future" outcomes, ensuring their inclusion in global governance.</li><li>- Drives accountability for SDGs and UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).</li></ul>
4	Workshop on Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus - Bonn, Germany	<i>To decolonize aid frameworks and promote local ownership.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Demands IPLC leadership in peacebuilding, shifting power from international actors to communities.</li><li>- Aligns with SDG 16 (Peace) by addressing root causes of conflict (e.g., land injustice).</li></ul>
5	Women in Exile & Friends Workshop - Global Alliances	<i>To advocate for climate justice and women's rights.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Amplifies indigenous women's voices in climate negotiations (e.g., UNFCCC Gender Action Plan).</li><li>- Advances SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities).</li></ul>
6	World Indigenous Business Forum - New Mexico, USA	<i>To explore ethical partnerships for IPLC-led enterprises.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Promotes IPLCs' economic self-determination, resisting exploitative business models</li><li>- Supports SDG 8 (Decent Work) and SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption).</li></ul>

7	COP29 UNFCCC - Baku, Azerbaijan	<i>To showcase pastoralists as biodiversity guardians.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lobbies for direct climate finance access for IPLCs, bypassing intermediaries.</li><li>- Reinforces recognition of pastoralism's climate resilience.</li></ul>
8	UN Business Forum on Human Rights - Geneva, Switzerland	<i>To address corporate violations against IPLCs.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Demands binding corporate accountability mechanisms to protect IP lands.</li><li>- Advances UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.</li></ul>
9	COP16 UNCBD - Cali, Colombia	<i>To mainstream rights-based approaches in biodiversity conservation.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Campaigns against "fortress conservation," advocating for community-led/Inclusive conservation models.</li><li>- Critical for CBD Target 3 (30x30) to ensure protected areas respect IPLC rights and recognize their efforts in conservation.</li></ul>
10	RESTORE Meeting - Dhaka, Bangladesh	<i>To share community-based restoration models.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Elevates indigenous restoration practices (e.g., pastoralist-led rangeland rehab) in global policy.</li><li>- Supports UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration goals.</li></ul>
11	COP16 UNCCD - Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	<i>To highlight IPLCs' role in combating desertification.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Secure land tenure as a prerequisite for effective restoration in UNCCD frameworks.</li><li>- Contributes to UNCCD Land Degradation Neutrality targets.</li></ul>
12	AICA Regional Meeting - Accra, Ghana	<i>To strengthen AICA's governance for African IPLC advocacy.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Builds a pan-African IPLC movement to influence continental policies (e.g., climate finance).</li><li>- Enhances African Union's Agenda 2063 inclusivity goals.</li></ul>
13	Carbon Markets Scoping Study - Isiolo, Kenya	<i>To ensure ethical IPLC inclusion in carbon markets.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rejects exploitative carbon projects; demands direct benefits and FPIC (Free, Prior, Informed Consent).</li><li>- Aligns with Paris Agreement Article 6 (carbon trading integrity).</li></ul>
14	East Africa Pastoralist Strategy Forum - Nairobi, Kenya	<i>To develop a regional pastoralist resilience strategy.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Places pastoralists at the centre of regional climate/disaster policies.</li><li>- Supports to attain the IGAD Policy Framework on Pastoralism vision.</li></ul>



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- Ensure Indigenous Traditional Knowledge is valued and contributes toward governance and management systems on communal lands
- Facilitate collaborations between communities and relevant stakeholders across shared landscapes
- Personnel and Administration
- Secure collective rights of Indigenous Peoples' and Local Communities to communal land
- Strengthen Indigenous Peoples' influence over the reform and implementation of policies that most impact their lives
- Strengthen Indigenous Peoples' livelihoods and promote healthy ecosystems

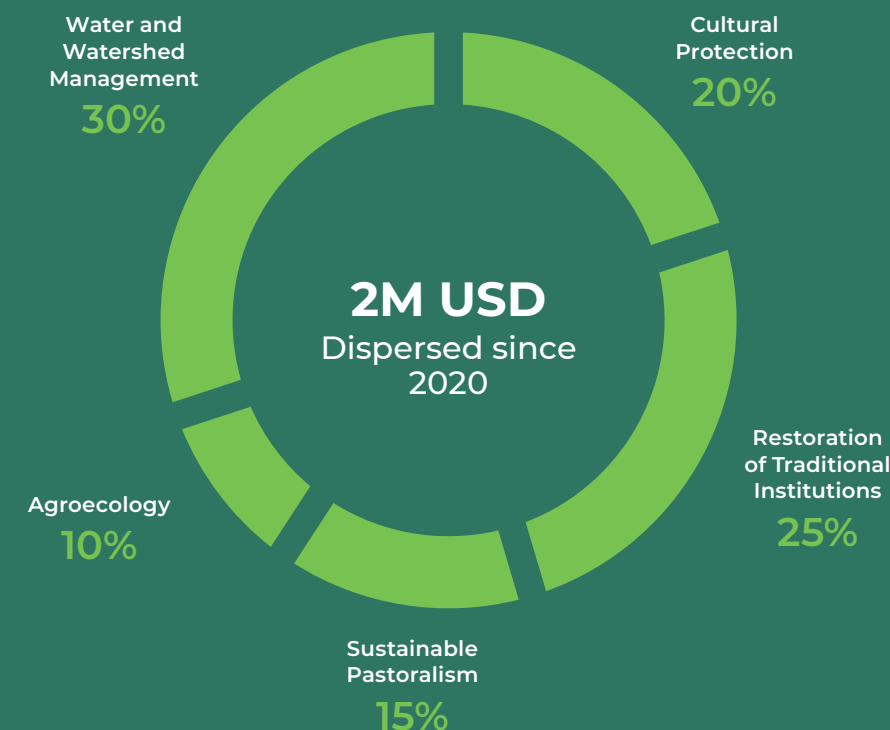


# KIPOK Fund

Supporting Pastoralists and Other Marginalized Indigenous Communities for a Sustainable Future



## Indigenous-Led Climate Financing Funding Breakdown



The KIPOK Fund stands as a transformative lifeline for Kenya's pastoralist and marginalized Indigenous communities, enabling them to reclaim their dignity, heritage, and prosperity amid escalating climate threats and social upheaval. Launched in 2020, this visionary initiative has disbursed \$2 million to 48 grassroots groups—including women's cooperatives, youth-led ventures, and environmental guardians—to restore degraded ecosystems, safeguard sacred landscapes, and revitalize traditional livelihoods. Rooted in the Maasai concept of Kipok ("we shall thrive and flourish"), the fund champions community-led solutions, enabling locals to dictate funding priorities through participatory decision-making. This ensures resources directly address urgent needs like water scarcity, food insecurity, and cultural erosion while fostering resilience against climate disasters.

Through its Four Rs framework—Restore dignity, Rebuild livelihoods, Resource innovation, and Resilience-building—KIPOK drives tangible, holistic change. It has revitalized watersheds for clean water access, reintegrated Indigenous resource governance systems, and launched sustainable enterprises like beekeeping, aloe farming, and eco-tourism. These projects marry ancestral wisdom with modern tools—such as climate monitoring for transhumance pastoralism—creating nature-based economies that combat poverty and preserve identity. Critically, the fund centers women and youth, funding their leadership in cooperatives, education, and cultural enterprises, thus strengthening social cohesion and intergenerational knowledge transfer.

Looking ahead, KIPOK's 2025–2027 strategy amplifies its impact, targeting \$5 million to deepen food security, crisis response, and cultural sovereignty. New initiatives include emergency food aid for drought-stricken families, dedicated innovation funds for women and youth, and the establishment of a living museum celebrating pastoralist heritage. By blending community ownership with strategic partnerships, KIPOK ensures Indigenous communities not only survive but lead their own sustainable futures—transforming scarred landscapes into thriving ecosystems and marginalized voices into architects of resilience. This is more than aid; it is a movement restoring hope, land, and legacy for generations to come.



# DONORS & PARTNERS

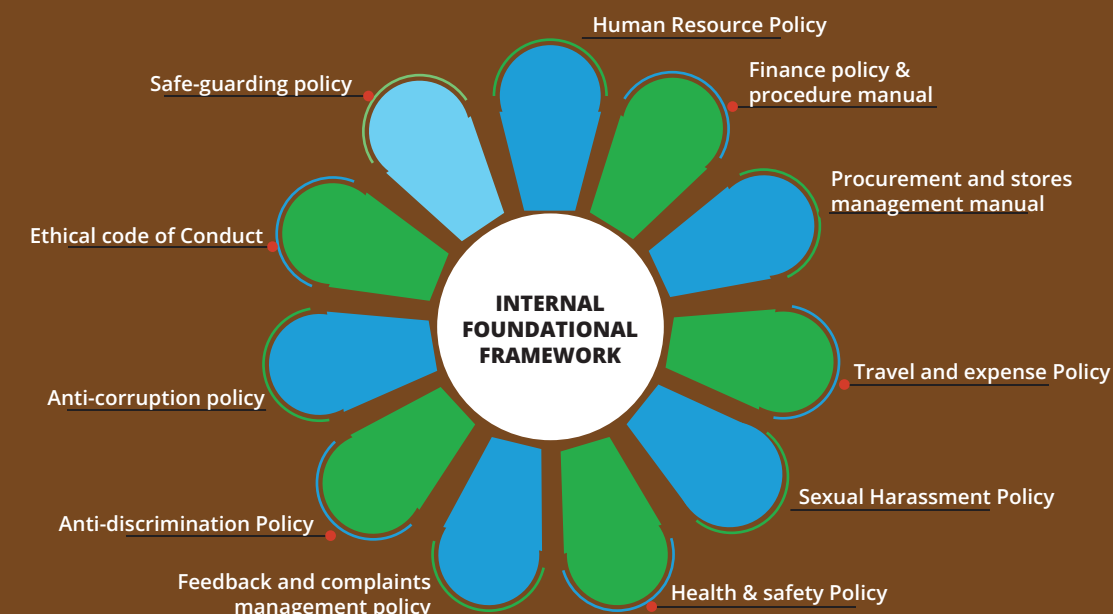
IMPACT believes in the power of networking and collaboration because systemic change requires collective action. We work closely with donors and partners at all levels—local to international—to leverage complementary expertise, avoid duplication, and amplify Indigenous voices in spaces where decisions affecting their lives are made. This multi-tiered approach ensures that grassroots insights inform global agendas where international resources and advocacy strengthen local initiatives.

Our vision is enabled by financial support from multilateral organizations, philanthropic foundations, and international civil society organizations to sustainably scale community-led solutions. These partnerships are not transactional but transformational—they build bridges between Indigenous wisdom and institutional power, creating ecosystems of support that outlast individual projects. By aligning with values-driven partners, we ensure resources directly empower communities while advancing shared goals of equity, environmental justice, and self-determination.

# GOVERNANCE

IMPACT is governed by a dedicated board continuously aims at building an organization that is transparent, sustainable, and transformational—one that endures as a resilient force for Indigenous communities amid shifting challenges. Our leadership and management are committed to this vision, ensuring every policy, framework, and decision streamlines workflows, mitigates risks, and centers community needs.

The Board's mandate to develop, review, and approve governance instruments exists not just to comply with standards, but to embed accountability and agility into our DNA. In 2024, we prioritized a number of policies for transformation—guiding how we mobilize resources, partner with stakeholders, foster accountability and adapt to crises. With support from partners the board was able to review the existing policies aiming at closing governance gaps proactively, ensuring systems evolve alongside community aspirations.



Policies are the cornerstone instruments for a well governed institution. The existing policies guide staff to act decisively, protect Indigenous rights, respect diversity, enhance accountability and build integrity at all levels.

# OUR TEAM

Our service delivery is made possible by a highly skilled team, from diverse backgrounds and expertise, motivated to achieving a secure, Just and Inclusive society for all.

## IMPACT BOARD

4 Male

5 Female

## IMPACT STAFF

29 Male

25 Female





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