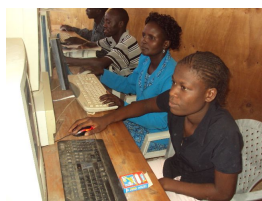


## **Youth/Information and Communication Technology**

The youth play a very important role in a nation's development. The youth program envisions strengthening the relationships and networks of support in their lives so they are better equipped to overcome the challenges of life and strives to help them realize their full potential. The organization is committed to communicate effectively with our youth to empower them responsibly for the challenges, choices and hope for today and the future. The organization has initiated a computer centre to equip the youth, adults and communities with ICT skills that will enable them to become exposed to global technology and be able to become actively participate in local and national development.



Youth undergoing computer training

The organization also strives to promote other youth related development initiatives like peer counseling, drugs and drug abuse in order to enable the youth engage in more positive activities geared towards bettering their lives and become responsible members of the community.

## **HIV/AIDS**

The HIV/Aids menace in the district and the entire Republic of Kenya is now a stumbling block in the economic recovery strategy in attaining the MDGs and Vision 2030. The pandemic is however spreading silently in the villages due to ignorance and negative attitudes towards preventive mechanisms.

The spread of HIV/Aids in the area is enormous and thus need a collective responsibility in caring for the infected and affected in line with the Kenya National Aids Strategic Plan 2005/06 – 2009/10.

With support from other development partners the organization has been able to undertake capacity building of youth on behavior change and communication for HIV/Aids prevention.

## **Contacts**

Maoi Community Integrated Development Programme,  
P.O. Box 129, Marigat 30403  
Tel: +254-053-51222  
Mobile: +254-0721-964721  
Fax: +254-053-51222  
E-mail: [macoidep@yahoo.com](mailto:macoidep@yahoo.com)

## **Physical address**

Office located at Marigat Township, off Marigat/  
Ng'ambo Road,  
Kiki Plaza, First Floor, Room 5B

# **MAOI COMMUNITY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**



Before reclamation



After reclamation

**Developing local based approaches for sustainable development in the arid areas**

## **Background**

Maoi Community Integrated Development Programme is a community based Non-Governmental Organization registered under the NGO Board.

It is located in northern Rift-Valley, about 250 kilometers northwest of Nairobi. The organization operates in Marigat District, covering the arid part of Baringo County, which mainly experiences dry spells occasioned by short erratic rains which fall in the months of April and July. The area is inhabited by mixed tribes with predominance of the Kalenjin and Njemps tribes. The communities practice mixed dry land farming, livestock and beekeeping.

The organization was initiated with an overall objective of reducing poverty among rural communities by promoting sustainable development.

**Goal:** Envisage a society that takes charge of its development initiatives.

**Mission:** To “teach people how to fish rather than give them fish”.

## **Management**

The organization is run by a Board of Directors composed of indigenous community development practitioners, who are five in number: 3 male and 2 female. The organization Co-ordinator and program officers implements the development activities of the organization. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis to review implemented activities and plan for work to be implemented.

## **Environmental Conservation**

The whole of Marigat District is a semi-arid area that experiences dry spell occasioned by short erratic rains that hardly meets crop production needs of the community. This has been compounded further by global warming that has rendered the area vulnerable to recurrent droughts that wipe all livelihood dependencies. The organization has build the capacity of the locals in initiating environmental conservation techniques that has yielded improved livestock production. In liaison with government extension personnel, farmers have been facilitated to reclaim over 60 acres denuded lands to enhance pasture production.



Reclaimed grass field



Harvested bailed hay

## **Education and Early Childhood Care and Development**

Our goal is to increase the literacy levels of children and their families to enable them to actively participate in the process of nation building. This has been marked significantly with the introduction of free primary education. Although the initiative removed financial barriers from the pursuit of education, schools are facing congestion in classrooms, toilets and lack of adequate learning materials. The organization has strived to support construction and equipping of one ECCD centre.

## **Water and Sanitation**

The area experiences limited access to clean water both for human, domestic and livestock use. Though few boreholes have been sunk to reduce scarcity of water, accessibility, consumption and proper water usage is still a great challenge to the community. The organization aims to build the capacity of the community to utilize water available resources both for health and economic development. The organization collaborates with other partners to promote water harvesting techniques to enhance access to water and promote sanitation.

Through availability of sufficient water, the organization strives to build the capacity of the community initiate sustainable livelihoods activities that will enable the community improve their economic levels. This is through initiation of improved farming systems like drip irrigation, improved stock rearing and venturing in economic dry land crops.

## **Health and Nutrition**

Through capacity building and initiation of health related activities, the organization aims to build the capacity of the communities to promote health care, nutrition and have a healthy population. Proper hygiene practices education and initiation of home kitchen gardens is also a component that is being aimed at in order to promote proper health and nutrition at the household and community levels.