



CHILDREN PEACE INITIATIVE KENYA

Working With Children For A Peaceful Tomorrow

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

1.0 BACKGROUND

Children Peace Initiative Kenya (CPI Kenya) is a civil society initiative, based in Kenya, specializing in the field of conflict prevention, and Peace Building in parts of Rift Valley and Northern Kenya regions inhabited by Pastoralist communities. It is a registered national non-governmental and non-profit making organization committed to promote peace in the country. CPI-Kenya's approach to preventing violent extremism and conflicts focuses on children as primary actors of peace-building. Our activities are based in parts of Rift Valley and Northern Kenya regions and parts of Nairobi and Kajiado Counties.

Since 2011, CPI Kenya has implemented numerous peace initiatives with aim of preventing inter-community and inter generational-conflicts. The organization developed unique and innovative conflict reduction strategy where children become active protagonists of inter community peace. In this approach school children from conflicting groups are encouraged to talk to one another and become friends for peace. Through them their immediate families get connected; from child to child the circle of friendship for peace is extended to families and the larger community members. The main objective of this project is to engage children and parents in activities that promote interaction, open dialogues, problem solving and collective resilience against violent conflicts with children as the key actors.

The peace process with children and the families has yielded a number of positive outcomes; It has largely led to social transformation through change of attitude and perception of different conflicting communities and the way they interact with each other. It has also enhanced intercommunity interactions and reduced the rate of violence that has often lead to conflicts between different communities in these regions.

The above program CPI Kenya worked directly with local schools, families of the school children, officials of the Ministry Education and other peace stakeholders in the area of operation. The organization executed more than 92 major inter-community peace activities with children, parents and teachers among six pastoralist communities in Northern and Rift valley regions of Kenya reaching approximately 250, 000 direct and indirect Beneficiaries.

Our program in Nairobi and Kajiado is unique in that it trains primary school children into becoming peer mediators for peace in their schools, families and wider community. The children are equipped with knowledge, values and attitudes that enable to resist violence and appreciate peace.

.Additionally, CPI - Kenya has been implementing a cross border peace program called Karamoja cluster project which creates a peace platform and co-existence mechanisms among the Karamoja in North Eastern Uganda and the Pokots and Turkanas in North Western Kenya. This project was implemented in partnership with Uganda Martyrs University and University of Peace (UPeace), Costa Rica.

The organization uses an integrated approach to promote Peace using the Children. The peace initiative with Children is incorporated with other development initiatives that target the Child including education, WASH, Child Led Disaster Risk Reduction, Children Governance and Human Rights programs and Health for Peace project. In other words CPI K utilizes Development and rights based approach to peace.

2.0 VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

2.1 VISION:

We at Children Peace Initiative Kenya envision Peaceful society co-existing in harmony for social and economic development

2.2. MISSION:

Building bridges among children and families of neighbouring communities by creating opportunities and capacities for them to engage in peace processes

2.3 CORE VALUES

- Respect for diversity
- Upholding Integrity
- Professionalism and commitment to peace
- Transparency and accountability
- Advocating for human rights

2.4 OUR MOTTO

“Working with Children for a Peaceful Tomorrow”

3. PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAM GOALS

3.1 . Conflict Transformation & Integrated Peace Building Program

3.1.1 Inter Community Children Peace Building (CPB) Program

CPI - Kenya's flagship program is the Children Peace Building (CPB) program implemented in three (3) Arid Counties in North Kenya, namely Marsabit, Samburu and Baringo. The CPB Program uses a Human Rights Based Advocacy (HRBA) approach targeting children as key protagonists of inter-community and inter-generational conflict transformation and Peace building. The children peace building projects have facilitated and sustained peace among the Gabra and Rendile, Samburu and Gabra, Turkana and Samburu and Samburu and Pokot people groups in the last 6 years.

3.1.2 Interaction For Peace Program (IAP)

Interaction for Peace Program is a school based project that trains primary school children to become peer mediators for peace in their schools, families and wider community. The children are equipped with knowledge, values and attitudes that enable to resist violence and appreciate peace. CPI Kenya has been implementing Interaction for Peace program in 11 schools in Nairobi's Kibera slums and Parklands in Rongai Sub county in Kajiado for the last two years.

3.1.3 Youth Peace Patrol Project

Inter community conflict among the pastoral societies in Northern Kenya is still depicted mainly by way of livestock rustling and subsequent killing of the herders and warriors. The perpetrators and the victims of cattle rustling are the shepherds, the shepherdess and the Moran/warriors. Cattle rustling occur at the grazing rangelands where the territories of two warring groups converge.

Number of peace building initiatives have been have carried out by the Government, Churches and Civil Society Organizations to curb the violent inter ethnic conflict among the pastoral communities in Northern Kenya over the years. However, most of the peace interventions are held at the market centre and the participants are mainly local leaders and opinion leaders and other town folks that reside in these centre. Peace interventions that directly target the herders and the warriors are limited in number and frequency. CPI Kenya has designed a tailor made peace program for herders and warriors under the title; **Youth Peace Patrol Project**.The objective of the project is to increase collaboration between herders and warriors of neighboring communities affected by conflict and introduce alternative livelihood projects for herders, warrriors and Kenya Police reservists to prevent them from engaging in inter ethnic conflict.

3.2 Education Program

Children Peace Initiative Kenya plans improve the standards of primary education in target areas which have remained poor as compared to the existing national performance index. The Organization is focused on advocacy for marginalized girl child. To kick start the education program and support girl child CPI Kenya have been providing sanitary pads to Samburu and Pokot girls in primary schools.

3.3 Water and Community Health

CPI Kenya takes the challenges posed by lack of permanent sources of water in most of the Pastoral areas within our areas of operations. The long drought spells – precipitated by erratic rains often lead to water crisis in these areas. CPI Kenya plans to improve access to water and sanitations to school and communities through drilling of boreholes, construction of water pans /dams, sand dams, rock catchments and underground water tanks.

Community Health program promotes access to quality and affordable health care through increased immunization coverage, safe deliveries, and enhancement of Community outreach Health Clinics and facilitation of the implementation of Community-Led Total Sanitation through WASH Programmes.

3.4 Sustainable Livelihood

Through Sustainable Livelihood Program CPI Kenya intends to work with with Women, Youth, Herders and Warriors across neighboring communities to diversify livelihoods through enterprise skill development and support (art, craftwork, beekeeping, small-scale agriculture (food & fodder), intercropping, drought resistant crop varieties and other cottage industries) and to enable more women and youth to access and control over economic resources and limit the engagement of warriors in violence. Joint intercommunity initiatives for women and warriors shall be undertaken to promote peace through engagements in livelihood.

In order to promote peace through Livelihoods CPI Kenya provided 40 Cow Heifers to foster peace between the Pokot and Samburu communities through the families. Heifer for peace project involved giving one heifer to two families of different neighboring tribes which they are expected to look after and share the benefits. The Heifers were given as a gift to families because of the efforts of their children to connect the families and build cohesion and peace.

3.5 Environmental Conservation

In the strategic plan 2017 - 2021 CPI Kenya plans to implement environmental Conservation program to promote access and use of affordable renewable energy technologies like Solar Cookers, Bio Gas and improved Jikos by community in order to reduce destruction of trees. Also the program will support schools and communities to initiate and manage conservation projects/initiatives e.g. trees for peace initiative, tourism for peace and Lobby and advocate for sustainable development practices and policies in fragile ecosystems

4.0 CPI – KENYA AREA OF OPERATIONS

Children Peace Initiative Kenya works in Marsabit, Baringo and Samburu County among selected pastoralists communities engaged in longstanding inter - ethnic animosity. These communities include Gabra, Rendille, Borana, Turkana, Samburu and El molo. In Marsabit County the target area is Turbi and Sololo and the cross border areas of Forolle and Dukana. Another area of operation is Maikona, Kargi and Kalacha zone. In Samburu County the organization works with the Pokot, Samburu, Turkana. Tugen and Lchamus communities Baringo and Samburu Counties

5.0 CPI KENYA PARTNERS SINCE INCEPTION

- Cordaid
- JICA Kenya
- Rotary International
- University For Peace – Costa Rica

6.0 CPI KENYA – PHYSICAL LOCATION

Children Peace Initiative (CPI) Kenya offices are based in Nairobi, Kenya. CPI Kenya plans to establish field offices in Marsabit and Maralal as the organization grows.

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