

Community Forum meeting 15th – 16th January 2008

Pusumuro, Ngorongoro District

The main objectives were:

- To make follow up and approve the declaration made by the cross-boarder customary Institution and leadership to end ethnics conflict among the Maasai community on land use, stealing of livestock, and assassination of human being made in the meeting held at Ngorkiding'a in Kenya from 10th - 12th, September, 2008, the resolutions made were;-
 - The cross-boarder communities should adapt and comply with the regulations and rules contracted to create peace and managing conflicts. Each part should leave the international boarder (Kenya-Tanzania) for about 440 meters. The amount of 880m along the boarder to be free land for wildlife and livestock. Neither permanent or temporary settlement nor private grassing allowed alongside the international boarder.
 - Robbery and killing of any livestock shall be paid according to the resolutions made; the resolutions commenced on 12th September 2008. Steers, bulls and any other he cattle will paid a fine of he 10 cattle; 8 will be taken right away, the fine of two cattle remain unpaid to nuisance the families to unveil other suspects. Heifers will paid in terms of 14 cattle, 2 cattle for Donkeys, sheep and Goats will be paid 4 cattle. These payments will only applied for threes Maasai sections, Purko to Loita, Loita to Purko, Laitayok to both Purko and Loita as well as Purko and Loita to Laitayok.
 - If a robbed cattle was found un killed; the suspects shall paid a fine of two cattle, for sheep and goats one cattle, changing of cattle Brand for the purpose of stealing the suspect will pay one she young sheep (*embalelo*)
 - All the overlapping grassing pattern across the boarders were dislocate and no any grassing pattern allowed be allocating or forming by non citizen to the different country.
- To formulate resolutions for assassination repayment among Purko, Lita and Laitayok, the agenda for this objective were to involve senior chiefs, Leaders and influential elders of the Maasai community of Kenya and Tanzania. This objective of the meeting was postponed to May 17th because senior chief of Loita asked customary leaders to do an investigative background of cultural relation between these groups before discussing the agenda. Purko and Loita of Kenya were asked to call upon their senior customary leader who did not turned up for that meeting.
- To resolve a slight coming up conflict between Maasai and Kuria community raised by one Arash people of Loita section who stolen cattle from Kuria community. The agenda also was to strengthen the existing peace building framework among the Maasai of Ngorongoro and Kuria communities of Serengeti District. The decision were made as follows
 - The chairperson of Arash village was summoned to the meeting with the names of cattle robbers, the suspects were reported and arrested.
 - The robbed cattle were retuned back to original owner at Mugumu in Serengeti District
 - The customary leaders and chairperson of Arash, were ordered to arrange for public meeting particularly for youth/warriors to meet the (Community Forum) customary leaders to strategize for long lasting conflict.