

PASTORAL LIVELIHOODS TASK FORCE

MINUTES OF THE TASK FORCE MEETING AT TNRF/IIED OFFICES, ARUSHA ON 29th JULY, 2008

Attendance:

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| 1. Mr.Edward Porokwa | PINGOs Forum-Chairperson |
| 2. Mr.Makko Sinandei | UCRT/TNRF |
| 3. Mr. Moses Sangale | TAPHGO. |
| 4. Dr. Moses Nessele | VET AID-TZ |
| 5. Mrs.Lilian Looloitai | CORDS |
| 6. Mr.Simon Loishiye | ERETO NPP |
| 7. Mr. Jackson Muro | TAPHGO |
| 8. Mr.Daniel Ouma | PLTF- |
| 9. Mr.Edward Loure | UCRT |
| 10. Mrs.Ndinini Sikar | MWEDO |

Absent with apology:

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| 11. Dr.Andrew Williams | TNRF |
| 12. Mr.Alais Morindat | IIED |
| 13. Mr. Emmanuel Sitayo | IIED |
| 14. Dr.Gabriel Turasha | VET AID-TZ |
| 15. Mrs.Rahab Kenana | ERETO NPP |
| 16. Mr. Emmanuel Kallonga | HakiKazi |

1. Opening remarks

The meeting was officially opened by the Chairperson at 9:45am.

2. Approval of the meeting agenda & signing of minutes for the last meeting held at TNRF/IIED offices on 11th June, 2008.

The chairperson invited the PLTF officer to take the members through the minutes of the last meeting. After reading out the minutes, members made comments on the ownership of the Task Force, affiliation of the PLTF officer, page numbering of the minutes and personalising issues in the meeting.

The following were the proposed agenda of the meeting:

1. Introductions and official opening of the meeting
2. Confirmation of the last meeting minutes and approval of the proposed agenda
3. Matters arising
4. Prioritization of strategic activities
5. Coordination role of the Task Force and formation of Pastoral Forum
6. Approval of new members to the Task Force
7. Updates on Dodoma trip
8. AOB

Members adopted the agenda as planned as there was no change on proposed agenda.

3. Matters arising

- CORDS informed members that the expert committee on the joint study publication was not formed because Cedd became ill during his visit to Tanzania. The meeting resolved that in the next meeting CORDS should brief members on the progress of publishing the reports. Currently the process is still with the partners who commissioned the studies.
- Members proposed that the Task Force need to have its own website linked to all partners not TNRF alone. It was thus resolved that at the moment we continue using TNRF website but in future can fundraise to design independent website
- Members were also concerned on who should be in the steering committee and just a normal member and what is the criterion. It was thus agreed that the membership is open to all organisations that fulfil the requirements. The most active members and easily available for meetings to make up the steering committee
- PLTF coordinator briefed members on the field trip organised by TAPHGO on capacity building and as part of information gathering.
- The strategic issues forwarded by partners were also presented to the members

4. Min 004/07/08

Prioritization of strategic issues

The chairperson requested the PLTF coordinator to take members through the strategic issues submitted by member partners for prioritization. The issues were read out and members made the following comments:

- There is need to identify common strategic issues to come up with complete issues to be addressed by the Task Force
- It was suggested that the issues can be used to develop proposal to the donor for funding
- Some of the issues which cannot be done by partners can be delegated to the Task Force to fill the gap.

Resolution:

The coordinator to classify the strategic issues under different themes and forward to partners for their information

Min 005/07/08

Coordination role of the Task Force and formation Pastoral Forum

The chair requested members to discuss this agenda in depth to provide a clear direction on the coordination role of the Task Force and the possibility of having a pastoral forum.

Discussion:

- Members agreed that the Task Force coordination role is very important and there may be no need to form a pastoral forum as currently PINGOs and TAPHGO represents a national Forum
- Task Force is not in a position to form Pastoral Forum. This issue should be left to the individual institutions to raise to their board members for comments.
- It was decided that the idea can be circulated to members and other partners to get their views on the formation of another Pastoral Forum.
- The meeting was informed that there is need to know what are the gaps which exist currently under the coordination role of the Task Force and its partners to strengthen the existing institutions.
- Members suggested that if need be convincingly the Task Force may relocate to Dar instead of forming another Forum. There is need to strengthen the existing institutions instead of creating new ones because their sustainability is questionable.
- The meeting was informed that the original idea of forming the pastoral Forum originally came after the study commissioned by ERETO but it was seen to be too expensive to implement.
- The members were concerned about the work of the Pastoral Forum apart from what PINGOs and TAPGHO are currently performing

- The meeting was told the CORDAID was ready provide some resources to hire somebody to assist in policy issues but need to be based in Dar or Dodoma..
- The idea was good but members thought it is in order to first identify the gaps and issues which need to be performed by extra person.
- It is good for the recruitment to be issue driven so that we know what the person will be doing in Dodoma or Dar es salaam.
- Members suggested if there is value addition for somebody to be based n Dar then the proposal can be developed but we need to look at the whole advocacy strategy/framework
- If it is agreed to employ somebody then it should be under the Task Force but attached to one of the partners working on policy related initiatives.
- Members suggested that with the current digital world there is no need for somebody to be physically in Dar as currently partners are based in Arusha but have strong touch with government and other relevant stakeholders to collect information on policy issues.
- It is necessary that from our strategic issues the Task Force can develop a proposal and submit to the donors i.e. CORDAID for funding to fill the gaps on strategic issues which are not implemented by the partners.
- The meeting was informed that partners like PINGOs, TAPHGO, and TNRF among others have been having strong links with the government on policy advocacy and thus need to strengthen all partners to improve our policy advocacy strategy.
- There is need not to make a direct decision to the donor but put it as a normal requirement thus need to develop a proposal for a policy liason officer to be recruited under the Task Force but attached to one of the partners.
- The meeting was informed that currently TAPHGO has no policy analyst to support its initiatives in policy advocacy.

Resolution:

- Individual partners of the Task Force to raise the issue to the board members on the proposal to form Pastoral Forum
- Proposal to be developed to CORDAID through CORDS for resources to employ one more person under the Task Force but attached to a partner i.e. TAPHGO to assist in policy advocacy.
- The Task Force office should continue operating as a coordinating unit on strategic issues raised by the partner Organisations and the

Min 006/07/08

Approval of new members to the Task Force.

The chair requested the PLTF coordinator to read out the names of our new partners joining the Task Force which included: Haki Kazi, Afya Bora and MWEDO.

Discussion;

- It was inquired about the criterion to join the steering committee of the Task Force

- The meeting was told that the rationale of forming the steering committee was to have reliable and active partners who attend regular meetings and decision making of the Task Force.

Resolution:

- The meeting approved MWEDO, AFYA BORA and HAKI KAZI CATALYST to join the Task Force as active members.

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Updates on Dodoma Trip

The chairperson gave the updates on Dodoma trip which was to take place the following day 30th June,2008. The main of the trip by pastoralist CSOs was to attend Parliamentary session on livestock budget in Dodoma .This followed a successful presentation of the Ihefu report by PINGOs to the Pastoralist Parliamentary Group.MWEDO further inquired to know more about the Dodoma trip in relation to eviction of pastoralists from Ihefu.

The Chairperson gave a chronological order of how pastoralists were evicted and the events which followed including Presidential Commission of inquiry and the subsequent grounding truthing by PINGOs to collect facts which were presented to the PPG.

AOB

- VET AID informed the meeting that they are soon organizing a roundtable discussion on livestock predation consolation scheme at Haki Kazi hall. This scheme is to be pioneered by the Simanjiro Community Trust as an effort to manage human wildlife conflicts.
- PLTF coordinator informed the meeting that each partner as agreed in the past meetings to be contributing towards PLTF meeting costs. The meeting resolved that the PTF coordinator to prepare the budget and circulate to all partners to make contribution on a rotational basis.
- The Chair briefed the meeting on the possibility of Organizing Pastoral week in Tanzania. The function is seen to be expensive but can start on a humble note then later more resources can be mobilized for the event which takes place annually.

The meeting ended at 12.30pm.

Chairperson

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Secretary

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