

# MONTHLY FOCUS

PEACE III IN KARAMOJA CLUSTER Issue 5, September 2018

*Connecting Communities: Advancing Sustainable Peace*



PEACE III through Mercy Corps supported government leaders from Turkana West Sub County of Kenya, and Kotido and Kaabong districts of Uganda to conduct a follow-up intergovernmental meeting to the one held in Kalosaric, Kotido, Uganda in June 2018. The meeting, held in Lokichoggio on August 24-25, 2018, aimed to address issues that arose between Dodoth of Uganda and Turkana of Kenya in November 2018 leading to Turkanas falling out of Loyo resource sharing agreement. The leaders reviewed various resolutions that have been made in the past, including the Loyo resource sharing agreement signed between Turkana and Dodoth in Nov 2016. The meeting resolved on sensitization of pastoralists against cattle thefts, looting, killings and rape; leaders from each country were asked to have a coordinated approach on communicating intended migrations when drought sets in so that all kraals moving in and outside Uganda are registered, monitored and controlled; and that regular meetings should be held between the two governments and participation of women and youth should be enhanced through deliberate targeting of influential individuals.



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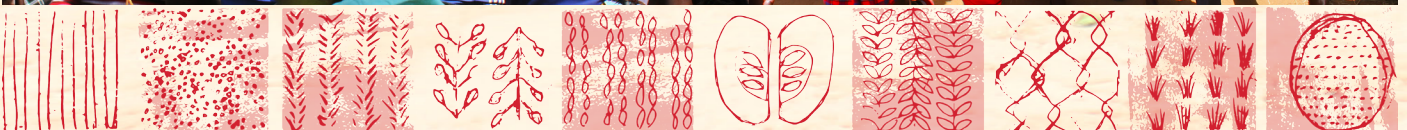


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# Karamoja Cultural Festival

On August 28 – September 2, 2018, PEACE III Partners, Mercy Corps, Pact Kenya, MADEFO, DADO, SIKOM and APaD, participated in the Karamoja Cultural Festivals organized by Kaabong District Local Government under the Karamoja Cultural Association Kaabong Chapter 2018 to commemorate the cherished cultural values of the Ngikarimojong community. PEACE III supported women forum, chiefs' forum and Kaabong Peace Ambassadors' members to participate in the event. During the festival, the communities from the Karamoja Cluster engaged in dialogue on land and natural resource sharing with focus on a peaceful resolution of conflict among pastoralists.

The groups had a joint presentation in form of a song and dance echoing how they have contributed to peace building in their communities. They also shared their story of how PEACE III program has changed their communities. This event was graced by the Uganda's state minister Guest of Honor, the Minister for Presidency accompanied by other dignitaries including women member of Parliament of Abim District, MPs of Nakapiripirit, Iik and Dodoth East. Dodoth West MP who is also the Minister for Ethics and Integrity was present accompanied by woman MP of Kaabong and district leaders from Karamoja region. Several NGOs and CSOs were also represented.



# Chiefs' Forum



PEACE III partners, MADEFO, APaD and SIKOM, facilitated chiefs from North Pokot and Loima sub counties and LCIII chairpersons from Amudat and Moroto districts to attend a chiefs' forum meeting held at Lavender Hotel in Moroto on August 14, 2018. Twenty six (26) people attended the meeting that was meant to strengthen ongoing resource sharing, early warning information sharing, early response and the forum's network. The LCIIIs were invited to the meeting considering their role in administration and security matters on the Ugandan side. It is believed that the inclusion of the LCIIIs in the chiefs' forum shall contribute to more stability across the Kenya-Uganda border. The participants proposed the forum to be renamed Ateker Cross Border Forum. The forum members developed a quarterly work plan.

# Community Screening of Trauma Healing PVMSC Films

On August 16-18, 2018, PEACE III MERL and Communications team, and program officers from APaD and MADEFO, screened Participatory Video Most Significant Change trauma healing films featuring Kaabong Peace Ambassadors to trauma healing groups and community members in Tapac and Rupa sub counties of Moroto District, Uganda. The exercises showcased change Kaabong youth experienced after undergoing trauma healing sessions.



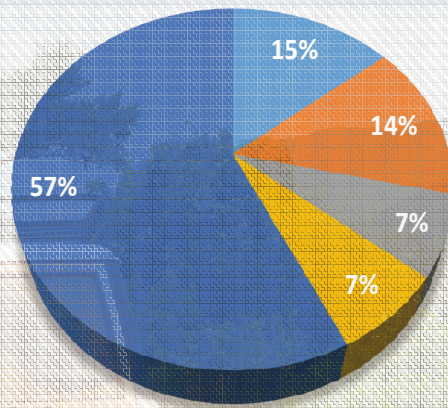
## PEACE III Supports Review of Natural Resource Sharing Agreements

PEACE III partners, APaD, MADEFO, DADO and SIKOM with technical support from Mercy Corps, conducted border meetings to review and finalize Kobebe, Nakonyen and Loyoro natural resource sharing agreements. The agreements are in an advanced stage and communities involved are expected to sign them in October.



Participants during review of Kobebe resource sharing agreement review meeting bringing together Matheniko and Turkana communities in Rupa, Moroto District on August 12, 2018. PEACE III partners MADEFO and APaD organized the event.

## KARAMOJA CLUSTER INCIDENTS, AUGUST 2018



■ Ambush      ■ Attempted raid      ■ Scorching of grass  
■ Theft of fishing gear      ■ Theft of livestock

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