

Background NGO OLPADep

Olmaa Pastoralist Development Programme (OLPADEP) was formed in the year 2000 and registered in 2001 as a non-governmental Organization based in Ngong Division, Kajiado District in the Rift-Valley province in . OLPADep was formed purposely to defend and protect the rights of the indigenous and marginalized Maasai Community from exploitation especially on land rights and other resources as well as creating awareness on HIV/AIDS.

The Maasai Pastoralists are facing with enormous developmental challenges besides their loss of ancestral land.

For the last three years of OLPADep advocacy interventions on issues related to land and human rights, the need to address other developmental needs of the Keek-Onyokie South communities in areas of access to quality education, better nutrition, health, water and the need to improve and protect their environment is inevitable and this has called for the need to develop a 5 years comprehensive strategic plan to enhance OLPADep efforts to identify and address community development priorities

OLPADEP VISION STATEMENT

A vibrant and empowered indigenous community sustainably managing land and its resources for socio-economic development.

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To promote and support sustainable community based natural resources management and human/land rights initiatives through capacity building, policy influence and socio-economic infrastructural development.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION ANALYSIS FOR OLPADep

Advocacy on land and human rights will continue to be a major foundation of OLPADep aim to enhance the Maasai communities to advocate for their rights. The main objectives in the Advocacy strategic goal will be to conduct surveys to establish current status of land issues and build community capacity to influence policies that concern their survival.

Education is the second strategic direction for OLPADep in the next 5 five years and this is geared towards enhancing access to formal education for school age going children where by support to construction and provision of educational facilities and awareness on the importance of education will be supported to improve enrolment and performances in the national examination levels there by also resulting to an informed community in the future.

Environmental and natural resources improvement and management is the OLPADep third strategic direction aimed to support the community to improve, protect and manage their environment and Natural resources by building the capacity of environmental committees, establishment of tree nurseries for re-forestation, soil conservation and protection of water catchments areas as well as developing and protecting water sources for the benefit of people, livestock and environment.

Food insecurity is a major problem affecting the Maasai of Keek-Onyokie. In line with this,

Alternative livelihoods have been identified as a fourth strategic goal to address food insecurity concerns. This will be implemented by supporting crop/livestock production, products' marketing, Micro-enterprise activities and training.

Without strengthening the institutional capacity of OLPADep it will be a major challenge to deliver the above mentioned strategic Goals. In this regard this will be fifth strategic Goal where by the OLPADep staff and Board skills in various thematic areas will be developed as well as infrastructural development concerning offices, conference facilities and transport.

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