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**UPDATE REPORT ON KIRINDON ADP**

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## **Preamble**

The Post election violence in Kirindon community began when a person suspected to come from the Kipsigis community shot a small boy of 12 years from the Maasai community with an arrow at Emarti area. The incidence occurred on 20 January 2008. This incidence was not linked to the flawed presidential elections. However, due to the tension in the country, this action prompted men from the Maasai side to pick a fight with their Kipsigis neighbours. As a result of this fights, one athlete was killed near Emarti and another two people at Ainamoi. Approximately 68 people sustained arrow injuries from both communities and were taken to Tenwek and Narok hospitals for treatment. The fights spread to Ntulele, Ainamoi and Ilkerin area. Three days later World Vision Kirindon ADP in partnership with the Provincial Administration organized for the peaceful resolution of the matter. Ten Elders from each side were appointed by their respective communities and represented the same in a peace initiative meeting at Kirindon cereals depot also attended by the District Security Team lead by the Transmara District Commissioner. The products of the peace initiative were as follows; to stop fighting, each community to meet and agree on ten members to form a permanent peace council, World Vision Kirindon ADP to facilitate training of the council, hold peace barazas along the troublesome border to be attended by both World Vision and the Provincial Administration.

Peace prevailed for only two days and before the council could hold the first meeting after it was established, another arsonist was reported to have torched another Maasai house thereby sparking the fighting again.

## **Statistics of people affected**

The data made available to us indicate that 452 households were displaced when their houses were burnt down. This translates to approximately 1000 internally displaced people.

## **Estimate of Loss**

Approximately 452 houses were burnt as follows: 30 at Mogor, 31 at Ainamoi, 352 at Ilkerin, 7 at Emarti and 32 at Ntulele. Household goods worth thousands of shillings were lost during the skirmishes. Many households lost certified seeds they had purchased in readiness for planting worth thousands of shillings. School going children lost all their books, uniforms and all other clothing, which got burnt with their houses. About 50 RCs were displaced during the skirmishes. Displaced families lost their grain, which was burnt with the houses.

## **Business premises**

Three kiosks and two posho mills were burnt down at ilkerin area.

## **Institutions**

One nursery school was completely burnt down at Saunosiek near ilkerin area. Kiptenden nursery was closed. Six primary schools in the area were affected and up to

now have not re-opened. The schools are Enkipai primary, Chilani primary, Naisukut primary, Kiribwet primary, Ilkerin, Oloonkoliin and Ainamoi primary schools. The approximate loss is estimated to be over three (3) million shillings.

### **Mitigation measures required**

There is urgent need of food for about one thousand displaced people.

There is need for shelter repair for 452 families

About one thousand people need clothing and beddings

School uniform and books for school going children.

### **Mediation efforts recommended**

There is urgent need to form a peace council comprising of elders from both communities to enable them broker peace among the warring communities. Ten respected elders from each side should be selected and be mandated to take lead in all peace initiatives between the two communities.

The provincial administration together with other key stakeholders such as World Vision (K) Kirindon ADP should take lead in facilitating the process of brokering peace between the two communities along Kirindon and Emurua Dikirr divisions. Other development partners should also support this initiative in their respective places that have been affected by the clashes in the district to help in restoring lasting peace and reconciliation among the people.

The GOK should establish a police post at Ilkerin/Ainamoi to take the security service closer to the community.

### **Update on the water project**

A brief update on the water project is that a drilling contract had been awarded to a contractor. Whereas we had planned that the drilling work could start in November, the short rains that usually come in October delayed till November. Once the short rains started the ADP area became impassable due to the thick black cotton soils. It was therefore difficult to facilitate movement of equipments to site.

Secondly, after the disputed December elections, which sparked violent protests across the country, the contractor declined to start the work sighting insecurity and increase in the price of diesel. This prompted the ADP to get another contractor to undertake the work. Once this fresh contract is signed, the new contractor will move to site immediately. Currently there is relative calm and we are hoping that the contractor will not be disrupted by any other eventualities.

This delay is regretted and we pray that our brothers & sisters of the Sawgrass church will bear with us on this.