

Children Peace Initiative–Kenya

Working with Children in Northern Kenya for
Peace.



Political, Social and Economic Context in Northern Kenya

- Dry region with desert characteristics
- The region rely on relief food as the region is not fertile for food production
- Majority are Nomads whose livelihood is centered in animals.
- It has 5 major nomadic tribes
- The region experience constant ethnic related conflict- 52,000 people annually on average are affected by conflict.

Impact of Conflict on Children

- Children are orphaned at a tender age
- They take over adult responsibility early and miss out on their childhood.
- Their education is interrupted and their future becomes unpredictable.
- Some children get killed

CPI-Kenya

A community based organization dedicated to promote peace through children in Northern Kenya.



Working With Children For A Peaceful Tomorrow

4 Key Objectives of CPI-Kenya

- To make children ambassadors of peace in their own communities
- To utilize the potential of children to communicate and promote peace in their communities
- To provide peace education to children in schools
- To build confidence and good relationship between communities affected by conflict

- **Primary Target Group:** Children from schools in areas affected by conflict in Northern Kenya
- **Secondary Target Group:** Teachers and parents
- **Mission :** working with children for a peaceful tomorrow
- **Vision:** A peaceful Generation of people united by love and living in harmony with each other.
- **Collaboration** with the Catholic Church and Catholic schools

CPI-Kenya Programs

- ◆ Children and Peace Building
- ◆ Child centered Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
- ◆ Children and Governance
- ◆ Education Program



Friendship for Peace Beyond Ethnic Barriers



Children and Peace Building Activities

- Children's Peace Camps- create an opportunity for children to meet and interact through fun and value games and build friendship
- Holiday Exchange Peace Program- Children visit their friends and live with their families
- Peace Festivals – inter-community and inter-school event of dramatic presentations through songs, poems and skits on peace and conflict resolution.

Achievements

- ◆ Impacted on over 26,000 children and parents in our area of operation in 5 months
- ◆ Increased Interactions between warring communities.
- ◆ Willingness of communities to participate in the activities
- ◆ Openness of the parents to receive and take care of children when they visit each other
- ◆ Introduction of Peace Clubs in school

Success Stories

- A premeditated raid was cancelled as a result of friendship between children
- Children have extended friendship towards their parents
- Parents are exchanging gifts to each other through their children- goats, dogs, bracelets, letters e.t.c.
- Through children parents are initiating development plans across tribes.

Parents watching their children interacting for peace



Children and Parents Pairing



Boys hanging out together climbing trees during recess



Letters exchanged between children from different communities



CPI-Kenya Director delivering gifts and letters from Loiyangalani Primary School to friends in Gas Primary school



Main Challenge

- Means of Transport to reach out to the communities



Means of Transport to take Children to the Peace Camps



To Maximize Results and Efficiency....

CPI-Kenya requires a
Toyota Land Cruiser
costs
\$81,475.

