## Children Peace Initiative—Kenya Working with Children in Northern Kenya for



# 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.



### 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 interschool 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**

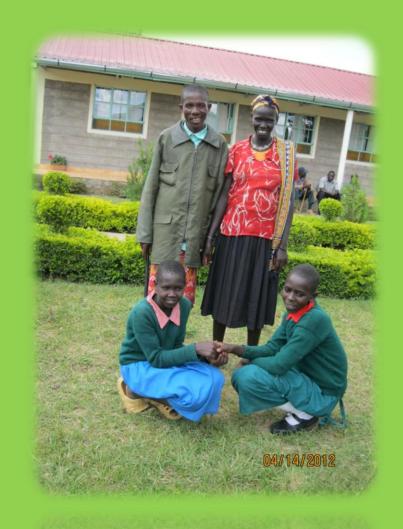
- A premeditated raid was cancelled as a result of friendship between children
- Children have extended friendship towards their parents
- Parents are exchanging gifts to each other through their children- goats, dogs, bracelets, letters e.t.c.
- Through children parents are initiating development plans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

