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## **Global Grant for Sustainable Peace in Laikipia, Kenya**

**March 1, 2018 - February 28, 2019**

**Host Club:** Ngong Hills, Kenya, District 9212

**International Club:** Berkeley Rotary Club, District 5160

**Global Grant Title:** Warriors to Peace Guardians:  
Building Inter-Ethnic Collaboration; GG#1756350

**Area of Focus:** Peace & Conflict Resolution/Prevention

**Geo-Focus:** Laikipia West, Kenya

**The Need:** Laikipia's multiple pastoralist (nomadic herder) communities are extremely poor, highly marginalized, very traditional communities with little access to resources. They are suffering from recent cycles of resource-based violence as worsening droughts stress livestock, and drive desperate—and armed—searches for pasture and water through their area. They have asked for greater inter-ethnic conflict resolution skills and livestock economy improvements to better meet their own needs peacefully and strengthen their resilience against increasingly violent conflict.



**The Goal:** The goal of this project is to increase **inter-ethnic collaboration** and empower local members of Laikipia West's 5 ethnic communities **to work together to access government development funding**, improve their livestock economy, and enhance local conservation and livestock feed sources to withstand drought. The needs assessment draws on 5 years of extensive research, experience and participation with these communities by Cooperating Organization Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI) Kenya, *led by a Rotary Peace Fellow*.

**Objectives:** The project seeks to **1) Build Resilience Against Violent Conflict:** MBBI will train pastoralist trainers and collaboratively create a localized curriculum, who in turn will train 60 women, youth and elders from five ethnic communities in conflict resolution skills as Peace Guardians, and in inter-ethnic collaboration for an improved livestock economy; **2) Increase Community Collaboration:** a) The project will train a local inter-ethnic team in community advocacy and how to apply for government funds to meet local service and development needs, and b) in facilitating community dialogue and joint planning for livestock, animal feeding and conservation activities; and **3) Establish Processes, Tools, Skills and Livelihood Improvements to Achieve Positive Peace:** The project will provide additional cross-ethnic training in collaborative livelihood enhancement through increased health and resilience of family herds, pasture management and mineral feeding, better animal feeding practices, and shared community conservation of communal pastures as grass banks through practicing conservation.

MBBI is a highly regarded leader in the field of Conflict Resolution/Prevention that has successfully partnered with Rotary on Global Grants and has partnership agreements with the Rotary Action Group for Peace and several Clubs. For more information please see [www.mediatorsbeyondborders.org](http://www.mediatorsbeyondborders.org).

**Budget:** \$99,721. Seeking support from your club or district today! \$18,887 in commitments left to go!

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