



*Kuria East Sub County Peace Committee members during Initial CAF in Kegonga, Deputy County Commissioner's compound. Photo: Clara Mutanda/International Alert*

## KENYA

### TUSAMEHEANE TUJENGE NCHI

Tusameheane Tujenge Nchi promotes meaningful civic participation in county governance and decision-making processes in its target counties of Migori, Nairobi and Wajir. Tusameheane Tujenge Nchi is a Kiswahili phrase which translates to “We reconcile to build the country.” The program is based on a contextual understanding of the underlying issues affecting the governance structure of the devolved units in Kenya and works towards increasing inclusion for social and politically marginalized populations. The program combines dialogue, mediation and peacebuilding experience with tested dialogue and political participation methodologies, alongside partner organizations’ comprehensive understanding of local conflict dynamics and vast experience in local peacebuilding and governance work in Kenya.

#### OUR WORK

Tusameheane Tujenge Nchi is premised on the belief that creating safe spaces for people and communities to build trust and understanding helps communities to recognize the benefit of collective action regarding their relationship with county governments and how they are governed. The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the consolidation of a peaceful and inclusive Kenyan society through improved service delivery, enhanced citizens’ participation in people-to-people dialogue and county governance processes.

Tusameheane Tujenge Nchi uses a people-to-people peacebuilding approach to address the conflict drivers in the target counties identified by the program's Conflict Assessment. The People-to-People approach brings together both the communities as well as the relevant policy and government stakeholders, enhances their capacity and creates a platform for joint identification and potential solutions to identified government and conflict problems.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Conducted a conflict assessment using USAID's Conflict Assessment Framework. These findings indicate a need for increased dialogue and collaborations between citizens and state as well as between the diverse communities at different levels to build trust and relationships, increase community participation and ownership of governance delivery, and strengthen community resilience structures and measures to mitigate potential conflict risks.
- Supported five peace dialogue meetings in Wajir County aimed at addressing underlying issues of resource-based conflict between different ethnicities in areas along the border of Marsabit with Wajir County, and within Wajir County. In total the meetings had a total of 33 women and 92 men.
- Supported one sub-county cross border peace meeting in Migori County to discuss the emerging conflict trends and pathways for reducing intra and inter-ethnic animosity in the county. This meeting was attended by 15 women and 25 men.
- Supported one dialogue between the sub-county peace committees and the community members to strengthen linkages between the peace committees and the community, promote opportunities for peaceful coexistence, enhance good relationships, and to build mutual trust on how to share the available grazing and water resources during poor rainy seasons. The meeting was attended by five women and 20 men.
- Supported commemoration of international days such as the International Day of Peace and International Women's day as a way of leveraging outreach opportunities; celebrating the roles of women in peacebuilding (for International Women's Day); and celebrating community milestones in peacebuilding.

**BUDGET:** USD \$1,268, 991

### DURATION

2019 – 2021

### ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Migori, Nairobi and Wajir Counties

### KEY PARTNERS

Focus on Arid Land and Integrated Development (FO-AID), PEACE NET

### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

International Alert

### USAID CONTACTS

Hassan Abdile  
Tel: +254-20-363-2000  
Email: [habdille@usaid.gov](mailto:habdille@usaid.gov)

### PARTNER CONTACTS

Rabindra Gurung  
Chief of Party  
Cell: +254-709-337-865  
Email: [rgurung@internatioanal-alert.org](mailto:rgurung@internatioanal-alert.org)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email: [usaidkea@usaid.gov](mailto:usaidkea@usaid.gov)  
Website: [www.usaid.gov/kenya](http://www.usaid.gov/kenya)  
Facebook: USAIDKenya  
Twitter: @USAIDKenya