

NOMADIC PASTORALISM, DEVOLUTION AND CONFLICT IN NORTHERN KENYA

**And Issues Threatening their
livelihood.**



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Prevailing Poverty/Vulnerability



- Highest levels of poverty e.g.
- High illiteracy levels, conflicts and diseases
- Serious cases of Environmental degradation & drought.



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- Poor infrastructure
- Nascent governance structures and eroded traditional structures

Increasing Insecurity

- Conflict which normally is a traditional restocking mechanism (using simple weapons) have become violent and destructive to human life.





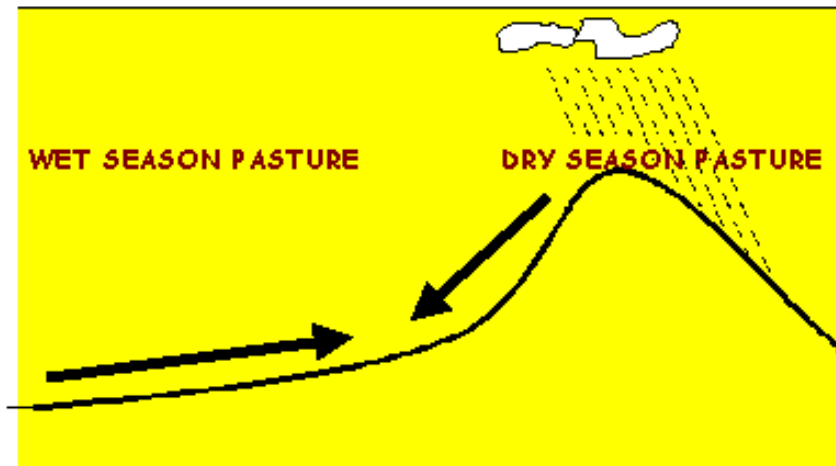
Increased insecurity

- Massive losses of livestock from raids
- Insecurity and rapid increase in banditry and crime
- Rape and spread of HIV/Aids.

Changing Land use system and devolution

Free Nomadism

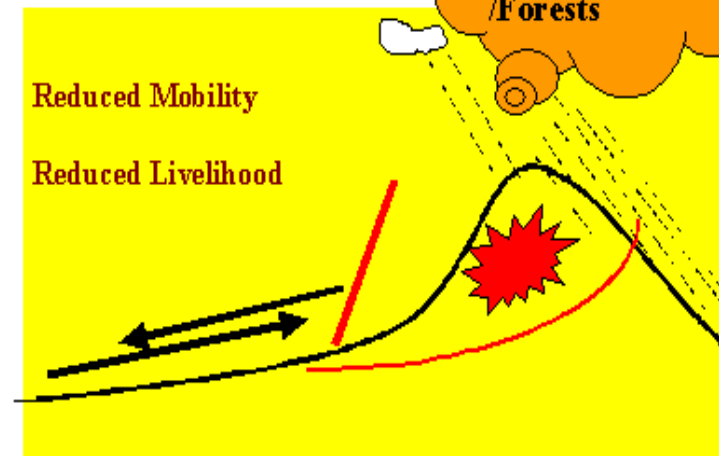
NORMAL FREE NOMADISM



RESTRICTED NOMADISM

With Relocation of Wet lands

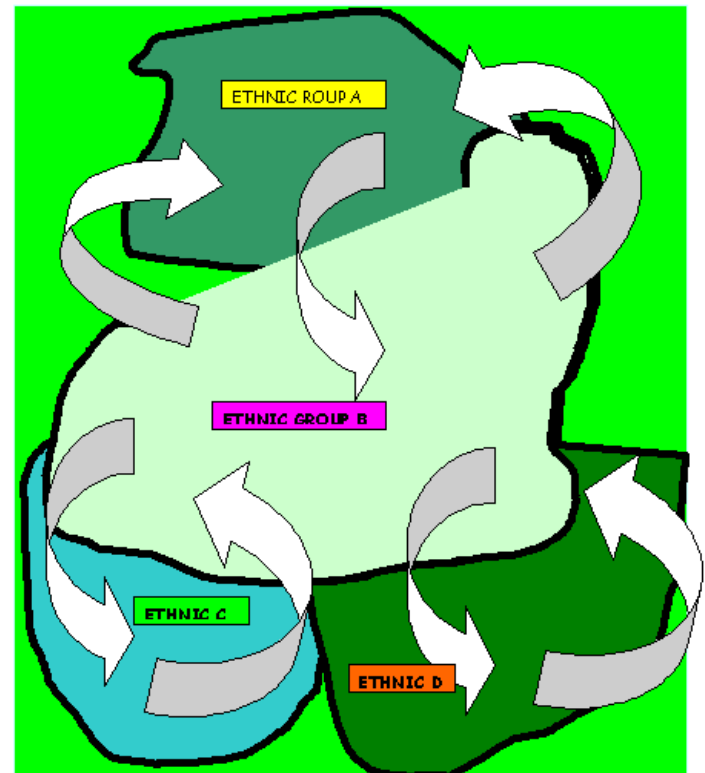
Sub-Divided to
Small Scale
Farmer and
Wild Life
/Forests



Free Nomadism – A Friendly Livelihood System

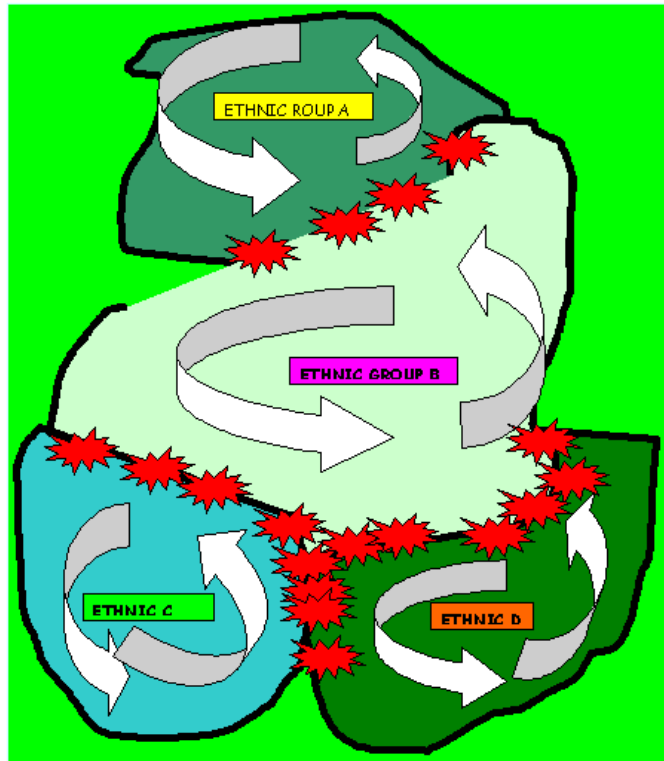
- Sharing of pasture supports resource generation
- Communities working together in managing resources
- Improved drought circle management and Range recovery.

FREE MOVEMENT BETWEEN DIFFERENT ETHNIC BOUNDARIES



Restricted Nomadism/devolution – Reducing livelihoods

RESTRICTED MOVEMENT DUE TO CONFLICTS



- Increased land degradation
- Lower livelihoods
- Poor drought cycle management
- Resulting conflicts.



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- Militarization of conflict
- Absence of security measures and administration of justice
- Worsening HIV/AIDS

*This is a common trend in most pastoralist areas.

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BEFORE CONFLICT:

Free Movement, Trade and Sharing of pastures.

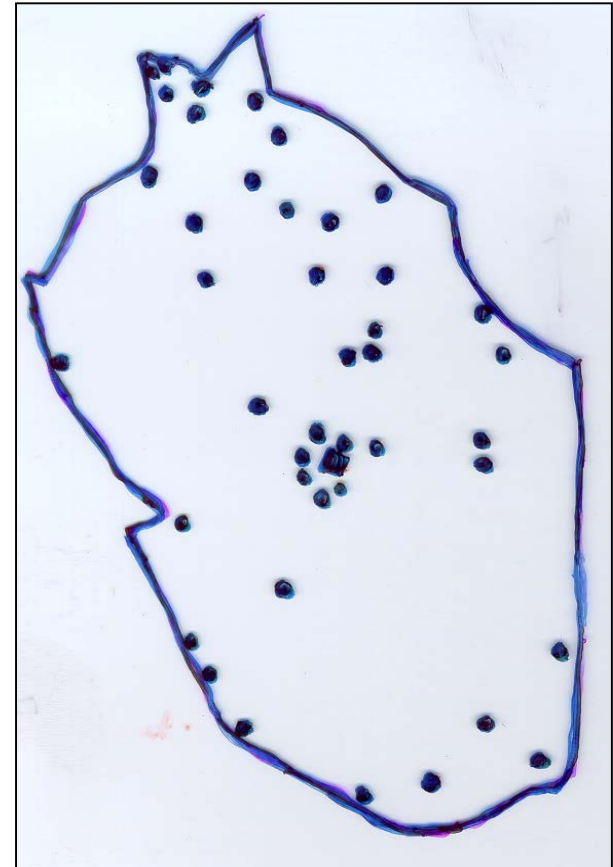


From nomadism to urbanization The challenge of the 21st Century and Beyond

Wajir 1940

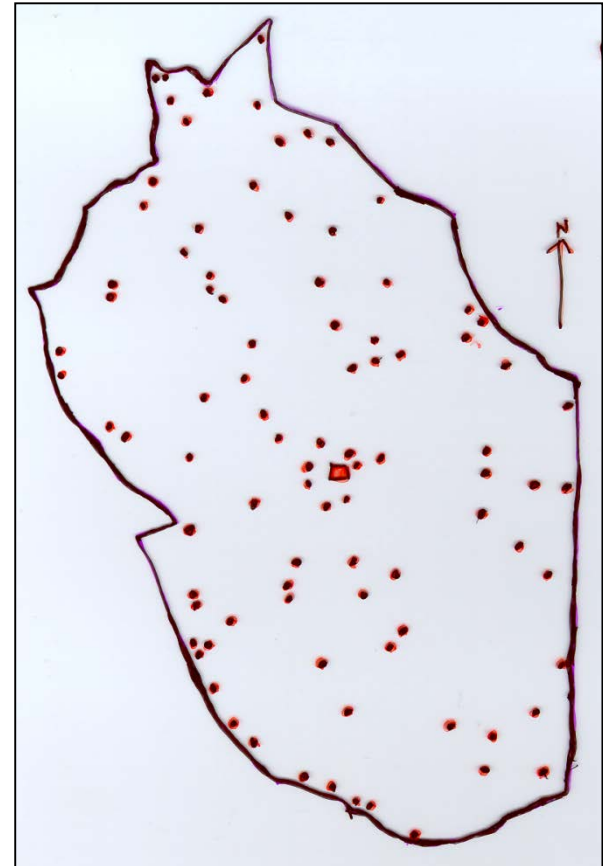
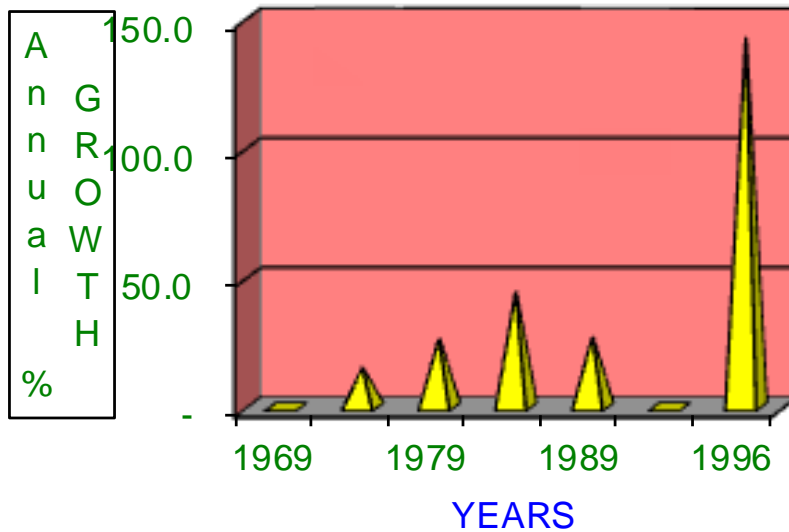


Wajir 1996



Urban Stir – Wajir County

URBAN DEVELOPMENT, WAJIR DISTRICT

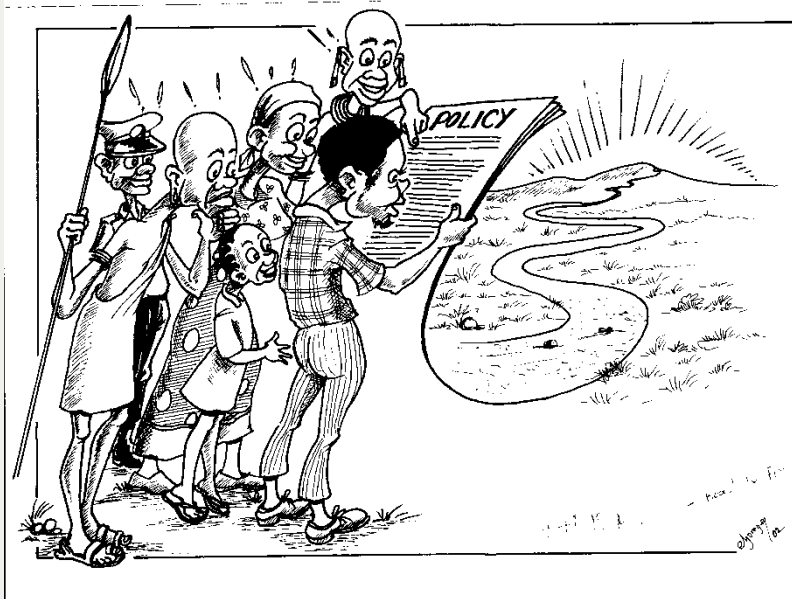




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- Competition among groups.
- Territorial encroachment and triggering hostilities among groups.
- Loss of prime grazing land to large Agricultural schemes and National Parks.(Tana Delta) .
- This has caused drastic changes in Traditional resource use patterns and inter group conflicts over life sustaining resources likely to intensify in the region.

Weak Policy



- Weak policy on pastoralism and pastoral development more so on human rights.
- Conflict prevention and peace building.
- Weak regional pastoral policy

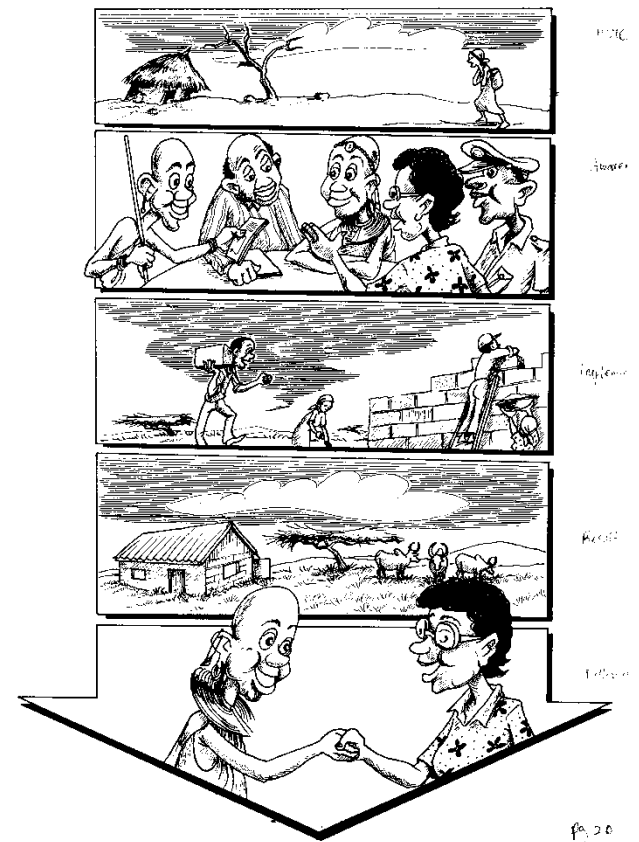


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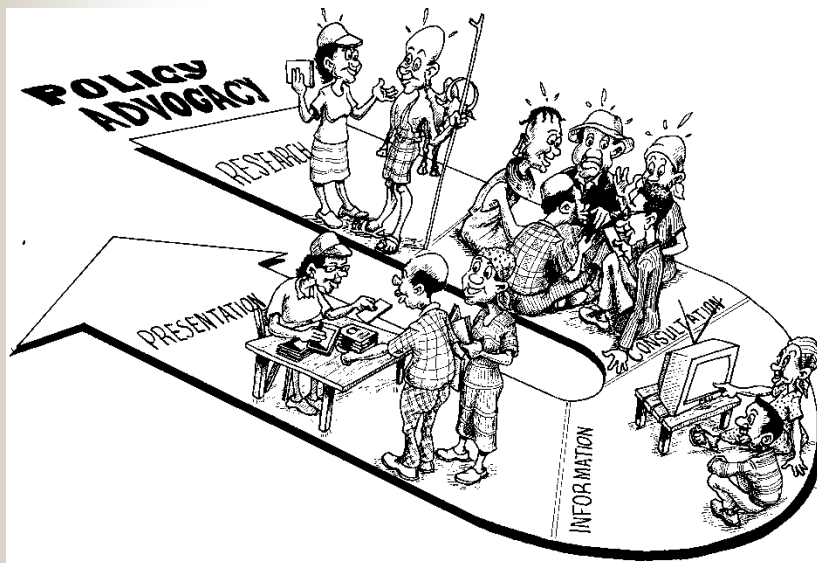
- Human-wildlife conflicts
- Land tenure policy
- Marketing policy

Way Forward

- Recognizing and supporting pastoralism as a productive system as the best system that works in dry-lands of Kenya.
- Demobilize, Disarm and compensate



Strengthening Participatory Process in Policy Reform at county level



- An advocacy process that starts with research priorities, community consultation,
- Training, information management on prioritized issues – land, conflict resolution,

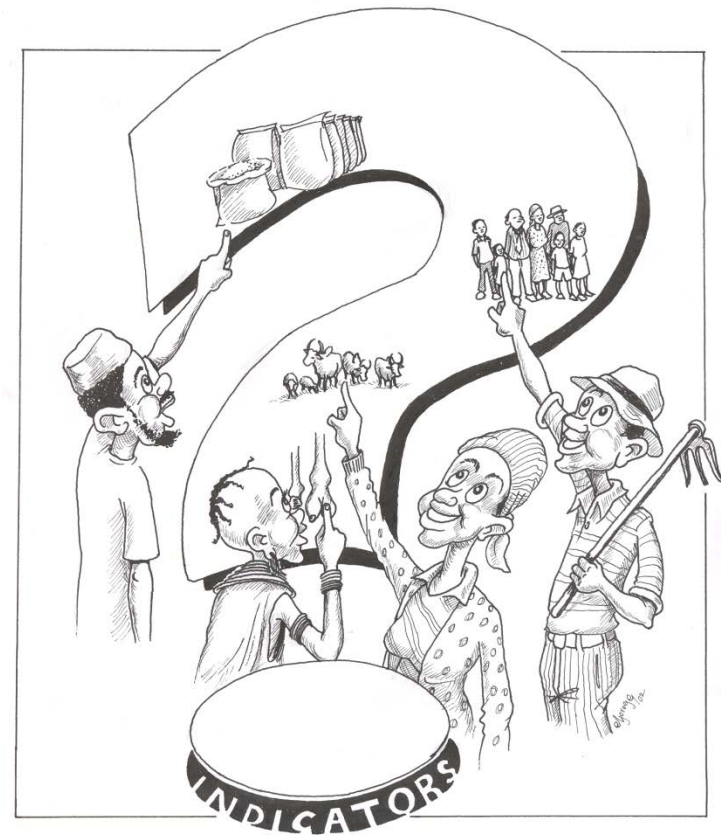


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- pastoral rights, women's and children's rights, human wild life conflicts, regional perspectives to pastoral policy, Internally Displaced.
- Improve Education and Facilities.

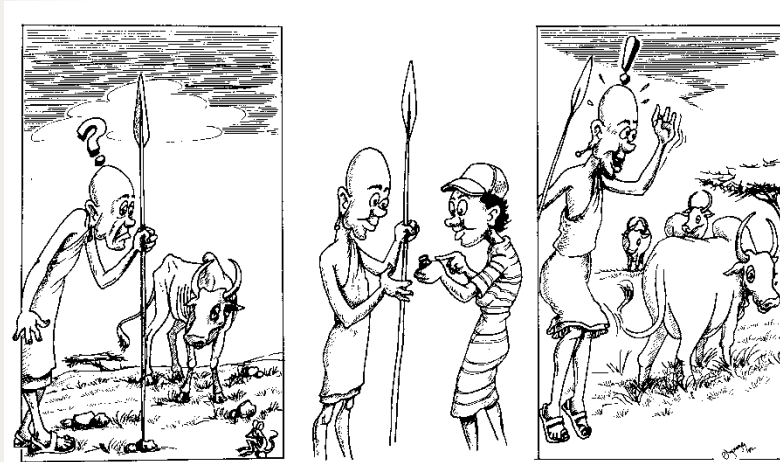
Planning from their Perception of expected Change

- Every community has its priorities and we should plan with these priorities in mind
- They should also be involved in monitoring the achievement of change as per their perceptions and indicators



Equipping Dry land Communities

- With Skills on modern livestock management, marketing, drought cycle management, water and sanitation and other Livelihoods options.



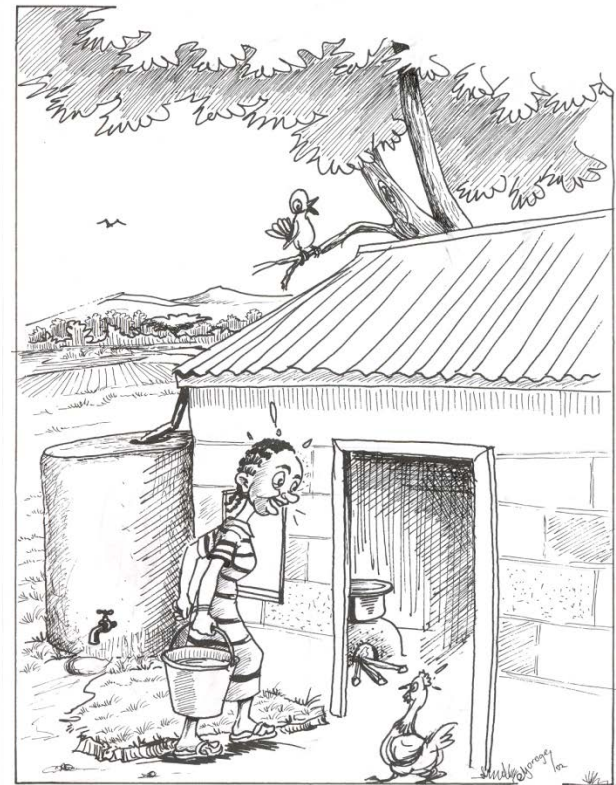


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- Strengthen the Traditional institution in food production system including irrigation.
- Conflict prevention and HIV/AIDS.
- Improve Infrastructure

Consider the needs of Women and the Girl Child

- Girl child education
- Women's entrepreneurship
- Women's participation in decision-making, at county level and national level



Building Bridges

- Between pastoral livelihoods and market economy
- Between pastoralist culture and other cultures
- Between men and women





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- Between girls and boys
- Between county government and national Government.



Participation of minorities in decision making at county level

- Involvement of minority groups in decision making at county levels as well as access to resources is crucial in the development of the region
- Involving minorities in peacebuilding processes

LEARNING LESSONS

- From existing local knowledge and Research.
- From past experience of pastoral development
- From on-going partnership and devolution
- From experiences across the borders





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- Commercialization of livestock and Improve cross border market facilities.
- Strengthening access to justice and effective administration of justice mechanisms through legitimization of mainstream and traditional systems.
- Community Policing and security.
- Women's desk to mediate GBV issues (pre-police intervention)