



# CEWARN Monthly

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## CEWARN convenes Ethiopia- Kenya cross-border meeting for the Somali Cluster



Elders from the Boran, Gabra and Garre Communities from Ethiopia and Kenya conduct prayers before opening the meeting

The CEWARN Unit in collaboration with the Regional Enhanced Livelihoods in Pastoralist Areas (RELPA) program's Enhanced Livelihoods in Mandera Triangle (ELMT) and Enhanced Livelihoods in Southern Ethiopia (ELSE) organized the Ethiopia-Kenya Cross-Border Peace Meeting for the Somali Cluster from 2-4 November 2009 in Moyale Town, Ethiopia. The meeting brought together the national Conflict Early Warning and Response Units (CEWERUs) of both countries comprising of local administrators; representatives of security structures of the two countries as well as civil society representatives and assessed the peace and security situation in the area. The meeting also identified existing structures as well as community peace initiatives that could be supported and strengthened for sustainable peace in the cross-border areas of the Somali Cluster.

The meeting laid the ground for the establishment of cross-border peace structures that will enable CEWARN and the two countries to act on a timely manner in response to cross-border pastoralist and related conflicts. The delegations from Ethiopia and Kenya were led by Dr. Shiferaw Teklemariam, Minister of Federal Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic

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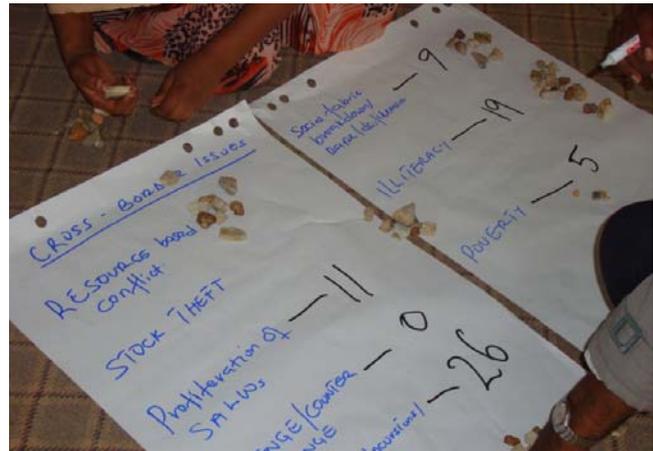
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Participants were divided into groups to discuss and identify key cross-border peace and security issues

of Ethiopia and Mr. Mohamed Elmi, Minister of State for Development of Northern Kenya and Other Arid Lands respectively.

Cross-border pastoralist and related conflicts across the Ethiopia-Kenya border in the Somali Cluster that covers the cross-border areas of Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia have - for long - been rampant causing untold loss of human lives, injuries and property damages. The livelihoods of the communities that straddle along these borders including - the Boran, Gabbra and Garre communities are also vulnerable to environmental and related challenges.

## NEWS FROM CEWARN'S AREAS OF REPORTING



### Rough Indication of CEWARN's Current areas of reporting - the Karamoja, Somali and Dikihil Clusters

In the Month of October, CEWARN's field reports from the Karamoja Cluster, one of its areas of reporting indicated that 16 violent incidents were reported from the Country sides of Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda causing 24 human deaths and 1,422 livestock losses. There were no reported incidents in the Somali and Dikihil Clusters.

In November, 18 violent incidents were reported from the Ethiopia and Kenya sides of the Karamoja Cluster that caused 24 human deaths and the loss of 2,786 livestock.

### CEWARN hosts 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Technical Meeting on the African Union's Continental Early Warning System (CEWS)

CEWARN hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Technical Meeting on the operationalization of the African Union's Continental Early Warning System (CEWS) at the Sheraton Hotel in Kampala, Uganda from 24-25th November 2009. The meeting received progress reports from African Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in terms of developing early warning systems and representatives consulted on how best they can enhance information sharing and harmonizing their early warning systems.

Other key items on the agenda also included developing guidelines on how to share early warning information based on an earlier Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed amongst the African

Union (AU) Continental Early Warning system (CEWS) and RECs. The Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) will host the next Technical Meeting next year.

### CEWARN participates at the second Ethio-Kenya Administrators/ Commissioners' Meeting

CEWARN participated at the Second Ethio-Kenya Administrators/ Commissioners' meeting that brought together local administrators and elders representing the Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples Regional State of Ethiopia as well as the Rift Valley Province of Kenya on 2 November in Hawassa city, Ethiopia. The meeting is part of a bi-lateral initiative by the governments of Ethiopia and Kenya to curb security concerns across the borders of the two countries in relation to rampant cattle rustling and accompanied violence amongst pastoralist communities that straddle the border.

The meeting focused on reviewing the progress made since an earlier meeting held in Nakuru Town, Kenya on 10 October 2009 and assessed the peace and security situation of the area and cross-border communal relations particularly amongst the Dassenech and Nyanagatom of Ethiopia as well as the Turkana of Kenya. Delegations of the two countries were led by President of the Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples' Regional State of Ethiopia Mr. Shiferaw Shegute and the Provincial Commissioner of the Rift Valley Province of Kenya Mr. Osman Warfa.

The first bi-lateral meeting of Nakuru had committed both governments and the local administrators of the bordering regions in both countries in particular, to strengthen communication and information sharing as well as cooperate and act promptly to stamp out cattle rustling and violence among their communities. The meeting had also agreed on a symbolic return of stolen livestock among the communities pending a report from a joint committee that would help to establish the actual amount of livestock losses due to violent incidents since August 2009.

As the return of livestock was not undertaken by the time the Hawassa meeting was held, the meeting agreed on a new date, 16 November 2009 to hold a ceremonial return of livestock among the communities. CEWARN was represented at the meeting by the Public Relations and Communications Officer Ms. Tigist Hailu and CEWARN Assistant Country Coordinator for Ethiopia, Ms. Teemt Bekele.

## CEWARN holds second RRF Steering Committee Meeting



CEWARN convened the second Rapid Response Fund (RRF) Steering Committee Meeting on 5 October in Addis Ababa. The meeting that brought together Heads of national Conflict Early Warning and Response Units (CEWERUs) from Djibouti; Ethiopia; Kenya and Uganda as well as representatives of civil society organizations and partners assessed progress made in the implementation of the RRF.

The Steering Committee also received reports on two urgent projects in Ethiopia and Uganda that were supported by the RRF during 2009. In Ethiopia, the Rapid Response Fund was used to support revitalization of Local Peace Committees in the Somali Cluster in September 2009 while in Uganda, the RRF funds were used to conduct a reconciliatory peace meeting to recover livestock lost following a conflict between the Jie, Turkana and Matheniko communities in Kotido District of Uganda.

The meeting agreed on necessary follow up measures including the establishment of Technical Support Units (TSUs) and Financial Assistance Units (FAUs) that would support national CEWERUs in overseeing the technical and financial administration of the fund in Member States.

## CEWARN finalizes Livestock Identification, Traceability and Tracking Study (LITS)

The study on Livestock identification, traceability and Tracking that was jointly commissioned by CEWARN and the Mifugo programme of Institute of Security Studies (ISS) in Nairobi Office has been finalized. The objective of the study was to undertake a comprehensive study on livestock identification, traceability and tracking as a mechanism for preventing livestock raiding related to violent conflicts among pastoralist communities in the IGAD sub-region and Tanzania.

The study also sought to investigate and consolidate the place of livestock identification (including branding) in preventing, combating and eradicating cattle rustling as stipulated in the recently signed "Protocol for the Prevention, Combating and Eradication of Cattle Rustling in Eastern Africa" by the Member States of the East African Police Chiefs Cooperation Organization (EAPCCO).

The study recommends amongst other things for a harmonized regional approach for livestock identification and traceability systems that take into consideration the various levels of development of the livestock industry as well as extensive public education campaigns on livestock identification and traceability - stressing on available options, mechanics and possible benefits.

## Karamoja Cluster CSO Mapping study finalized

The Karamoja Cluster Mapping study that targeted Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda-sides of the Karamoja Cluster that are engaged in Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (CPMR) has been finalized.

The exercise was one of the recommendations of the Technical Committee on Early Warning and Response (TCEWR) and Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS) meetings in Kampala 2008 and is aimed at identifying active CSOs in CEWARN's areas of reporting in the Karamoja Cluster and the capacities they possess with a view to harnessing it through strategic partnerships.

## Linkages

### **CEWARN in the News**



CEWARN was represented by the IT and Data Management Officer Ms. Bethlehem Abebe who presented a paper on the effect of Climate change on Pastoralist conflicts in the IGAD sub-region.

#### **CEWARN extends heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Haile W/Micheal**

*Dr. Haile W/Micheal who served as the Ethiopian CSO representative to the CEWARN Technical Committee on Early Warning and Response (TCEWR) since 2003 passed away in October 2009.*

*The entire CEWARN team wishes to convey its condolences to Dr. Haile's family and friends.*

#### **CEWARN shares experience with officials from the Ministry of Federal Affairs of Ethiopia**

CEWARN received officials from the Ministry of Federal Affairs of Ethiopia on 22 October 2009 and shared its experience on setting up an early warning and early response System in the IGAD sub-region. The officials informed that the Ministry has already set up a national early warning and early response mechanism which currently is at initial phase of development and implementation. The Ministry Officials also stated that the ministry wants to set up a situation room and establish local peace committees (similar to those of CEWARN's) for early response activities in various parts of the country.



Director General of Sub-Saharan Africa Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy Amb. Giuseppe Moraito (**3rd from left**) and his delegation with CEWARN PR and Communications Officer Ms. Tigist Hallu (**4th from left**) and other CEWARN Unit Staff. The delegation that included Mr. Marco Claudio Vozi and the Italian Ambassador to Ethiopia Mr. Raffael De Lutio visited the CEWARN Unit on 26 October 2009 and was briefed about CEWARN's activities and plans by the CEWARN PR and Communications Officer and other core staff.

#### **IGAD Meeting on Climate Change and Security**

CEWARN participated at a meeting on Climate Change and Security that was organized by the IGAD Secretariat in Djibouti from 3-5 November 2009. The objective of the meeting was to develop an IGAD position on climate change in light of the upcoming World Climate Conference in Copenhagen. The meeting also discussed the effects of climate change on IGAD Member States and mechanisms to deal with related challenges.



Director of Operations of the Swedish Armed Forces Headquarters in Stockholm Maj. Gen. Anders Linstrom (**3rd from right**) and his delegation with the Ag. Director of CEWARN Mr. Raymond Kitevu (**2nd from right**) and other CEWARN Unit staff during the delegations' visit to the CEWARN Unit on 16 November 2009

## October/ November in Pictures



*Dr. Shiferaw T/Mariam, Minister of Federal Affairs of Ethiopia (**centre with red tie**) and (**to his right**) Mr. Mohammed Elmi, Minister of Development for Northern Kenya and Other Arid Lands consult with delegates - at the Moyale Town Ethio-Kenya Cross-border Peace Meeting*



*A Mobile School for Nyangatom Children located in Kajamaken Kebele of Nyangatom Woreda teaches children between 7-15 years of age from households around Nyangatom woreda in S. Omo Zone of Ethiopia. Up to 200 children gather in a small hut to learn alphabets, reading and writing.*



*Mr. Shiferaw Sheguite, President of the Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples' Regional State of Ethiopia and Mr. Osman Warfa, Provincial Commissioner of the Northern Rift Valley province of Kenya sign a MOU concluding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ethio-Kenya Administrators Meeting , Hawassa Town, 2 November 2009*

*An estimated 12-15 million of Ethiopia's population are pastoralists. Some unofficial reports suggest that while school enrollment among the overall population at the moment is 79.8%, enrollment among pastoralists is only 10.6%. Pastoralist children grow up tending the herd and engaging in subsistence activities in areas where schools are often not found. Gradually, these children become youth – youth who have never received any education.*



*Participants of the Ethio-Kenya Cross-border Peace Meeting for the Somali Cluster engage in a participatory activity that involves pebbles to identify and prioritize conflict and Peace cross-border*



*Elders representing the Dassenech Community of Ethiopia at the Ethio-Kenya Administrators Meeting, Hawassa Town, 2 November*