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The Women of **Blessing Womens Group** gather for their weekly meeting with PACIDA in Suguta Marmar in Samburu County.

Trees that are brought by PACIDA and distributed to the Women for planting .

John Jamaica Leddipo an environmental officer from Samburu County who collaborates with PACIDA in training on tree planting takes the women through a session teaching them about the trees that they brought and how to plant and take care of them.

John Otieno of IPAS plants a tree with the help of one of the Women from the group.

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John Jamaica Leddipo an environmental officer at Samburu County who works in collaboration with PACIDA to educate the members of the community on tree planting, environmental conservation and climate change.

“With the help of PACIDA we started the Kitchen garden project to grow vegetables to replace milk because cattle were dying due to drought. We have made sure that each member in these different groups has established a kitchen garden which they harvest from 3 times a week. We also encourage people to grow fruit trees which are high value trees. We also advised them to grow agro forestry trees for livestock feed and shade. What I can say is that PACIDA has brought a huge change in this community.”

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Janet Lemerimuka beneficiary of the Womens Group Kitchen garden shows us her kitchen garden.

“Before the initiative ,I did not know anything about kitchen gardens. I did not know about climate change, the benefits of planting trees and diet and the causes of malnutrition. Through PACIDA and this project I now know what a kitchen garden is and even have my own garden. I have been taught about the benefits of eating vegetables and the benefits of tree planting. I also get an extra income by selling vegetables. PACIDA has also brought unity and love amongst the Women.”

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Anna Letikirish a beneficiary of the kitchen garden initiative by PACIDA stands in her kitchen garden.

“This project has really helped me. I have been educated on farming and the benefits of having a kitchen garden. From my kitchen garden I get vegetables to eat, feed my family and also to sell. I have also learnt about the importance of diet and nutrition and since I started eating vegetables I have seen a difference in my health.”

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Naomi Letikich a beneficiary of the kitchen garden initiative in her kitchen garden.

“Through this project I have learnt about farming and how to do it correctly. I have also learnt about the importance of having a kitchen garden especially in a dry area like ours. I have also been educated on the importance of family planning and saving. I am able to save the money that I get after I sell vegetables from my kitchen garden and spend it wisely.”

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Abdia of PACIDA talks with members of Namaiyana youth group during their weekly meeting.

Abdia demonstrates how to use the washable sanitary towels and menstrual cups to the girls.

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Christine Lekamario and Margaret Leparkry of Namaiyana Youth Group at the youth group's weekly meeting.

Christine Lekamario of Namaiyana Youth Group. "Before PACIDA I did not know about hygiene especially on the importance of digging toilets to reduce the risk of diseases. I have also learnt about climate change and the importance of planting trees. I have also learnt about the importance of not wasting water and now the water I use at home I recycle and use for my kitchen garden instead of pouring it out and wasting it."

Margaret Leparkry of Namaiyana youth group. "Through PACIDA I have been taught about family planning, kitchen gardens and climate change. I also have been educated on the benefits of taking my child to the clinic. Before we could not afford sanitary pads but through PACIDA we get the washable ones and we are also taught about hygiene and disposal of pads."

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Public health officer, **Sharon Kipsongor** chats with one of the girls from Namaiyana Youth Group.

Christine Lekamario of Namaiyana Youth group leaves with her tree from PACIDA that she will go and plant in her kitchen garden.

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Julietta Lekinasia a beneficiary of PACIDA through Blessing Womens Group in her kitchen garden. Through PACIDA, Julietta was able to travel to Makueni County to see what the Women are doing with regards to farming.

“I was very inspired by the Women in Makueni county especially because we have the same environment. The Women in Makueni have succeeded in farming and planting trees and I want that to be the case for our community as well. Through the trip allowance that I got from PACIDA, I was able to build a fence for my Kitchen garden.”

Julietta’s kitchen garden.

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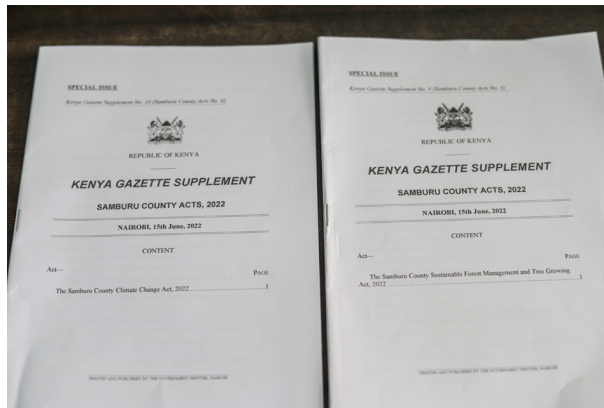


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Monica Lotukoi a geologist in the department of water in Samburu County. Monica was a key player in working with PACIDA to formulate 2 Bills and 2 Policies with regards to climate change and the environment. With their lobbying the Bills were developed into Acts while the policies are awaiting approval from the cabinet. Monica and the team from PACIDA were able to achieve this in less than a year which is record breaking time because Bills take long to be approved.

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Members of the Environmental Justice Youth Group assemble in their tree nursery in Maralal town for their weekly meeting.

Lokitambaa Andrew chair of the Environmental Justice Youth Group and climate change ambassador. “I have a passion for the environment but I can not do it alone. PACIDA has been very helpful in providing the tools that we need to make a change in our environment. They provide us with knowledge,resources and the motivation that we need to keep going.”

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The Mamas (older Women) of the Environmental Justice Youth Group help in planting trees in the tree nursery. These women were the first to start the nursery and even taught John Jamaica how to plant trees and gave him the knowledge that he needed.

From left to right...**Ng'athkie Akoriye, Alimlim Lokipeth** and **Akwanomor Emayie**.

Alimlim Lokipeth who is part of the Mamas (older Women) of the Environmental Justice Youth Group help in planting trees in the tree nursery. These Women were the first to start the nursery and even taught John Jamaica how to plant trees and gave him the knowledge that he needed. "We are happy with what the youth are doing on conservation of the environment. We help them in planting trees and we also have our own tree nursery. We know that environmental conservation is important and we thank PACIDA for their support."

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Sula Denah Lolkirik a member of the Environmental Justice Youth Group. “PACIDA has educated us on climate change. We have also been taught about Kitchen gardens and its importance. I have learnt about sexual reproductive health especially about contraceptives and reusable pads. PACIDA also encouraged us to join the Community Forest Association (C.F.A) so that we could have access to the forest as the youth.”

Nancy Ruoro a member of the Environmental Justice Youth group. Nancy was involved in the policy facilitation with PACIDA. “I loved how they incorporated different members of the community in the policy making. I think that it is important that they involved different members of the community because climate change involves all of us. PACIDA has educated us about sexual reproductive health and I have seen my peers incorporating the lessons that we have been taught like planting kitchen gardens and use of reusable sanitary pads. PACIDA also opened our eyes with regard to climate change.”

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Lillian Letiwa the founder of Ngari Green Nursery/tree project. Ngari green is a link project to show the effects of climate change and adaptation mechanisms.

“I started this project because I am passionate about the environment. I approached the area chief and asked for land to plant trees. With other Women we contributed to buy fence for the land and we would go to the forest to take seeds to plant. From the trees that we sell the women use the money for school fees and to buy their beads. We have learnt about table banking and kitchen gardens from PACIDA. PACIDA has also taken us to Makueni county for trainings on climate change and sustainability.”

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Ismael Ali and **Mureithi** who are members of plastic boys which is a group that was formed to combat the use of plastic. The group started a small farming project behind their workshop where they plant trees and house plants. The project has really taken off and through PACIDA they have been allocated a bigger space near the county government offices.

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Abdia Lalaikipia the project coordinator (Promoting Transformative Climate Action by addressing the linkages between climate change and sexual reproductive health and rights) PACIDA stands next the signage outside PACIDA offices in Maralal town

“This was actually a pilot programme that was implemented in 4 months. Our entry into the community is through climate change because that is the immediate problem that the community is facing and then linking it to sexual reproductive health. The policies that were implemented at the county government were our biggest deliverables for the project which we actualized within 4 months.

All the 35 Women in the Blessing Womens Group have established kitchen gardens after our trainings and support. Another impact that we have had is that because of the trainings we have provided, Samburu Women are now embracing alternative means of livelihood like agro farming to address malnutrition, hunger and poverty. The IPAC grant created a foundation for PACIDA to be the best in addressing issues of climate change. Most people did not know that there was a link between climate change and sexual

reproductive health and this project has enabled us to educate the community on this link. Because of this grant we are the pioneers to start the climate justice programme and to start real change on environmental sustainability. For now we are looking for more donors to bring in more innovative programmes to address climate change.”

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Angela Nashipai a beneficiary of Entashata CBO stands at the local clinic (Entasekera health centre) where she is an intern.

“Through this project I have been taken through school and I have also been educated on FGM which also inspired me to educate others about FGM.”

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Shukunai Grace a beneficiary of Entashata CBO tends to livestock at her family's home.

“Through this project I was able to go to school. I also escaped FGM and I have been empowered to be self-independent all around”

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Hellen Topisia from Entashata CBO chats with some girls from Loita High School at the school grounds.

Amos and Hellen Topisia from Entashata CBO chat with some of the girls from Loita High School at the school grounds.

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A portrait of **Amos** and **Hellen Topisia** outside the office.

Entashata CBO sign post near the office.

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Elizabeth Poyio a beneficiary of the Entashata CBO attends to customers in her agrovet shop.

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Amos (CBO Partner) chats with **Lolturoto Poyio** at the Market Centre. Lolturoto is one of the male beneficiaries of the CBO who has attended trainings on GBV.

Lolturoto seats and chats with **Peterson** at the market square. Peterson also attended the trainings on GBV and family planning. “I have daughters who are in school and their education is being catered for by this CBO. I have gotten support on raising my daughters and also sensitization on FGM and it’s negative effects. This project should continue.”

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Phillip Simpano Entasekera area Chief shows us the community tap that was installed as part of the water project. “Before this water project, the villagers would drink dirty water because the source of the water was not protected. Now the members of the community can drink the water as it is clean and also use the water for other chores at home.”

The water tap that was put part as part of the water project and brings water from Kilueni spring. The water has brought benefits like;

1. Reducing water borne diseases.
2. Assisted in maternal health and cleanliness because the women can now use clean water.
3. The women of the community now have time to attend community programmes and activities including health services.
4. The community members are more inclined to take care of their physical hygiene because the water is clean.

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Normejooli Munka a community member who lives near the water source uses the water for cooking and cleaning in her kitchen.

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The dry and arid areas of Olturotale Ntashata.

Entashata dam which is the only water source in the dry and arid area of Olturotale Ntashata. The water is very minimal and dries up. Women have to walk upto 12kms to get water and this takes them almost the whole day. This means that the Women of the community do not have time to do anything else or attend any activities organized by the CBO. The water is also very dirty and can cause illnesses.

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Namunyak Faith washes clothes near the dam.

“We have to share the water with our livestock which is not safe or healthy for us. Sometimes it dries up and we have to walk the whole day to go and fetch water. Where we go to fetch water we have to que which takes time and most of us do not have donkeys to help us carry the water so we have to carry the water ourselves and still walk a long distance back home.”

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Noorimrim Nairoto (Mama Kijiji)

who has attended the trainings on reproductive health.

“The trainings really opened my eyes to issues that I did not know of before. I have preached what I was taught to my fellow women in the community because I want them to also benefit from this knowledge. I have also learnt about my rights and where to seek help from incase I am in trouble.”

Noorimrim Nairoto (Mama Kijiji) who has attended the trainings on reproductive health serves tea to members of the community as part of her role as Mama Kijiji is to serve the members of the community.

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The women of the beehive project stand near the beehives. The project started when the Women decided that they wanted to empower themselves. They approached Entashata CBO for help and started the bee hive project. They have a bank account where they keep all the proceeds from the honey that they sell.

“Through this project we have become empowered and independent. From the income we have gotten we have been able to help the needy and sponsored two children through school.”

One of the major challenges that they face is lack of equipment for harvesting and sometimes the honey goes to waste because they do not have the harvesting gear and apparatus. They also need better stands for their bee hives because termites attack the stands that they currently have.

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Sharon Naisula who is a beneficiary of the sensitivity trainings.

“The sensitivity trainings have really empowered and enlightened me. I now know about the dangers of FGM, I know what my rights are, I have been taught about the importance of family planning and HIV testing. I can also say that FGM has really reduced in our community due to these sensitizations.”

Sharon is a teacher by profession

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Kebiru Muhammad (need to confirm spelling) works with Guidance and Counselling Development Association - GCDA, a CBO in Gombe States working in health, education and peace and conflict resolution.

“This training has changed the perceptions of a lot of people, mostly people living with disabilities.

Ipas really made a huge effort to SAIF Advocacy to sensitize the CBOs in the states and even make other CBOs integrate these PAC services in their strategic plan and in their activities.”

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Marie Brian Shirley (need to confirm spelling), program officer of JONAPWD Gombe, Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities

“Having this program it makes our people will not look at other people like they are bad persons because they got pregnancy or they abort their pregnancy. They will not be looking at them like this.

I’m very excited about this program, seriously very excited.

My message to SAIF and Ipas is that we really appreciate for making us an inclusive program. We are part of this program, persons with disabilities. I will also advise Ipas and SAIF for this training to be sustained ... to sensitize and intervene on such issues of abortion in other communities in Gombe.”

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Federation of Muslim Women Associations in Nigeria, FOMWAN is a faith-based nongovernmental organization complementing the efforts of the government in Gombe State

Retired health personnel, **Yelwe Abduwlahi**, participated in a sensitization training

“As a result of this training have let me now to bring other people in where I can be getting more news about issues that need to be supported so that we can save lives. So it has increased my knowledge greatly. I’m grateful. So we hope for such training to continue because as cases of rape is a gender-based violence is is in the increase.”

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Freedom Ahmed.

“We work around support and civil society organizations to integrate PAC services in their programming.”

“We were able to select about 15 civil society organizations across the states, and we provided them with training which was supported by Ipas. And the training was basically to transform their attitudes, their values, their attitudes towards understanding what PAC services are, understanding how they could support women and girls.”

“I want to assure you that this project has really created an awareness and then has really created visibility for the Ipas in the states. ...at first issues around abortion is a no go area. You don't even feel you don't even think at first we're thinking it will be difficult for us to even talk around abortion in the states. But coming out and trying to provide sensitization to convince people it was easier for us to penetrate and the acceptance rate at which the community people are understood that, of course, unsafe abortion is really taking the lives of women and girls. So really went a long way.”

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