



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Ministry of State for the Development of Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands



VISION

A secure prosperous Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands where people enjoy high quality of life.

MISSION

Provide leadership in implementation and co-ordination of development programmes which provide food, water, security, health, education and a peaceful and sustainable environment to the people of Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands



Hon. Mohamed Ibrahim Elmi, MP, Minister.



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Establishment

The Ministry was established on April 13, 2008, as the Ministry of State for the Development of Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands, under the Office of the Prime Minister.

MANDATE OF THE MINISTRY

- Infrastructural development
- Planning and encouragement of townships along main roads
- Livestock development
- Water supplies
- Natural resource management
- Mineral resource exploration and development
- Human resource development
- Irrigation development
- Tapping of solar and wind energy
- Arid and Semi-Arid Resources Management Project
- Improvement of Livestock Marketing Systems
- Implementation of Special Programmes for the region.

CO-ORDINATION

The Ministry will co-ordinate the implementation of programmes in Northern Kenya and Other Arid Lands, which are financed through other line ministries.

RUNNING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

In the financial year 2008-2009 the ministry is implementing three projects under its development votes:

- Wajir water and sanitation
- Marsabit water supply
- Maralal water supply

ARID LANDS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

This is a project funded by the Government in partnership with the World Bank and falls under this Ministry. It has offices in Northern Kenya and other Arid and Semi Arid Lands (ASALs). Its central role is to sustain livelihoods in the ASALs. It helps communities strengthen their drought coping mechanisms.

COMMUNITY DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT:

The Arid Lands Resource Management Project (ALRMP) is designed to achieve the fundamental objective of increasing the community's capacities to protect and develop their livelihoods by dealing with the drought cycle in an effective and efficient manner.

It involves communities to identify, prioritise, implement, manage and sustain micro-projects.



CO-ORDINATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The Ministry through the ALRMP brings together all stakeholders interested in drought management and food security in the country including the Government, UN Agencies, NGOs and other development partners.

- ### THE MINISTRY WILL:
- Accelerate sustainable economic development in the regions.
 - Enhance equity and poverty reduction to improve the welfare of the people in the regions.
 - Improve governance to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of public service delivery create an enabling environment for sustainable growth and development.
 - Improve investor confidence.



The Service Charter

This Charter is a commitment by the Ministry of State for the Development of Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands to provide quality service to the people.

MANDATE

The Ministry will play a key role in the overall strategic planning and implementation of socio-economic development of the region. Its mandate includes:-

- Infrastructural Development;
- Planning and encouragement of townships along main roads;
- Livestock Development
- Livestock Industries;
- Water Supply;
- Natural Resources Management;
- Mineral Resources Exploration and Development;
- Tourism Development;
- Human Resources Development;
- Irrigation Development;
- Tapping of Solar and Wind Energy.

Prioritisation of programmes and projects for fast tracking by the Government:

- Arid and Semi-Arid Resources Management Project.
- Improvement of Livestock Marketing Systems.
- Implementation of Special Programmes for the Region.

SERVICE VALUES

- We shall at all times
- Demonstrate open and honest relationship built on trust, mutual respect, dignity, fairness and courtesy.
- Observe political neutrality and have zero tolerance for corruption;
- Provide quality service competently.
- Perform our duties with genuine passion.
- Serve with commitment, loyalty, faith-

ASAL DISTRICTS CLASSIFIED BY EXTENT OF ARIDITY		
Category	Districts	%ASAL
A.85-100%	Turkana North, Turkana Central, Turkana South, Samburu, Laikipia, Marsabit, Moyale, Isiolo, Garbatula, Wajir, Mandera, Ijara, Tana River	62%
B.30-84%	Kitui, Makeni, Taita, Taveta, Kajiado, Machakos, Mwingi, Mbeere, Tharaka, Laikipia, West Pokot, Kwale, Kilifi, Baringo, Meru North, Lamu, Narok, Transmara, Malindi, Keiyo, Marakwet	36%
C.10-29%	Nyeri, Rachuonyo, Suba, Kuria, Thika, Koibatek, Migori, Bondo, Nakuru	2%

Source: 1992 ASAL Development Policy

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fulness and devotion and in accordance with the law.

- Create an enabling environment for collective participation in achieving our goals and objectives.
- Be innovative and progressive in our ideas, techniques and performance; and, embrace technological change through training and research.

COMMITMENT OF THE MINISTRY

We will:

Coordinate and collaborate with other line ministries in the planning and implementation of policies and programmes designed to the following strategic objectives: -

- Create an enabling environment to enhance the development of the region;
- Formulate a comprehensive policy to guide the development of the region;
- Facilitate access to social services;
- Direct resources to identified priorities;
- Develop, major infrastructure in the region;
- Establish a coordination framework with line Ministries and other development actors to harmonise implementation of projects and pro-

grammes in the region.

YOUR RIGHTS

• Services

You have a right to quality, prompt and satisfactory service from all officers;

• Information

You are entitled to complete, timely and accurate information on your rights under this Charter.

• Impartiality

The Ministry will exercise fairness and neutrality in service discharge to staff. You have a right to demand the same in accordance with procedures.

• Courtesy

You will be treated with utmost courtesy in all your dealings with the Ministry's staff.

• Presumption of honesty

You are presumed to be honest in all matters.

• Privacy and confidentiality

You have a right to have all personal and other information provided to this Ministry, relating to you, treated in utmost confidentiality and used only for lawful purposes Identification You have a right to demand to know the identity of the officers serving you.

• General Complaints

You are free to complain regarding any of our ser-

vices. You also have a right to a response in terms of action or explanation within a period not exceeding one month.

YOUR OBLIGATIONS

In order to serve you better the Ministry will expect you to:-

• Respect

Give the Ministry's staff maximum cooperation and accord them due respect and freedom to carry out their lawful duties. You should not intimidate, abuse, threaten or influence them in any manner whatsoever, whether financial or otherwise.

• Information

Provide full, accurate, true and timely information to enable us take necessary action.

• Enquiries

In case of enquiries, claims or complaints, cooperate with the staff of the Ministry by facilitating access to relevant information available to you.

• Identification

Obtain service only from the Ministry's staff who can easily be identified.

• Corruption

Not bribe any of the Ministry's staff.

• Erroneous commitment

Quickly report to the Ministry any erroneous

commitment made to you be it payment or otherwise.

• Changes of address

Please update the Ministry on any change of your contact address.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We undertake to keep you abreast of all our activities. We propose to keep you informed through one or more of the following: -

- Publications and Official Gazette;
- Media releases that explain new developments and requirements;
- Interactive stakeholders meetings such as workshops, seminars and formal meetings; and
- Mail and telephone communication

Please give us feedback on our programmes; activities and services in general; and, most importantly contribute to our continued improvement, so that we can serve you better.

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The Arid Lands Resource Management Project (ALRMP II)

WHO WE ARE

ALRMP is a community-based drought management project of the Government that utilises a credit facility from the World Bank. It is implemented by the Ministry of State for Northern Kenya and Other Arid Lands.

The second phase of the Project was initiated in 2003.

The Project's objectives demonstrate the commitment of the Kenya Government in managing adverse effects of disasters in an effective, efficient and timely manner.

The Project currently operates in 28 ASAL districts, supporting community based self-help development initiatives and communities organisational structures.

OUR VISION

"Have a Safer, Sustainable and Resilient Society."

OUR MISSION

"To enhance food security and reduce livelihood vulnerability in drought-prone and marginalised communities in ASAL districts through sustainable people-driven development."

OUR OBJECTIVES

- To enhance food security, social services delivery and reduce livelihood vulnerability in 28 drought-prone ASAL districts.

- The Project has developed a participatory approach that is responsive to institutional structures that enable



local people to determine their own development; the project also enables participating line ministries to adopt a service delivery system responsive to the requirements of the arid land populations.

The project has four components namely Drought Management (DM), Support to Local Development (SLD), Community Driven Development (CDD), and Natural Resource Management (NRM).

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT (DM)

The objective of the DM compo-



nent is to create a more effective drought cycle management system, which will minimise the need for emergency intervention, and enhance response mechanisms for better action in acute drought emergencies

SUPPORT TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

This component is aimed at fostering an enabling environment in the arid districts for economic growth and reduced dependence of the population on outside intervention through:

- POLICY: Provision of financial assistance for policy in support of arid land development
- ADVOCACY: Supporting district and national advocacy groups to ensure adequate consideration of the interests of the arid lands
- RESEARCH: Providing funds for adaptive research and studies addressing specific technical and social challenges
- SUPPORT PROVISION OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES
Provision of funds to the districts for complementing the existing Governmental sectors and other programs essential to the sustainable develop-

ment of communities in the arid districts.

COMMUNITY DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT

The component is designed to achieve the fundamental objective of increasing the community's capacities to protect and develop their livelihoods by dealing with the drought cycle in an effective and efficient manner. It involves communities to identify, prioritise, implement, manage and sustain micro projects.

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

The component aims at establishing and strengthening initiatives of communities in the ASALs to enhance rural livelihoods through the sustainable use and management of natural resources.

CO-ORDINATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The ALRMP II co-chairs the Kenya Food Security Meetings that bring together all stakeholders interested in Drought Management and food security in Kenya, including Government, UN Agencies, NGOs, and other Development Partners.

SUMMARY OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Building the capacity of the communities to initiate and manage their own projects by means of transfer of skills through training.
- Establishment of an effective and credible community based drought-monitoring system in all the districts within the Project region.
- Development of district drought contingency plans.
- Establishment of community micro projects committees within pastoral associations.

Supporting an array of interventions across the development - relief continuum.

- Co-ordination of emergency response activities in an efficient, effective and timely manner at all levels through fostering a strong sense of collaboration and co-ordination among all participating agencies.

OUR FUTURE PLANS

ALRMP II will continue to:

- Refine, modify, and fine-tune the existing early warning system, expand the early warning system to cover more of the drought prone districts in Kenya,
- Institutionalise drought management within the Government mainstream for the purpose of continuity and sustainability through activities that will aim to build and strengthen the national drought management activities, and
- Strengthen its co-ordination and collaborative role with all participating agencies at district and national level.
- Paradigm shift from service delivery to livelihood support.

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