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### Shalom Core Values

- Non-violent societal transformation
- Integral human development and security
- Integrity
- Respect for local culture and traditions
- Justice

### Feedback

We at SCCRR remember in a special way families and individuals who continue to suffer due to the present famine in East Africa.

It's never enough to celebrate the independence of any country. At SCCRR we honor children, women and men who made history on 9th July 2011 in the Republic of South Sudan.

Fr. Vincent Onsongo contacted us through email asking us to pray for unity, love, kindness, generosity, forgiveness and joy for the new 53rd state in Africa.



### HELLO FROM THE SHALOM CENTER

#### Greetings to everyone!

Welcome to this month's e-mail newsletter. This month we witnessed less violence in the northern region but now a terrible famine has gripped the North of Kenya and Somalia causing starvation and death.

It is terribly sad to face a reality in which people are dying of hunger. We are encouraged by people's solidarity demonstrated in extending a helping hand to the people in the Northern region and showing hospitality to refugees from across the Somali border who are arriving at the Dadaab refugee camp.

In this letter we highlight the work of SCCRR. We welcome your feedback and hope you enjoy.

#### Education and Herding Reconciled

It is estimated that in North Eastern Province 70% of school going children do not attend school. This is not only a marginalized area, but a region where culture, poverty and child labor are a real threat to school going children.

The past strategy of the Kenyan Government was to provide a sedentary model of education that was thought suitable for nomadic children. In the year 2010 the government took a paradigm shift by improving the education system that takes into account children's economic and social status which contributes greatly to pastoralist economy.

Education for the pastoralists in this region is of great importance, it is thought to be one of the solutions for lasting peace. Nevertheless, education remains to be a rare privilege. Lack of infrastructure is also a hurdle hindering the ability of children to attend either day or night school.

SCCRR has responded to this problem by financially supporting 22 schools in putting up solar energy systems to provide electricity for night classes, pumping clean water in schools and the local clinics.

Some of these schools are in Kaikor, Kakuma, Lokori, Lower-engak, Naipa, Nakuru and Kitale.

This initiative complements the work of training and research that SCCRR is doing as we search for a positive peace.

### Upcoming Activities

Phase I Workshop  
 August 2- 4th  
 Ortum

September 5th- 9th  
 Kapenguria

Phase II Workshop  
 August 22- 26th  
 Lodwar & Kakuma

September 20th-22nd  
 Marsabit





At 11.45 am, on July 14th, 2011 an untimely end came to an icon of peace in the arid North. She is remembered as a consultant trainer on peace building and pastoralists' development.

In her life she demonstrated how religious and cultural differences can be reconciled in violent conflict for peace and development.

Dekha Ibrahim Abdi  
Innalilahi wainnaillahi  
rajuun



## Workshops

It is our first anniversary since the first workshop facilitated by SCCRR in Lodwar July 2010. So far we have been able to conduct Phase I workshops introducing the rationale of SCCRR, the paradigms of conflict, conflict transformation, research and culture and reconciliation in Amakuriat, Ileret, Isiolo, Kakuma, Kitale, Korr, Lodwar, Lowerangak, Katilu, North Korr, Moyale, Maralal, Marsarbit and Todonyang.

Phase II of the work-



shops solely intends to improve the practical skills in negotiations in preparation for the problem solving workshops. This year we have facilitated:

5 Presentation Workshops

10 Phase I Workshops

2 Phase II Workshops

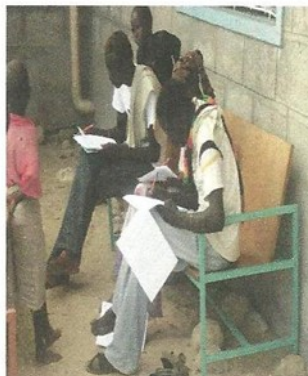
In total 250 people have received training and 16 more workshops of this nature will be conducted by the end of 2011.



## Research

SCCRR has been able to carry out in-depth conflict research in the six Turkana-related conflicts. This research is meant to facilitate the process of conflict mapping and analysis so as to identify the root causes of conflict.

SCCRR in co-operation with the already



trained participants in the workshops have collected and tabulated data in the following communities; Turkana, Borana, Dassenach, Toposa, Karamojong, Samburu, Pokot, Gabbra and Rendille. The research team in Nairobi has so far tabulated and analyzed data and is preparing an interim report.

## Peace Syllabus

informal learning session have the ability to influence peace in their environments and later become peace agents.

The handbook is in its initial stage of review in order to make it relevant to the target group. This an exploratory guide for children and the facilitators, to help the chil-



dren understand conflict from a wider dimension.