



## Shalom Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation (SCCRR)

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### Key Events

#### Phase I Workshop October

South Horr 10th-12th

Maralal 13th- 15th

Wamba 17th-19th

#### Phase II Workshop November

Moyale 3rd-4th

North Horr 7th- 8th

### Shalom Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation (SCCRR) Monthly Insight

## 25 SCHOOLS RECIEVE SOLAR LIGHTING

SCCRR as part of its overall plan to nurture peace in schools in the conflict zones of Northern Kenya has installed twenty five solar units in schools in Lodwar, Kitale and Marsabit. These schools lie along the conflict corridors and will afford children the opportunity to study together in good quality light during study times early in the morning and in the darkness of the evening. SCCRR has also been helping to con-



struct inter-ethnic schools in Sigor Parish and Barpello Parish. While continuing its program and research into the pastoral conflicts in Northern Kenya, this assistance of solar lighting and construction materials to schools will highlight the importance of education in the road map to peace.

### Some of the Schools Supported with Solar

Namoroti Primary School  
 Napau Primary School  
 Nakwamoru Health Center  
 Lowerangak Boys Primary  
 Lowerangak Community Hall  
 Losajit Primary School  
 Mlimatatu Primary School

Naipa Primary School  
 Koyare Primary School  
 Amakuriat School  
 Kanakurdo Primary School  
 Meyen Primary School  
 Kibish Primary School  
 Kukuro Primary School





### Staff Profile



*Peter (left) awarding a certificate*

Mr. Peter Lesooni joined the Shalom Team in July of 2010 as coordinator of field research. Peter was born in Maralal where he is married with three children. He studied for his Masters in Peace Studies and International Relations at Hekima College. He also has a degree in Theology and a diploma in Philosophy.

From 2005-2008 he was Vice-principal of the Good Shepherd Minor Seminary in Maralal. He has also worked with the Justice and Peace Commission in Maralal Diocese.

As a Coordinator of Field Research, he spends considerable time in the conflict zones collecting data, which is important to finding the root causes of conflicts. Peter contributes valuably in SCCRR workshops in training people in the skills of Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation.



## 2.95 Million Kenyan Shillings for Famine Relief



SCCRR was very happy to be in a position to help in the famine relief in Northern Kenya. This money was targeted to help nutritional and medical programs especially helping the young children who were and still are very vulnerable in times of famines.

Another targeted group were those in conflicts and in need of hospitalization and medical treatment. Often the symptoms of conflict which become all the more visible in times like this have to be addressed in the on-going attempt to bring about a positive peace. Many thanks to all our benefactors.

### *Letter from Lodwar Diocese*

*Dear SCCRR,*

*I would like to express my sincere thanks for your generosity at this time of need in Lodwar Diocese. It was a sad experience for me to see so many people in desperate need of food and medical assistance as well as ongoing conflicts. Through our network of clinics, dispensaries and outreach programs we were able to address the crisis and reach the very vulnerable. We were able to contain the situation through the very valuable assistance you gave us. I would also like to express my support for the work of SCCRR and to endorse the SCCRR rationale that unless the root causes of conflict are addressed there will never be a lasting peace. Best wishes to all the SCCRR team and continue the good work. Sr. Margeret*

## SOLAROUNDSCHOOLS

### *How does Solar Work?*

The sun's rays that surround us provide light particles (photovoltaic PV) that are turned into electric current when the sun rays hit solar cells in the silicone solar panels. The solar panels usually convert the sun rays into direct current or DC. The DC is then transferred through an inverter, which in turn creates an alternating current (AC). This is the electricity needed for distributing and running the appliances.

The use of solar panels is friendly to the environment; it does not produce carbon-dioxide. The use of solar energy was first used in 1830 through British Astronomer John Hershel who made a solar thermal collector box (a devise that absorbs sunlight to collect heat).



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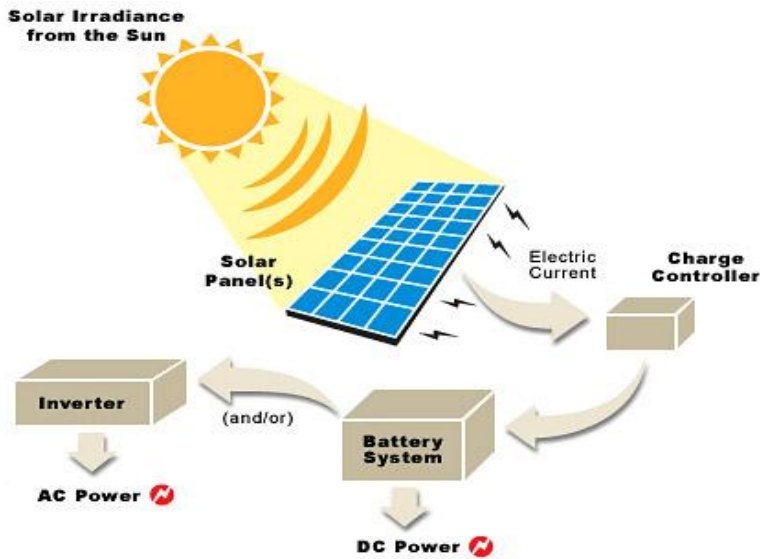


Illustration of how solar works. Diagram from Solar Power Technologies

### Feedback from Tartar Phase I Workshop



Tartar parish in Kapenguria is an hour's drive from Kitale. On the 5th-9th September, 2011, the SCCRR team conducted a phase one workshop for 22 participants from this area. The workshop content on conflict management and reconciliation was said to be of importance in the family context as well as in analyzing and understanding

conflict issues at national level. Many thanks for your lively interaction and we welcome you to the Shalom family.

### Marsabit Phase II



Workshop sessions for negotiation skills in phase II is already in progress. The Marsabit group was the third Shalom family to receive this crucial training as we gear up for problem solving workshops in Phase III. We applaud the efforts of every individual in this team for being ambassadors for peace and for the presence of the government chiefs who participated in the workshop.



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