

EFFECTS OF CONFLICTS AMONG THE PASTORAL COMMUNITIES.

CASE STUDY OF WAJIR COUNTY, KENYA.

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ABSTRACT

The study sought to investigate effects of conflicts among the pastoral communities. The study population was 350 residents comprising the Provincial administration officers (DC's, DO's, and Chiefs), Civic leaders, senior security personnel (OCS, OCPD), representatives of Civil Society Organization and Faith-based groups and local residents. The study adopted a descriptive research design. The study employed both probability and non probability sampling procedures. The researcher utilized available sampling procedure to get a sample totaling to 165 respondents comprising of 120 local residents, 23 provincial administration officers, 3 senior security officers, 9 civic leaders and 10 representatives of the civil society and Faith-based organizations.

The study concluded that provincial administration played significant role in conflict resolution, there were peace building programs being carried out to promote peaceful coexistence. It also concluded that peace campaigns yield much in peace building and peace committee are effective approach to peace building and conflict management and that women are critical to be involved in decision making levels for peace building and conflict management and that low level of employment also plays a role in this. In case these young adults are fully absorbed in the labour markets there will no one to conduct these inhumane actions. The study recommended that peace resolution initiate such as meeting people in churches and launching peace campaigns should be adopted in the peace preaching process. Training of youths and women should also be given more priority. This would empower them with more knowledge on what bring conflicts among communities and how to resolve it amicably. Formal education should also be encouraged among the youths which will finally promote and enhance development among other communities. The county government should emphasize much on having local barazas whereby all the stakeholders in the district can fully participate giving their opinion in regard to peace process and train everyone to be a peacemakers.