

EDITORIAL

Dear esteemed readers! currently Cords has introduced a Newsletter known as "*Ilomon le-Cords*". CORDS stands for Community Research and Development Services. It was established since 1997, came after the findings of a study (research) undertaken in the four pastoral districts of Kiteto, Monduli, Ngorongoro and Simanjiro, identified inadequate access to information as one of the key factors that marginalize and isolate the pastoralists. Its aims and objectives include promoting security of resource tenure; research and documentation in order to inform policy and actors in pastoral development and providing institutional support to CBOs and NGOs operating in the field of pastoral development.

CORDS working areas are Monduli, Kiteto, Longido and Simanjiro. The main objective of the Newsletter are to inform pastoral communities, stakeholders, partners etc on issues of primary concern about pastoralists and their needs as well as introducing activities that Cords implementing in it's respective working areas.

Among other things the contents of the Newsletter messages focuses on the legal status of pastoralist land claims in Tanzania, public and policy-level education level in the present legal regime development and promotion of more equitable and sustainable land tenure systems, awareness raising activities with pastoral communities and their leaders support for pastoralist communities in advocacy and pressing specific issues.

CORDS has the following programme of which activities are implemented in respective working areas which are Gender programme in (Kiteto, Monduli and Longido) Pastoralists Land Rights programme in (Monduli and Longido) Mukulat Land Rights programme in (Arumeru) pastoralists Land Use programme in (Kiteto) pastoralists Community Radio programme (Kiteto, Monduli, Arumeru, Simanjiro and Longido) and Livestock programme (Longido, Monduli and Kiteto.). There is also a section of food security which deals with Akie community at Napilukunya in Kiteto District.

CORDS have proudly achieved in its programme implementation. Among of it are communities mobilization and participated on programme implementation, training of local communities on land laws and land issues, training of gender issues, land conflict resolutions, demarcation and surveying of village boundaries and handing over village land certificates in Monduli, Longido and Kiteto. Other achievements are improvement of livestock health and livestock production as well as livestock restocking to poor families in pastoralists areas, food aid for hunters and gatherers (Iltorobo/Akie) during droughts season in Kiteto district and production of pastoralists community Radio programme aired weekly by Radio Tanzania Dar Es Salaam RTD.

As the Maa saying goes "*Kore enetii indupot melau ing'orot*"- "*Where there are success there are always constraints*" the Organization faces some constraints and challenges which hamper smoother impacts realization of its efforts to the pastoralist community. The main one among others, being insufficient resources, funds and capacity of CORDS to address some of the key issues inflicting pastoralists timely and geographically.

We wish you happy reading and prosperity in every thing you do.

Regards,

Editor