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A Word from the Programme Coordinator



This quarter has been one of quiet but powerful transformation in Kiteto District. More than 150 women stood taller as leaders, three clusters elected fresh gender-balanced leadership through open democratic processes, newly elected officials immediately received the governance tools they need, and our collective pastoral voice reached the national stage in Arusha.

None of this happened by chance. It happened because communities, local government, ILRI/CGIAR, and KINNAPA walked the same path together – with trust, respect, and a shared belief that resilient rangelands begin with resilient, inclusive institutions

To every woman who raised her hand, every leader who accepted responsibility, and every elder who encouraged the young to vote – asanteni sana. The work continues, and the best chapters are still ahead.



Abraham Akilimali

PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

Quarter in Review: Capacity & Engagement



Focus Area

Gender Inclusion

Capacity Building Training

150+ women leaders trained; promoted gender-responsive governance.

Key Clusters Involved

Olengapa, Alolle, Kimbo, Napalai

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Accountable Leadership

Livestock Keepers Assoc. Elections

Renewed leadership in 3 clusters; achieved gender-balanced committees.

Alolle, Kimbo, Napalai

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Institutional Governance

Leadership Training

Enhanced knowledge of LKA constitutions, accountability, and conflict resolution.

All 4 Clusters

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Policy Advocacy

National Stakeholder Forum

Shared field experiences on JVLUPs; advocated for a National Rangelands Strategy.

National Level (NLUPC)

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GOAL 1: Empowering Women's Leadership for Inclusive Development



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KINNAPA conducted a Capacity Building Training for Women's Leadership Forums in the Olangapa, Alolle, Kimbo, and Napalai clusters. This initiative, under the LCSR Project, aimed to foster gender equality and enhance women's active role in community decision-making.


- **Participation:** Over 150 women leaders and active members participated.
- **Key Training Areas:**
- **Governance & Leadership:** Confidence building, communication, and challenging cultural barriers.

- **Accountability:** Basic management tools, record-keeping, and financial reporting.
- **Economic Empowerment:** Entrepreneurship, budgeting, and utilizing the 10% Local Government Loan Fund.
- **Social Protection:** Awareness and reporting mechanisms for Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

Impact: Fostered community solidarity, empowered women to advocate for girls' education, and advanced gender-responsive governance in natural resource management.

GOAL 2 : Renewing Leadership through Livestock Keepers Association (LKA) Elections



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In collaboration with the Kiteto District Council, KINNAPA facilitated democratic elections for the Livestock Keepers Associations (LKAs) in Alolle, Kimbo, and Napalai. These elections ensure the renewal of leadership every three years, promoting transparency and accountability.

Process: Open and democratic elections where executive members were nominated and elected according to the LKA Constitution.



Core belief:

Real change begins when communities own the solutions.

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Key Outcome: Gender-Balanced Leadership was prioritized.

- In Kimbo Cluster, the committee achieved equal representation (six men and six women).
- Similar gender balance was achieved in Alolle and Napalai committees, strengthening inclusivity in resource governance.



Post-Election Capacity Building: Newly elected leaders immediately underwent governance and leadership training focused on the LKA Constitution and operational rules.

OUTCOMES

- Successfully facilitated democratic LKA elections in Alolle, Kimbo, and Napalai clusters in full compliance with the LKA Constitution.
- New gender-balanced leadership elected:
 - **Kimbo** – Chairperson: Msando Parlais.
 - **Napalai** – Chairperson: Meshack Issack
 - **Alolle** – Chairperson: Estomi Martin
- **Olengapa Cluster** (term ongoing) received targeted governance coaching instead of elections.

GOAL 3: Building Accountable Leadership through Governance Training for Livestock Keepers Associations



Delivered comprehensive governance and leadership training to all LKA leaders (newly elected and continuing) across Alolle, Kimbo, Olengapa, and Napalai clusters.

Focused on good governance ethics, transparency, the LKA Constitution, Cluster Management Plan implementation, conflict resolution, and participatory decision-making.

- Leaders now fully equipped to manage communal resources responsibly and sustainably.

Result: Leaders were equipped with practical tools to improve coordination, promote participatory governance, and ensure equitable access to shared grazing resources, strengthening institutional resilience.



GOAL 4 :KINNAPA and ILRI Participation in the National Land Use Planning Commission Multi-Stakeholder Forum



KINNAPA and ILRI participated in the National Multi-Stakeholders Forum on Land Use Planning in Arusha, advocating for pastoral land rights and sustainable rangeland management at the policy level.

Forum Theme: *Land Use Planning as a Key Tool for Natural Resource Conservation and Environmental Stewardship.*

KINNAPA's Contribution: Jointly presented field experiences from Joint Village Land Use Planning (JVLUP) implementation in pastoral communities, highlighting its success in conflict resolution.

• **Key Advocacy Points:**

- The crucial role of community participation for sustainable land management.
- Challenges in enforcement and the need for long-term capacity building.
- The importance of harmonizing sectoral planning and mainstreaming pastoral voices.
- Key Recommendation: Advocated for the development of a National Rangelands Strategy anchored on pastoralist and community needs.





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