



## Global Grant for Sustainable Peace in Laikipia, Kenya October 1, 2017 - September 1, 2018

**Host Club:** Ngong Hills, Kenya, District 9212.

**International Club:** Berkeley Rotary Club, District 5160

**Global Grant Title:** Warriors to Peace Guardians:  
Building Inter-Ethnic Collaboration; GG#1756350

**Area of Focus:** Peace & Conflict Resolution/Prevention

**Geo-Focus:** Laikipia West, Kenya

**The Need:** Pastoralist (nomadic herder) communities are highly marginalized, very traditional communities with little access to development resources, suffering cycles of resource-based violence as worsening droughts stress livestock, and drive desperate—and armed—searches for pasture and water.



**The Goal:** The goal of this project is to increase inter-ethnic collaboration and empower local members of Laikipia West's five ethnic communities to work together to access government development funding, improve their livestock economy, and enhance local conservation and livestock feed sources to withstand drought, drawing from the Cooperating Organization, Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI) Kenya Initiative's extensive research, experience and participation with these communities to identify their needs over the last 5 years.

**Objectives:** The project seeks to **1) Build Resilience Against Violent Conflict:** MBBI will train pastoralist trainers and collaboratively create a localized curriculum, who in turn will train 60 women, youth and elders from five ethnic communities in conflict resolution skills as Peace Guardians, and in inter-ethnic collaboration for an improved livestock economy; **2) Increase Community Collaboration:** a) The project will train an inter-ethnic team in community advocacy and how to apply for government funds to meet local service and development needs, and b) in facilitating community dialogue and joint planning for livestock, animal feeding and conservation activities; and **3) Establish Processes, Tools, Skills and Livelihood Improvements to Achieve Positive Peace:** The project will provide additional cross-ethnic training in collaborative livelihood enhancement through increased size and health of family herds, pasture management and mineral feeding, better animal feeding practices, and shared community conservation of communal pastures as grass banks through practicing conservation.

MBBI is a highly regarded leader in the field of Conflict Resolution/Prevention that has successfully partnered with Rotary on Global Grants and has partnership agreements with the Rotary Action Group for Peace and several Clubs. For more information please see [www.mediatorsbeyondborders.org](http://www.mediatorsbeyondborders.org).

**Budget:** \$100,000. Seeking support from your club or district today!

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