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Dear NRT Partners,

I trust you're all keeping safe!

The current health crisis continues to take a toll on our daily operations, but we continue to operate and strictly adhere to the government's COVID-19 guidelines.

Join me in welcoming four Isiolo community conservancies of Cherab, Kinna, Sericho and Garbatula to the NRT fraternity. This now makes NRT an umbrella organization supporting 43 community conservancies in Kenya.

NRT's 2021 BI-Annual Report is Out!

Did you catch our 2021 Half Year Report? It captures highlights and updates from the conservancies, NRT and NRT Trading. Check out the report [here](#).



Council of Elders Bi-Annual Meeting

In August, we had our 2021 bi-annual Council of Elders (CoEs) meeting where chairpersons from 41 NRT-member conservancies met the new NRT and NRT Trading boards and to discuss other agendas including the bi-annual progress, regional implementation report, NRT/ NRT Trading progress updates, conservancy capacity assessment, financial report, election of the new CoE chairperson, fundraising and conservancy resilience. The forum was attended by representatives from the County Governments, Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Forest Service and our partners from USAID Kenya, The Nature Conservancy and Flora and Fauna International. This bi-annual meeting is aimed at strengthening governance within the conservancies.



NRT/ NRT Trading Board Orientation

On August 18th, the newly appointed NRT board toured four community conservancies in the northern landscape for an orientation tour to familiarise with programmes implemented by NRT and the NRT Trading.

The team, led by the board’s vice chairperson Mr. Jarso Mokku visited Biliqo dispensary and other livelihoods projects within Biliqo Bulesa Conservancy before proceeding to Melako Conservancy for tourism (Melako bandas) and peace building programmes.

Accompanied by NRT Senior Management Team (SMT), the board also made a stop over at the Reteti Elephant Sanctuary in Ngilai Conservancy then later interacted with women beaders in Kalama Conservancy. During the tour, the board had an opportunity to interact with community members

and their respective leadership where they cemented the impacts gained over years from conservation.

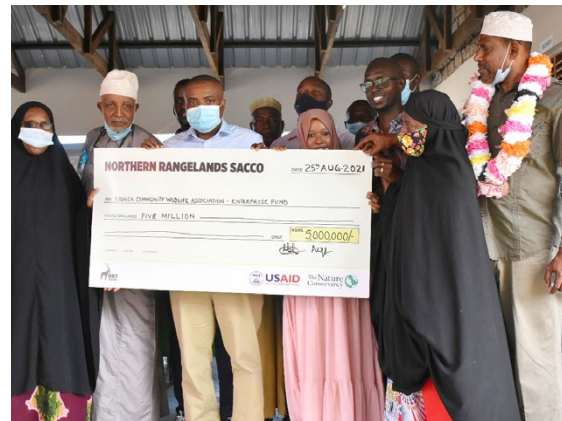
They were energized with the direction that NRT and its member conservancies are taking.



Kiunga Women Receive Funding to Start-up and Boost Businesses

NRT Trading with support from USAID Kenya and The Nature Conservancy in Africa on August 25th disbursed KShs 5 million to 144 women in Kiunga Conservancy, Lamu County with an aim to develop women's capacity to start and manage enterprises for alternative income.

The amounts were disbursed to two sets of women beneficiaries with the first group of 40 women who joined the micro-finance programme last year received a double amount of KShs 50,000 after graduating from the start-up amount of KShs 25,000 to upscale their businesses. The second group of 104 women received KShs 25,000 to start-up businesses, generate income and improve their livelihoods. The funds were disbursed following a two-day training on business management, financial-concept and entrepreneurship that seeks to develop their capacity to run and manage their businesses.



2021 Wildlife Ranger Challenge

Four rangers from NRT's 9-1 Team have joined their colleagues across Africa on the 2021 Wildlife Ranger Challenge sponsored by our partner Tusk Trust to raise support for the security sector and thousands of people who depend on rangers.

The challenge is a series of physical and mental challenges that will culminate in a 21km virtual race on September 18th.

Join the race and support our team members comprising of Josphat Lesirama, Emmanuel Tonkiya, Saitori Lodung'okiok and Abdullahi Abdi Halakhe.

Support rangers efforts here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nrt-91-teams-2021>



Team EU Visits West Pokot

The European Union Programs Manager Titus Katembu in August visited West Pokot County to assess projects under the EU-funded Ustahimilivu programme. While on it, the EU representative together with Ustahimilivu consortium partners paid a courtesy call to West Pokot County Governor Prof. John Lonyang'apuo.

The four-year project seeks to support increased drought and climate change resilience in ASALs.



Women in Shurr Conservancy Receive KShs 6 Million Business Start-up Funds

At least 216 women from Shurr Community Conservancy, Marsabit have embarked on an entrepreneurial journey after receiving KShs 25,000 each as a business start-up capital through NRT Trading's Biashara Mashinani programme.



216 women received

25,000 as start-up capital

The women from six villages of Burgabo, Turbi, Bubisa, Horonderi, Mudhe and Shurr were trained on Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy, and Life Skills. NRT Trading is linking these businesswomen to a savings platform to inculcate the savings culture and grow their businesses.



West Pokot Vaccination Exercise

On August 11, NRT-West Pokot team rolled out a vaccination exercise in Turkwel supported through the European Union (EU) funded Ustahimilivu programme. The EU Programs Manager Titus Katembu who was on a mission to assess projects implemented by consortium partners (Amref-Kenya, CEFA, E4Impact Foundation and Somirene) under the programme, presided over the vaccination launch that targeted to vaccinate 40,000 goats within Sekerr and Lower Kasei wards.

This comes after NRT donated 40,000 Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia (CCPP) vaccines to West Pokot County's Livestock department.



NRT Staff Trained on Human Rights and Gender



NRT Senior Management Team (SMT), Regional Directors, County Directors and Heads of Departments were this month successfully trained on human rights and gender. The two-day training will help the teams familiarize and comply with human rights and gender best practice as well as incorporate the two critical aspects in the programmes.

Transformational Leadership & Management (LAMP) Training

On August 24th-25th, 30 board members from Sera and Kalama community conservancies undertook the transformational customized LAMP training which is supported by USAID.

30 board members

undertook training

The two-day training was aimed at improving governance, effective leadership, and support for respective conservancies on their journey to self-reliance.

Joint Meeting to Discuss Grazing Plans and By-laws in Oldonyiro

In August, 120 conservancy leaders drawn from the four units of Oldonyiro Conservancy comprising of conservancy boards, grazing committees and village based grazing committee met to discuss on how to harmonize grazing plans and grazing by-laws within the four units. The teams resolved to support consultative meetings led by the Samburu Council of elders tasked with engaging morans and aiding the committees in the formation of moran council to help in delivering grazing plans, peace, and security resolutions. The leaders also agreed to harmonize grazing plans and by-laws across all zones in the four units.

Pellow Community Help in Recovery of Ivory

Two ivories were on August 28 recovered following a joint operation from Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) officers and NRT's 9-6 team, rangers, and community members from Pellow Conservancy. The elephant had been killed in Lobokat, South Turkana national reserve.

Ishaqbini - Hirola Day

Ishaqbini Hirola Community Conservancy in Garissa County marked the 2021 Hirola Day celebration on August 12, themed 'Educate to Conserve' with aim to create awareness amongst school going children on the need to protect and save the world's most endangered antelope.



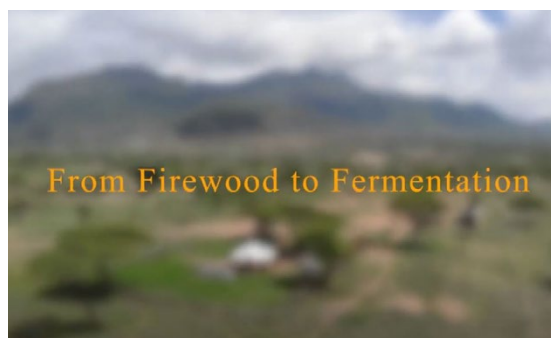
Did you catch our Videos of the Month release?



WATCH how NRT Trading's Biashara Mashinani programme is supporting women and youth to diversify income sources and improve their livelihoods. [Here is the SACCO documentary.](#)



Kenya's forests are under immense pressure from fuelwood demand and agricultural expansion. This is threatening forest ecosystems and releasing carbon into the atmosphere, contributing to climate change. But NRT with support from the Embassy of Sweden and other partners are helping reverse this by reducing reliance on wood fuel. [WATCH how here.](#)



Briefs from the Conservancies

- » Kiunga Management and Community Development Plans launched
- » Ltungai and Naibunga Upper conservancy members participate in the development of their respective conservancies' management plans
- » Kinna, Sericho, Garbatulla, Ngare Ndare and Naibunga Lower conservancies this month had an exposure tour to Kalama and Namunyak conservancies
- » Sericho Conservancy Board training completed
- » Nasuulu and Nakuprat Gotu boards training completed, election of board members officials done
- » Ndera and Hanshak Nyongoro conservancies complete their three-day learning visit to the North
- » Youth trained on Entrepreneurship, Financial literacy and Life skills in Nkoteiya and Meibae conservancies
- » Kirimon Conservancy board refresher training completed
- » 50 youth from Ltungai Conservancy participate in the ongoing Ujuzi Manyattani training
- » Para Sany irrigation scheme, Masol Conservancy site handed over. Project set to benefit 200 people
- » 22 youth in Meibae Conservancy benefit from motorcycles under NRT's 2021 CLF
- » Leparua Conservancy conducts its Pre AGM and board election
- » Elders from Ruko and Kaptuya conservancies expanded areas visited Il Ngwesi, Ltungai and Namunyak conservancies for a learning trip

In the Media

- » Nation Africa: [EU gives Sh577.2m for Ustahimilivu Consortium project aimed at supporting livelihoods](#)
- » BBC NEWS: [Kenya: How orphaned elephants' need for milk is empowering Samburu women](#)
- » KTN: [Juhudi za kuleta amani eneo la Saku Kaunti ya Marsabit yanoa nanga - YouTube](#)
- » KBC: [Former speaker ole Kaparo leads Marsabit peace talks - YouTube](#)
- » Citizen TV: [Viongozi wa Samburu, Isiolo, Laikipia na Baringo wajaadili usalama](#)
- » K24: [The latest updates on local and international stories. #K24DailyBrief](#)
- » KBC: [Elders from Borana, Gabra and Rendille agree to end longtime conflict in Mandera county - YouTube](#)
- » Kenya News Agency: [Marsabit residents call for ceasefire](#)
- » Citizen TV: [Kaunti kupata shilingi milioni kumi za vyo vya kiufundi - YouTube](#)
- » NTV: [Cattle rustling: Political leaders from pastoralist counties ask govt to empower local youth - YouTube](#)
- » Nation Africa: [Samburu mother of two, married off at 13, now a qualified mechanic | Nation](#)
- » Nation Africa: [The blueprint for turning around Northern Kenya | Nation](#)
- » Kenya News Agency: [Morans receive trade training](#)
- » Press Point: [200 women in Marsabit get NGO's business startup funds | The Press Point](#)
- » The Guardian: [World Elephant Day: Inside Kenya's first indigenously run sanctuary for orphans | Wildlife | The Guardian](#)

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