



People to People Peace Project (3Ps)



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Women fetching water from a well – a conflict mitigation project in Likoni, Mombasa.

The Program:

Implementer: Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

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Period: February 26, 2010 – February 25, 2012

Geographical Coverage: Kuresoi (Rift Valley), Burnt Forest (Rift Valley) and Likoni (Coast)

Project Overview:

The disputed results of Kenya’s December 2007 general election resulted in an estimated 1,500 people killed and over 351,000 displaced. The violence ended with the signing of a power sharing agreement on February 28, 2008. Thirty months after the initial eruption of violence and many resulting peace efforts at the national, provincial, district and community levels, there still remains the problem of persistent ethnic tensions, suspicions, mistrust, fear and violence especially in certain “epicenters” around the country, such as Burnt Forest, Kuresoi and Likoni. The 3Ps is a conflict mitigation program that facilitates peace in through dialogue, peer discussions groups, village peace committees, district peace committees, divisional peace committees, cleric peace committees and connector projects. The goal of the 3Ps is to have the communities in Burnt Forest, Kuresoi and Likoni who are prone to recurrent conflict to co-exist peacefully.

Main Activities:

- Establish Village, Division, and District Peace Committees.
- Train community leaders in conflict mediation, negotiation, and the use of early-warning systems (Conflict Transformation, Do-No-Harm, Conflict Early Warning/Early Response, and Lobbying/Advocacy skills).
- Facilitate community dialogue to understand the root causes underlying the conflicts and promote sustainable reconciliation.
- Facilitate inter-ethnic collaboration in the design and implementation of joint projects. These projects tangibly demonstrate the benefits of peaceful coexistence between and among communities.

Main Results

- Formed and/or strengthened 750 Village Peace Committees in Burnt Forest, Kuresoi, and Likoni
- Created inter-religious committees in nine districts within the Coastal region, and facilitated community dialogues, reaching approximately 50,000 citizens to date
- Completed three inter-ethnic connector projects: a water well in Likoni, a bridge in Eldoret, and a water delivery system in Nakuru. All projects were designed and implemented by the Village Peace Committees with the full collaboration of community members

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