



PeaceNet - Kenya

POST ELECTIONS UPDATES

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Introduction

Dear Partners ,

The Elections Violence Reduction Initiative (EVRI - 1) was launched on 29th December 2007 at PeaceNet Secretariat in Nairobi by partner to address the violence and wanton destruction of property that erupted after the announcement of the 2007 presidential, parliamentary and civic elections. This publication aims at informing partners of unfolding events and mobilizing stakeholders for interventions.

Interventions

◆ Partners continues to hold daily meetings at PeaceNet - Kenya to address the crisis facing the country. The meetings have so far harmonized various initiatives aimed at peacebuilding and reconciling the country. More will be shared when plans concretize.

Nyanza

◆ In Nyanza, the Ugunja Community Resource Center which hosts PeaceNet in Western region convened a leadership forum on Monday 7th January 2008 to strategize on peace initiative for the region. Senior church leaders, civil society, representation from youth and women, political leaders and provincial administration attended the meeting which passed resolutions to create peace campaign using Media and community radio. There are initiatives to bring about peace amongst the youth by advancing them capital to start small businesses. There are plans to meet same caliber of leaders from Alego and Gem Constituencies on Wednesday 9th January 2008 and Friday 11th January 2008 and to make a national appeal for replication of the same to hot spot areas.

Coast

◆ The need for permanent solution to people camping at catholic churches, Mishomoroni police station, Makupa hospital, Bomu among other places necessitated the coast provincial commissioner in the company of PeaceNet Regional Coordinator to visit the internally displaced persons in Mombasa and Kwale districts. The Regional Coordinator will be also be accompanying Kilindini DC in Likoni, Changamwe and Bakore on 9th January 2008 where more people have sought refuge.

North Rift

◆ North Rift was one of the areas hardest hit by post elections violence. Reconciliation spearheaded by religious leaders has been ongoing. However, PeaceNet Board chair Mr. Michael Muragu and the North Rift region chairperson Mr. Wesly Chebii are on the ground to consult with stakeholders for an overall structured framework for reconciliation.

Central Rift

- ◆ Tension still high in areas such as Njoro where reports indicate houses have been torched.
- ◆ NCCK, CJPC and CCR has been meeting to strategize a way forward as a result of the crisis in Nakuru.
- ◆ Call for food and non-food donations for affected persons in Nakuru.

South Rift

Community meetings / barazas have been held in Mulot, where had erupted and state of normalcy is slowly returning.

Nairobi

- ◆ Amani Counseling center have put in place counselors at Jamhuri Park where Kibera internally displaced persons have camped. Two counselors have been offering services daily in the last two days. There are consultations with Maendeleo ya Wanawake and National Steering Committee on Peacebuilding and Conflict transformation (NSC) for plans to extend the services to other affected areas.
- ◆ Youth sports to create a forum for peaceful co existence is being prepared to place at Korogocho on 11th and 12th 2007 Saturday and Sunday between Dandora, Korogocho and Babandogo.
- ◆ Tension in Dandora has left 80 families displaced and camping at Dandora police station. One 80 year old woman was raped
- ◆ As a result of Presidential announcement of Mr. Kalonzo Musyoka as Vice President, violence rocked were witnessed in Mathare, Kariobangi, Dandora, Kibera.

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