



PeaceNet - Kenya

# POST ELECTIONS UPDATES

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## Introduction

Dear Partners ,

The Elections Violence Response 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 are now holding three meetings in a week 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. Select committee formed have had a round table meeting with donors to mobilize resources for interventions.
- ◆ The forum has supported the white ribbon campaign which is a national solidarity stand for Peace.
- ◆ A week long "Kenya Nyeupe campaign" scheduled from 15th - 22nd January 2008, an Initiative of EVRI is being organized. The campaign calls on all Kenyans to wear white, and brand Kenya white as a call for peace in the country.
- ◆ The Young Orange Democrats will be launching their campaign dubbed 'Black Tuesday campaign' on the 15th of January, 2008.
- ◆ The meeting felt need to understand the two campaigns and requested the two groups to convene on 14th January 2008 (today) to deliberate on the two campaigns.
- ◆ Discussions are underway with police headquarters to allow a truck bearing peace messages to crisscross Nairobi on Tuesday, 15th January 2008.
- ◆ Trauma healing initiatives be coordinated from Ministry of Health and will link with EVRI initiative. Today's meeting tasked the group working on the ERVI's initiative to convene the ministry to forge the way forward.

## North Rift

- ◆ Civil Society in North Rift under the umbrella of Election Violence Response Initiative (EVRI) spearhead by PeaceNet Kenya regional peace committee has opened an office in Eldoret for consultations with key stakeholders to strategize on security and humanitarian situation in the region.
- ◆ Tegla Loroupe Foundation have so far convened stakeholders from West Pokot following heightened tension within the larger Transzoia and West Pokot boundary with allegation that the government is not protecting communities living in the area. Reports indicate that residents are arming themselves.
- ◆ The prominent athlete who was killed during the post election conflict has heightened tension and unconfirmed reports indicate simmering tension of reiteration.

## Central Rift

- ◆ Tension still high in Kuresoi and Molo where reports indicate that burning of houses and massive looting still being witnessed in areas where people have fled from their homes.
- ◆ There is growing concern that people who have been camping in schools are being removed to allow reopening of schools.
- ◆ A stakeholders meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15th January 2008 that will bring stakeholders in strategizing handling the situation.

## Nairobi

- ◆ There is a planned dialogue with young people with an alternative to violence trainings spearheaded by Youth Initiative Kenya (YIKE)
- ◆ Kenya Red Cross Society is offering tracking services to family members who have been separated. According to the reports 3,200 people are camping at Jamhuri Park while 15 children have been reported to be unaccompanied.
- ◆ PHARP have held healing and reconciliation meetings with leaders from Kibera and scheduled to hold others in Kiambu, Mathare informal settlement schemes.
- ◆ Suggestions to offer mass counseling through the media was suggested today.

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## Nyanza

- ◆ The Gem leadership meeting was convened on 11th January 2008 and brought together the elect leadership, business community, church leaders among others from the constituency to discuss about reconciling the communities living in the area. This was the third after two earlier meetings of Ugenya and Alego constituencies.
- ◆ Elect leaders and business community from Kisumu East and West constituencies convened on 12th January 2008 and brought together stakeholders from the two zones to strategize on efforts to reconcile the communities.
- ◆ Fresh clashes has emerged in Keroka Masaba district whereby one community is targeting another. Scores of people have been injured.
- ◆ Reports from the ground indicate that Chinkoro from Bamachoge and South Mugirango have been transported to Sotik, Kineni and Raitigo scheme settlement to cause terror between Kisii and Maasai's who neighbor each other.

## North Eastern

- ◆ Pockets of post elections violence has been reported in Mandera Central in Rhamu and Elwak. The clashes has left 2 people dead while 15 have been hospitalized at Elwak hospital.

ERVI forum has registered a website to upload Peace and Reconciliatory efforts to bring Kenya back to its feet.

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## South Rift

- ◆ Report from South Rift indicate that there are 210, Internally Displaced Persons at Sogoo inclusive of 50 children. At Kimagoro, 201 and 38 children, Oloshapani 150 persons, in Naurur 30 people are displaced . At Ololulunga, Melelo and Mulot 50, 40 and 650 persons and 126 children at Chemokter . Urgent needs for the Internally displaced include mosquito nets, supplementary feeding for children, medication, tents and counseling.
- ◆ There are internally displaced people who have fled skirmishes in Rift valley who are camping at Thiguna in Kajiado

## Coast

- ◆ Humanitarian assistance is ongoing at the coast and Amani counselors informed the ERVI meeting that their counselors are on the ground giving counseling to the affected persons.
- ◆ Some people still camping at Makupa hospital, All saints Cathedral, Nyali Baptist Church, Dogs Section Police Station (Mishomoroni), Consolata catholic Church and Changamwe Social hall and in other area where there are smaller groupings.
- ◆ It is alleged that a group of youth are being trained in Msabweni forest to cause havoc in the region in the next few days.

## Central

- ◆ Score of people that had fled and camped at various areas including Tigoni police station, Limuru at Kirathimo, Kabete police station and in Juja are slowly returning to the areas they had been working. Amani counselors indicated that their personnel had been on the ground in Nyeri to extend services to the traumatized people.

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