



We the undersigned, all delegates gathered for the 9th Annual National Conference of Indigenous Women in Kenya at the Nanyuki Sports Club, Laikipia County on the date hereof do issue this press statement in solidarity with the indigenous communities of Tanzania living in Ngorongoro Division of Ngorongoro District, Tanzania. The residents of Ngorongoro are largely Maasai.

We are deeply shocked and concerned by the continuing harassments of human rights defenders and human rights violations against community members that has been going on in Ngorongoro area in the false pretext of environmental conservation. It is disheartening that this situation has prevailed for more than two years now. As indigenous people within the East African region, we cannot, in all good conscience keep a blind eye to the plight of our brothers and sisters in Tanzania.

In 2022, the United Republic of Tanzania invaded ancestral Maasai lands within Loliondo and Ngorongoro areas and has proceeded to evict the local population ostensibly for environmental conservancy programmes. The Ngorongoro eviction at the beginning was sold off as voluntary relocation to Musomera but overtime, morphed off into a comprehensive atrocious programme to throw out every body from the area to pave way for corporate conservancy.

Systematically, the government has cut off basic social infrastructure in the region including school strictures, roads, hospitals and Medicare facilities. Private health service providers as Flying Medical Service that helped Maasai for more than 40 years was grounded.

This is meant to coerce the disenfranchised population into vacating the land and relocating to Musomera. Although the local district elections are due in November, the electoral body has totally eclipsed the area from voter registration services, closed down area services and arbitrarily transferred the voters to polling stations in Msomera (almost 587 kilometers away from Ngorongoro).

This practice not only makes mockery of democracy based on free and fair elections where everyone qualified to vote is accorded the opportunity to cast their vote but will undoubtedly disenfranchise the affected community members.





Further, well against the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Persons (UNDRIPs), the relocation, forced eviction and conservation efforts have been pursued without the Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) of the affected people.

The subsequent Militarization of their ancestral land has been equally without any FPIC. This has to stop. We stand firmly with the affected Indigenous People in calling for immediate cessation of any further hostilities, resumption of the provision of social amenities and strongly advise that any conversation efforts must not be a basis for human rights abuses and annihilations of indigenous populations.

Important as conservation is; the same should be pursued in a manner that respects the role of the Indigenous People as equal partners in conversation,
We therefore call upon the united Republic of Tanzania to:

1. Immediately halt the on-going human rights violations, including evictions and forced relocation of Indigenous People from their ancestral lands in Ngorongoro
2. Put in place adequate legislative, and administrative measures, to address the plight of indigenous communities and women
3. Guarantee the Safety and protection of community leaders and human rights defenders who are targeted for violations because of raising concerns over ongoing human rights violations
4. Put in place mechanisms to ensure genuine consultations and meaningful participation of Indigenous People including indigenous women
5. Restore community social amenities and government services including hospitals, schools
6. Put in place mechanisms to facilitate voter registration of the affected communities and exercise of the right to vote in the upcoming elections.

Signed

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2. DEFENDERS COALITION
3. SAMBURU WOMEN TRUST
4. INDIGENOUS WOMEN COUNCIL
5. EVER READY GRASSROOT NETWORK
6. MARSABIT WOMEN ADVOCACY AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (MWADO)
7. ISIOLO GENDER WATCH





8. AMPLIFY QUEST
9. KOIBATEK OGIEK WOMEN AND YOUTH NETWORK
10. PASTORALIST WOMEN FOR HEALTH AND EDUCATION (PWHE)
11. NETWORK EMPOWERING SAMBURU TRANSFORMATION.
12. OGIEK SISTERS FOR SISTERS
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14. SHARON KIPTOO
15. DAYAA WOMEN CBO
16. CPA LODOPAPIT CYPRIAN SIMION
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