

JUSTICE ELDERS' DRAFT KATIBA

PREAMBLE

This is the Justice elders Katiba. These are the ambassadors of the people of Ol Pusi Moru Location.

ARTICLES

1. Identify special interest group and make sure their rights are respected. These are:
 - ❖ Widows
 - ❖ Orphans
 - ❖ Unmarried girls/single women who may be oppressed by male relatives.
 - ❖ Elderly men
2. Enhance public information and awareness to empower those who have not benefited from the JUSTICE trainings in the community. We shall do village-to-village meetings to talk about the JUSTICE messages including women land rights, education and environmental conservation through planting 200 seedlings per household.
3. Ensure gender equity in all grassroots committees i.e. Chiefs committees, School committees, CFAs, WRUAs and CBOs and in order for women to be effective in these committees, we shall ensure the following:
 - ❖ Women themselves to be educated to prepare them for their new roles
 - ❖ We men should agree/accept that these women can actually have meaningful contributions. We must begin to value women contribution
 - ❖ We need to vet women, just like men go through vetting before they are appointed into committees so that we have competent and able women who will make a difference in these committees. Start by looking at how these women live and manage their own homes because charity begins at home.
 - ❖ Lets us start in our own homes to lead by example in recognizing our wives first by listening to them because that is the only time they will become bold and free to participate in public space. If we recognize them they will not fear to speak out in meetings and committees.
4. With the new focus on women rights, we need focus on peace within our households between wives and their husbands so that women rights do not cause breaking of homes. This will be achieved through continuous dialogue
5. We shall identify the key conflict triggers in the community that require our special attention in the dispensation of our dispute resolution mandate. The key ones are:
 - a. Opening up of access roads by ensuring that those already delineated by the government surveys are opened up and in cases where they are

supposed to exist but were not marked out, we will initiate dialogue with concerned residents so that community members and women in particular, can have easy access to water points and firewood.

- b. High girl –child school drop-out due to pregnancy and lack of prioritization of girl-child education.
- c. Protection of boys from child labor
- d. Identify ecologically sensitive areas and educate community members on the importance of conserving them as well as ensure that they are not privatized.

For the three issues above, we shall form special sub-committees that will come up with special by-laws to regulate these issues.

6. Let us watch out for any regressive cultural practices that we must disregard in our dispute resolution. We need to sift our cultural practices for example:
 - i) Bride price used as an excuse to pull young girls out of school. Here, culture is used as a conduit for corruption which curtails the future of young girls and eventually, denies women opportunities for empowerment.
 - ii) FGM which has contributed to girl's early marriage
 - iii) Warrior hood is also a barrier to our children's education.
 - iv) We need to discard the secrecy and fear for women empowerment because it is for the common good of society. For example, we need to inform women about their rights; those who have secretly registered land titles in their wives names should come out openly to inform them.
 - v) Any land transactions must be presented before the elders by the entire family so that we ensure that women and children are involved in decision-making over land to discard the traditional approach where the men were the sole decision-makers. This practice has increased poverty in our community.
7. Encourage /educate residents to observe procedure in lodging complaints so that they can start with the elders, then the chiefs before they go on to court if need be. This will help in efficient resolution of cases as well as help with building the case systematically in case of a need to go to court later on.
8. This Katiba will be respected by all in the location. In case an elder is threatened as a result of this Katiba implementation, the chief will be informed and a meeting is convened to fine the culprit.