

**THE COMMUNITY OF CHARI RANGELAND**

**P.O. BOX 56, ISIOLO**

**TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR**

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF ISIOLO**

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**DATE: 22 February 2019**

**RE: CHARI WARD RESIDENTS REGARDING THE POOR STATE OF WORKING  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND NORTHERN RANGELAND  
TRUST (NTR)**

On behalf of Chari community, we draw the attention of you, your Excellency the Governor, Isiolo County to the following:

1. That since NRT entered our rangeland and formed Biliqo-Bulesa community conservancy, insecurity incidences went up at an alarming rate. It resulted to the killings of 63 innocent lives and more than 8,000 goats and 15,000 cattle stolen by Samburu bandits aided by NRT.
2. That NRT helped samburu community enter our rangelands without any permission during last drought period when our livestock suffered in the Lorian swamps. NRT provided them with vehicles, security personnel and other resources making history of samburu reaching Kuro Bisan Owo.
3. That **NO MOU** signed between community and NRT is available / validated.
4. That community living in town centres like Kom and Dima Ado were displaced.
5. That, the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT) operations regarding conservation and land use has been non-transparent and non-accountable to the community of Chari and has therefore brought a lot of worries to this community on their interest towards land use and management.
6. That, NRT has created a huge armed militia by the name 9-1 and 9-2 capitalizing on the firearms meant for the community (KPR'S). The same firearms meant for community are given to NRT. Our questions remain whether the county security committee is aware of this arrangement and how legal is this arrangement?
7. That, NRT security team has been involved in extra-judicial killings. Several human souls have succumbed to the killer bullets from this well orchestrated militias who are known to be instigated by 9-1 9-2 killer squad. About 7 innocent members of the community have been unlawfully tortured, maimed and even shot to death in a highly suspicious manner. There was a case of an innocent herder from Bulesa (mzee Guyo

Huka's Son) who was way laid by the 9-1 on the pretext of poaching and shot dead. The latest incident is the disappearance of innocent man from Biliqo (Adan Mohamed A.K.A Adan Aba Galla) such painful and in human treatment of the locals are uncountable as many go unreported.

8. That, NRT is bribing locals to cause violence and disturbances during crucial community meetings to discuss dangers posed by NRT.
9. That, NRT uses Biliqo- Bulesa community conservancy board, NRT staffs, NRT vehicles and other resources to incite locals against each other. This has led to community developing negative attitudes towards each other causing hatred, worries and danger to our well being.
10. That, NRT issues threat to locals who are against their operation inside Chari by using government security organ to arrest innocent people. ( A case in point is that of Mzee Alio Mat molu)
11. That, NRT is using provincial Administration as brokers to welcome samburu inside Chari without communities awareness.
12. That, NRT perceived security team are involved more on creating conflicts by aiding samburu bandits to spy on our pastrolist community in the name of looking for astray livestock. They provide logistics to the bandits to enter inside settlements.
13. That, NRT directly appoints teachers to conservancy board who neglect their duties of teaching our children at the expense of serving their agenda. Like some of those teachers are now facing legal actions of defamation, incitement and disturbances during crucial community meetings.
14. That during Samburu raiding our cattle, NRT issues them enough logistical support thus there no success story of NRT recovering our stolen animal. But in case we retaliate NRT issues them (Samburu) air and ground support killing our youth.
15. That, NRT as an organization is not accountable, is not transparent, and is not equitable in addition causing significant conflict within the community of Chari.
16. That, NRT are employing spy/spies amongst community to cause fear and hatred.
17. That the presence of 9-1 security team is causing a lot of fear to the community.
18. That, the NRT due to lack of functional conservation strategy has gone off tangent to be the first NGO to go into direct competition with the community in their traditional livelihood of dealing with livestock. NRT in this regard is involved in the purchasing of the cattle at exploitative prices and later on selling the cattle at huge profits. NRT has not only strangles the local livestock traders but has also exploited the vulnerable communities due to high levels of illiteracy and lack of organized grouping like SACCOs that can secure better markets for their livestock.
- 19 That , we highlight to you as a matter of precedence, that NRT operations have been shut down in Turkana county because of gross violation of human rights , causing conflicts within the community harassment and displacement of communities in that county.

## **PROJECTS**

All projects undertaken by NRT was done without public participation, it includes:-

1. Baballa construction
2. Nthorobo
3. 4 airstrips
4. Pipe water to Qone onn Gurah
5. Intended pipeline water to Damballa Dirri.
6. Loans with interests to Muslim believers(are they profit making organization)

## **GRAZING MANAGEMENT:**

1. NRT select people with no information about rangeland as grazing committee.
2. Tradition grazing system of Deetha ignored.
3. Destroying of indigenous trees like Sirgiso.
4. Grazing committee serves NRT's agenda.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.**

1. No community donor relation.
2. Community not aware of income and expenditure
3. Projects not community driven.

## **WILDLIFE**

1. Wildlife species like zebras,beisa Oryx "Saalah" and ostriches extinction
2. Number of giraffes, elephants and gazelles decreasing sharply.
3. Wildlife human conflicts very high e.g. lion.
4. Victims not compensated.

## **BILIQO BULESA COMMUNITY CONSERVANCY**

1. No by laws in place to run organization
2. No AGM for the past 5 years
3. Board appointed by NRT
4. Board used by NRT to incite and cause disturbance during community meetings.
5. Its operation on legality in question
6. Poor working conditions of scouts with no benefits, no salaries, hardship, and no policies.
7. NRT not accountable to community.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

- ✓ Contract/MOU between community and NRT
- ✓ Conservancy by-law

## COMMUNITY'S DEMAND.

1. We have resolved that the NRT to move out of our Rangeland.
2. MOU between NRT and community be availed.
3. Long lasting peace and security solution inside Chari.
4. Samburu not cross boarder without permission.
5. Total control of rangelands by community
6. NRT'S 9-1 and 9-2 squad banned from patrolling Chari rangelands.
7. Provincial administration especially chief and do's to stop frequent meeting with Samburu in the name of seeking permission for their entry strategy.
8. Strengthening and honoring Deetha system and other tradition grazing methods.
9. Investigation of wildlife decrease in the rangelands.
10. Investigations of NRT's 9-1 squad extrajudicial killings and innocent people disappearances.
11. NRT's siding with Samburu bandits to be investigated
12. NRT to be held accountable
13. Firearms meant for community KPR to be returned to community from NRT
14. Movement of NRT/Samburu members inside community's settlement inside Chari in the name of looking for a stray animals to stop immediately.
15. All NRT's intended projects for the community to be stopped immediately.
16. Biliqo Bulesa community conservancy to be audited.
17. Community based conservation (CBC) to be introduced .it combines the needs of the ecosystem with the needs of the communities living in them appears to be a win win scenario infused with economic and social benefits .

Therefore, we request your Excellency the governor of Isiolo County:-

1. Completely stop the operation of NRT in Chari ward until justice will be achieved. Make request through the Isiolo county security community to investigate the NRT operation relating to their past atrocities they have so far committed and the legality of NRT operating and armed militia under the pretext of KPR'

## PROBLEMS CAUSED BY NRT

- Insecurity
- Killing of innocent lives and livestock stolen
- NRT sided with Samburu bandits
- Forceful Samburu entry inside Chari.
- Rangeland surveillance and monitoring by 9-1
- Displacement of people in Kom and Dima Ado.
- Guns meant for community KPR given to NRT
- Bribing and inciting locals against each other especially during 28<sup>th</sup> January meeting.
- Used conservancy board, NRT staffs, vehicles and bribes to incite locals.
- Employing spy/spies within the community to work for them.
- Threatening locals who are against NRT by arresting them on false allegations.
- Chiefs used to avoid community from discussing issues affecting their lives and livelihood
- Provincial administration used as brokers to welcome Samburu.

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