



## Pastoralist Parliamentary Group-PPG

Pastoralism: Our Pride and Life!

### MEDIA BRIEF:

## KENYA PASTORALIST PARLIAMENTARY GROUP WOMEN'S CAUCUS

***The Pastoralist Parliamentary Group (PPG) was formed in 1998.*** Its purpose is to mainstream the pastoralists' agenda within the national political and policy processes. The membership of PPG is open to all elected or nominated members from the 15 majority pastoralist Counties<sup>1</sup>. It currently stands at 105 parliamentarians (21 Senators, and 84 MPs) and is the largest parliamentary caucus in Kenya. The PPG priorities for the 12th Parliament include women's empowerment.

***In the 12th Parliament, there are a total of 27 women members of the PPG including 15 women's representatives, 6 nominated senators, one elected senator, 4 elected MPs and one nominated MP.*** During the PPG leadership elections that took place in December 2017, three women were elected as members of the PPG executive committee, out of the 18 members, and 4 women head the 10 subcommittees of the PPG working group that include peace and security, equalisation and affirmative action, devolution and decentralised government and the women's caucus.

**Our Vision:** To be a critical parliamentary force for promoting pastoralist women's voice and interests

**Our Mission:** Ensure that pastoralist women's interests and priorities are promoted in all policies and legislation in Kenya

***Pastoralist women face numerous challenges*** including many general issues that are not specific to women, but affect women in gendered ways. For example in the general PPG priorities there is concern about how women are affected by conflict and extremism. The roll out of the community land act, needs to ensure adequate involvement and registration of women, as well as in compensation for land, which is often constrained by women's lack of documentation. However the caucus will initially focus on a few key areas in order to make a discernable impact.

***The following are key priority areas of the women's caucus:***

- 1. Promote women's economic and political empowerment.**
- 2. Improve service provision for women particularly education and health care.**
- 3. Address cultural and reproductive health issues including FGM, GBV and early marriage.**

The following members ***lead the PPG women's caucus:***

Sen. Naomi Jillo	Chair
Hon. Sarah Korere	Vice Chair
Hon. Janet Teiya	Organizing Secretary
Sen. Farhiya Ali Haji	Secretary General

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