Drylands Learning and Capacity Building Initiative

2023 IMPACT REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Drylands Learning and Capacity Building Initiative (DLCI) is a knowledge management and advocacy resource organization registered as a national non-governmental organization in Kenya since 2016. Formerly known as REGLAP (the Regional Learning and Advocacy Programme), DLCI supports collaborative learning and documentation on drylands development and advocates for improved policy and practice.

Since 2016, DLCI has served as the secretariat for the Pastoralist Parliamentary Group (PPG) and has provided technical support and policy advisory services to members of Kenya's bicameral parliament from 15 counties. The PPG membership in the 13th Parliament comprises 102 elected and nominated MPs, a significant value proposition distinguishing DLCI within the Kenyan civil society sector.

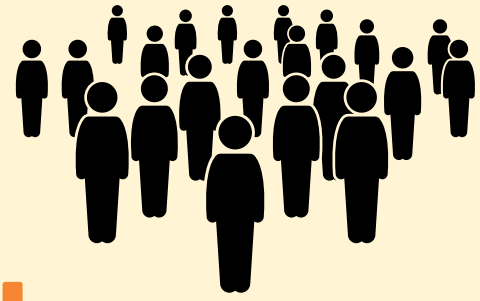
DLCI contributed to drafting the Community Land Act, which was assented into law in 2016. Since then, DLCI has sensitized communities in 8 dryland counties to register their lands. Additionally, DLCI has supported three communities—Kamuthe (Garissa County), Arsim, and Narimirimo (Samburu County)—in registering their community lands.

Continuing its efforts, DLCI brings together 30 Voice grantees from 20 counties to connect and learn from each other during quarterly and annual Linking and Learning events. DLCI also hosts and coordinates the Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities of Kenya (IPLC-K), an umbrella trust comprising representatives from 64 Community-Based Organizations, NGOs, cooperatives, self-help groups, and 9 companies specializing in gums, resins, and aloe.

DLCI's work continues to have a tangible impact on the lives and livelihoods of communities in Kenya's drylands, contributing to more resilient and empowered societies. As DLCI looks to the future, it remains committed to advancing its mission of empowering the minorities, local communities, and indigenous people from drylands mainly the pastoralists to be resilient and at the centre of development actions.



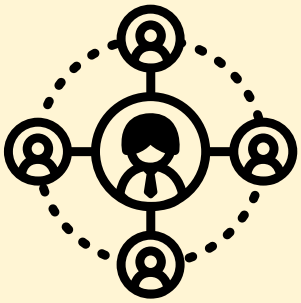
OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS



10+ Million people Reached



34,000+ Communities sensitized on community land registration in 8 Counties



30 Facilitated Voice grantees in 20 counties.

15 People supported to participate in International Indigenous Peoples events.





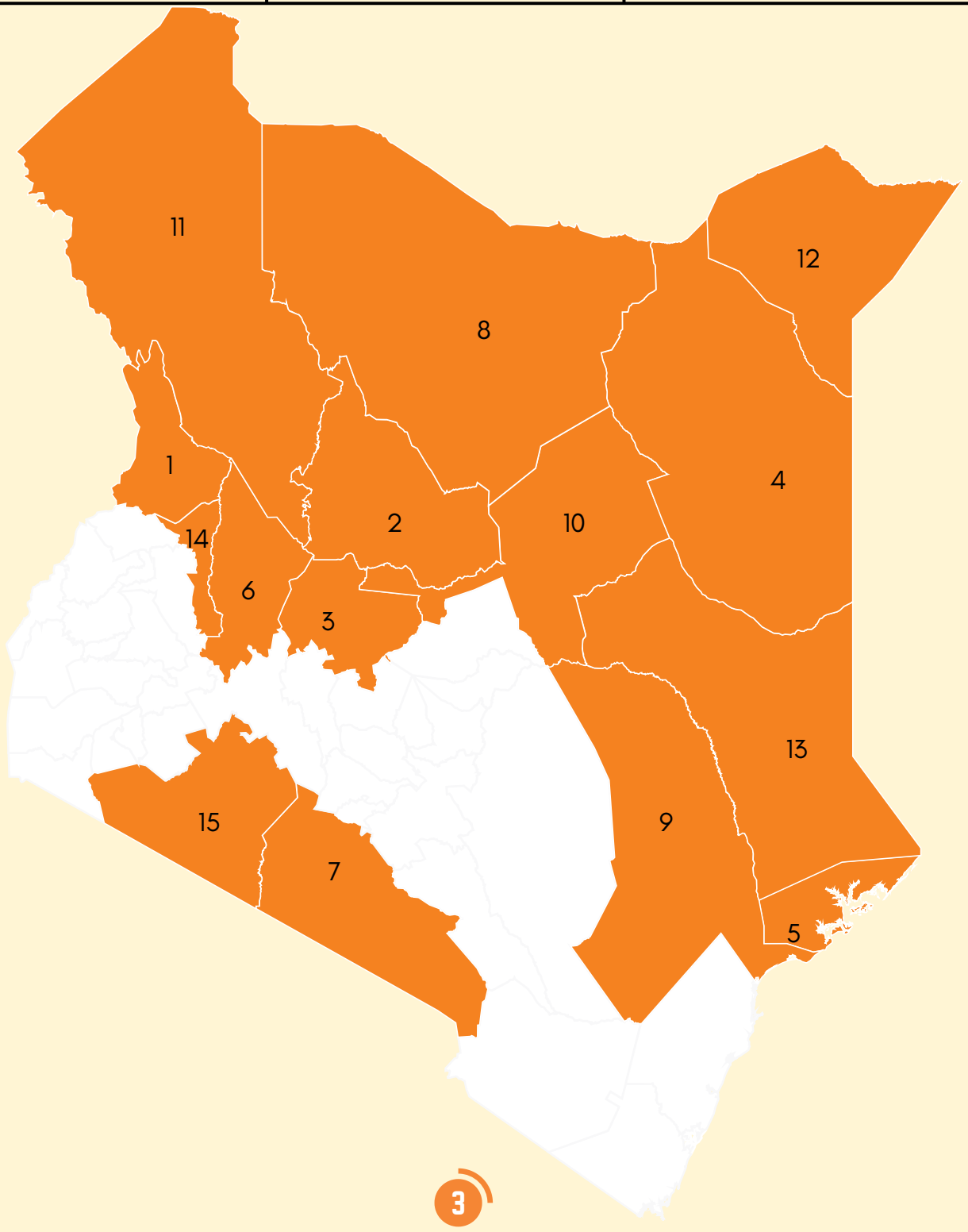
5 National Policies Influenced



3 Community lands registered

WHERE WE WORK.

1. West Pokot	6. Baringo	11. Turkana
2. Samburu	7. Kajiado	12. Mandera
3. Laikipia	8. Marsabit	13. Garissa
4. Wajir	9. Tana River	14. Narok
5. Lamu	10. Isiolo	15. Elgeyo Marakwet



THEMATIC FOCUS

PROJECT 1: NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE

DLCI focuses at securing tenure and sustainable Natural Resource base of dryland resources.

COMMUNITY LAND REGISTRATION:

OUTCOMES:

- **Facilitated Kamuthe Community which became the 1st former trust land community to receive their community land title deed in collaboration with Frontier Development Council (FCDC).**
- **Two communities, Arisim and Nairimiro in Samburu County supported in the land registration process.**
- **DLCI Contributed recommendations on Community Land in the National Land Policy Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2009 to the National Land Commission.**

PROJECT 2: CLIMATE CHANGE, ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE

DLCI is dedicated to fostering an empowering atmosphere for fulfilling climate change commitments, with a primary goal of consistently amplifying the voices of marginalized communities, particularly those engaged impacted by climate change effects and those in climate action and conservation efforts, at the national level.

OUTCOMES:

- **3 Policies and legislations were unpacked and explained to the dryland communities seeking their recommendations.**
- **6 thematic policy briefs on Renewable Energy/Transition, Nature Solutions, Climate Adaptation, Climate Finance, Food Systems, and Wildlife developed and submitted by WWF at COP28.**
- **Submitted recommendations to the Ministry of Environment on the Climate Change (Amendment) Regulation.**
- **Submitted Joint recommendations on the Natural Resource(Benefit Sharing) Bill,2022 to the Clerk of the National Assembly**

PROJECT 3: POLICY, ADVOCACY AND VOICE

POLICY INFLUENCING

DLCI supported Pastoralist Parliamentary Group (PPG) members to influence several national policies and sponsored various legislations. Some of the key policy initiatives include:

OUTCOMES:

- **The Climate Change Amendment Act 2023 and Regulations**.
- **The Natural Resource Benefit Sharing Bill 2023**

VOICE

DLCI is the national Linking and Learning Facilitator of the Voice project bringing together 30 grantees, NGOs, CBOs and self-help groups from 20 countries in Kenya.

OUTCOMES:

Enhanced Collaboration: Ten Communities of Practice (COPs) were formed during the Voice Annual Linking and Learning event in Watamu that brought together 92 participants.

Empowerment: More than 93% (28/30) of Voice grantee partners facilitated by DLCI reported using knowledge learned in L & Levent in their organizations. The skills areas included: Fundraising and Resource mobilization, Monitoring and evaluation, policy advocacy, Digital Advocacy, and Documenting Impact Stories.

- A grantee partner member from Stretchers Youth Organization (SYO) wrote an abstract titled The Community Talking Box: Adolescents & Youth Empowerment for Health Advocacy Project (AYEHA) after the 'Writing Good Conference Abstracts' training. The paper was presented at the Reproductive Health Network Kenya RHNK training in Diani.

- DLCI wrote an abstract paper on 'Social media and online violence against women journalists in Kenya'. The paper was presented at the Africa Women in the Media (AWiM) Conference in Rwanda on 30th November 2024.

- DLCI article on the reflections of hosting a Global E-meet and hosting a successful Linking and Learning event were published in the global Voice website.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES (IPLCS) OF KENYA

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- Produced IPLCs of Kenya logo and IPLCs of Kenya brochure.
- 2 IPLCs of Kenya members with support from GIZ attended the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources from 14-18 November 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 1 member attended a High-Level Dialogue on Indigenous Peoples, Traditional Cultural Expressions, and Fashion in Geneva, Switzerland on 2nd November 2023.

PROGRAM PARTNERS

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