

DLCI

Drylands Learning and Capacity Building Initiative

2024 IMPACT REPORT

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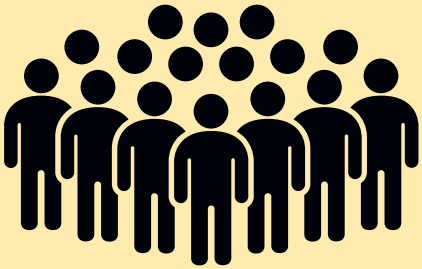
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IMPACT IN NUMBERS



102

We provide policy support for inclusive dryland development to the largest caucus in parliament with 102 members.



10M+ People Reached through our NRM Interventions

6



Facilitated the creation of 6 active communities of Practise in kenya under the Voice banner

Influence policy affecting 76% of Kenya's land mass

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INTRODUCTION

In 2024, the Drylands Learning and Capacity Building Initiative (DLCI) solidified its role as a catalyst for transformative change in Kenya's dryland regions. As a trusted knowledge management and policy advocacy organization, DLCI has continued to empower marginalized pastoralist communities, ensuring they remain at the forefront of national development and sustainable resource management.

Vision

Communities of the drylands are empowered and at the centre of all development interventions.

Mission

Working with all stakeholders to enhance the implementation of policies that are friendly to the dryland communities in the Horn of Africa.

Our Focus Areas

1. Policy, Advocacy, and Voice
2. Natural Resource Governance
3. Climate Change resilience and adaptation

POLICY, ADVOCACY & VOICE

4TH PASTORALIST LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

As the convening partner of the 4th Pastoralist Leadership Summit, DLCI provided critical strategic and technical leadership to the Pastoralist Parliamentary Group (PPG), enabling inclusive dialogue among key stakeholders and driving forward policy commitments on land rights, climate resilience, and pastoralist development. Its coordination role was instrumental in shaping an impactful, solutions-focused summit agenda that elevated grassroots voices and strengthened political will for transformative change in Kenya's drylands.



Impacts of the 4TH PLS



15 **Presidential commitments**

H.E the president made 15 actionable commitments in line with the all the **KEY** thematic focus adressed at the summit.

25 25 Actionable Resolutions aimed at equitable resource distributionand economic empowerment in all pastoralist regions.



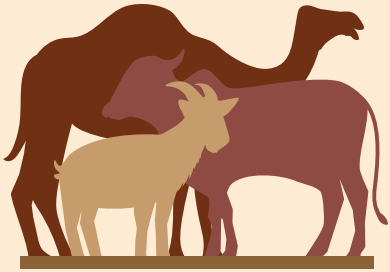
Strengthened Partnerships & Advocacy

Over **700** diverse stakeholders—including MPs, governors, civil society, and community leaders—actively participated in shaping the pastoralist agenda through inclusive dialogue.



20 B+

Over Ksh **20 billion** pledged for dryland infrastructure upgrades, road tarmacking, and security modernization across pastoralist regions.



The implementation of the **National Livestock Development and Promotional Service (NLDPS)**—a game-changer for structured investment in the pastoral economy and livestock value chains.

Read the full PLS Report ***HERE***

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VOICE PROJECT CLOSURE

In 2024, DLCI led Kenya's national linking and learning efforts for the Voice project, culminating in a powerful forum that brought together 30 grantees and rightsholders to celebrate the closure of the 8-year initiative. The event amplified marginalized voices, fostered inclusive dialogue, and generated community-driven insights now shaping policy reforms nationwide.









*Click **HERE** to watch the full Voice Closure Documentary*

VOICE PROJECT COMMUNITIES OF PRACTISE

The Voice Communities of Practice (CoPs) united six advocacy groups to tackle issues ranging from mental health to legal inclusion. Strengthened by the Voice Closure event and capacity-building workshops, these CoPs forged powerful alliances and developed strategic tools to drive lasting, community-led policy reform for marginalized groups.

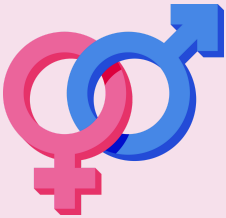
Impacts of the Voice COPs

6 dynamic CoPs united over 30+ organizations to drive collective action and shared advocacy.



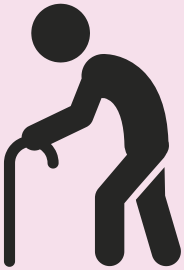


The Voice Youth Summit ignited mental health, gender equality, and anti-discriminatory finance dialogues.



Feminist voices broadened to include refugees, men, and faith leaders—building inclusive gender justice.

Elderly voices spotlighted through community dialogues and media—fueling protection and dignity campaigns.



The PwD CoP secured greater representation in community decision-making spaces.





Movement building, SWOT sessions, and skills training elevated the advocacy muscle of all CoPs.

*Click **HERE** to watch Kuvunzika, Documentary on Elderly abuse in Kilifi County*

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DLCI played a pivotal role in strengthening Natural Resource Governance across Kenya's drylands, focusing on community-led decision-making, policy advocacy, and sustainable land management. Through consultative meetings, training sessions, and collaborative partnerships, DLCI empowered communities to engage in governance structures that safeguard their resources



Outcomes from our Activities on Natural Resource Governance



Improved legal awareness among pastoralist communities about their land rights and the formal registration process.

Strengthened collaboration between community members, local leaders, and technical stakeholders, enhancing legitimacy and trust in the process

·Established community-endorsed timelines and frameworks for moving forward with registration, setting a clear roadmap for implementation.





Strengthened capacity of county officials, CSOs, and community leaders in interpreting and applying the Community Land Act.

Fostered inter-agency collaboration, trust, and alignment between state actors, county government, and local communities.





Elevated the historical injustices agenda, ensuring the voices of affected communities shaped policy and legal discourse.



Deepened understanding of how traditional governance systems (e.g., **Deedha councils**) contribute to sustainable land and resource management.



Generated actionable recommendations on resolving land conflicts related to artisanal mining and conservancy expansion.



Reinforced gender-responsive approaches to land governance, promoting women's participation and leadership in land rights processes.

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE

Enhancing Private Sector Engagement & Investment in Arid & Semi-Arid Lands (ASALS)

As part of its 2024 policy advocacy, DLCI partnered with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to host a high-level roundtable aimed at driving private sector investment in Kenya's ASALs. By spotlighting the region's economic potential—especially in livestock—and convening key stakeholders, DLCI helped shape a policy dialogue focused on removing investment barriers, strengthening value chains, and promoting inclusive, sustainable growth across Kenya's drylands.









Ending Drought Emergencies (EDE).



DLCI was appointed to the task team for the formulation of phase II of Kenya's EDE Strategy. The second phase was developed with critical inclusion of the county-level coordination frameworks.

Building upon the foundational logic of EDE CPF I, the EDE CPF II framework has been reconfigured for enhanced clarity and to accommodate emerging opportunities and challenges. This updated framework is structured around three key Priority Action Areas (PAAs):

- Drought Risk Management;
- Investment in Foundations for Resilience to Drought; and
- Coordination, Institutional Development and Knowledge Management



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