

# SUCCESS STORIES

*Ethiopian Side of the Karamoja cluster*

## ***A swift exchange of early warning information and rapid response led to recovery of stolen animals***

The Ethiopian CEWERU ( in collaboration with local administrative and security officials) coordinated a rapid response to a conflict alert received from Kenyan NRI/CEWERU which led to a swift recovery of stolen livestock and apprehension of alleged criminals. The following success story gives the chronology of events leading to handover of the stolen animals to the Kenyan officials.

### **August 5, 2011**

1. CEWARN and the Kenya NRI received an alert on an attack by Dassenech groups against the Turkana community in Todonyang, Kenya on August 5<sup>th</sup> 2011, which reportedly resulted in the deaths of 20 Kenyans. The alert was disseminated to the Ethiopia Country Coordinators on the same date.
2. CCs of Ethiopia passed the information to the Ethiopia deputy CEWERU head at the Ministry of Federal Affairs, the SNNPR security and Admin Bureau, South Omo Zone administration, the Dassenech Woreda and two CEWARN field monitors operating in the Dassenech woreda.
3. The deputy CEWERU Head then contacted the Minister of Federal Affairs and the President of the South Omo Region, Mr. Shiferaw Shegutie. Mr. Shegutie who informed the Security and Administration office of the South Omo region, and the South Omo Zone office about the alleged attacks and authorized a joint team from the zonal office and the Dassenech woreda to carry out a fact finding mission.

### **August 6, 2011**

4. A joint zone-woreda fact finding mission was dispatched to the border area between Seyes and Todenyang.

### **August 6- 14, 2011**

5. The fact finding mission conducted its investigation from village to village and in the end was able to determine the exact number of fatalities (13 Turkana); recover all the animals that were raided; and, apprehend the alleged perpetrators.

### **August 15, 2011**

6. Information was communicated to the Kenyan CEWERU/NRI through the Ethiopian CCs that the Ethiopian team would like to handover the raided animals on August 17, 2011.
7. Confirmation was received from the Kenyan CEWERU/NRI on the same day.

### **August 17, 2011**

1. The handover of the stolen animals took place on around 16:00 hrs at Todenyang. The Ethiopian delegation led by the South Omo Zone administrator, Mr.Moloka, handed over the stolen animals to their Kenyan counterpart led by the Turkana North DC,,Mr. Jack Obua, in the presence of elders from both sides. 146 shoats and 48 cattle were returned. Also 2 AK47 guns with 3 empty magazines were returned. Earlier 17 suspects alleged to have perpetrated the killings had been captured by security officials and are in police custody.