



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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PEACE BUILDING PROFILE

Fostering Peace among the affected communities

**“WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES
FOR LASTING PEACE”**





Message from the desk of Peace Initiatives Co-ordinator Eunice Chebet

After the 2007 general election violence broken out in many parts of Kenya, the violence led to death of over 1,333 over 663,921 displacements suffering. Many people were left destitute, without food, shelter, clothing, medicine, etc.

The Community members, Spiritual Leaders and other Community Elders have joint work with the Government together with the Ministry of State for Special Programmes conducted and organized by Inter-community Peace Initiatives Co-ordinator in the Office of the President Eunice Chebet committed to ensure a peaceful and dignified life of people affected by conflict after post-election violence. So far it has been involved in various activities to promote peace among the affected communities, through peace initiatives, dialogue, reconciliation, repentance and transformation.

The main objectives is to restore peace, security and harmony among the different communities affected by conflict, also provide shelter for victims of post-election violence and promote peace building and reconciliation among the communities affected, in order to have peaceful, stable and friendly country to enhance development in social economy and political adheres.

Eunice Chebet
Inter-Communal Peace Initiatives Co-ordinator



Vision

A peaceful, co-existence, harmony society

Mission

To reduce human suffering through promotion of peace, just, equity and development

Core Values

- ⇒ Human Dignity
- ⇒ Integrity
- ⇒ Stability
- ⇒ Transparency and accountability

Objectives

- ⇒ To prevent conflict
- ⇒ To promote peace initiatives in conflict prone areas
- ⇒ To provide humanitarian assistance
- ⇒ To promote development

Programmes

- ⇒ Peace building
- ⇒ Social services
- ⇒ Education

Part of the activities that took place for reconciling the Communities organised by the Inter Communal Peace Initiatives Co-ordinator



Inter-Communal Peace Initiatives Co-ordinator (Eunice Chebet) addressing a peace rally in Naivasha which was attended by over 2 million people. Naivasha being one of the places which was affected by post-election violence.

The crowd was led into repentance and forgiveness by Ms. Eunice Chebet, who called Politicians, Spiritual Leaders and Local Leaders to lead, whereby communities in Rift Valley forgave each other and promised to stay together.



Ms. Eunice Chebet showing the politicians and other leaders part of the weapons which were surrendered by the fighting communities after she called for repentance.



A journalist is shocked on viewing at the weapons surrendered from the affected communities



Part of the poisoned weapons (arrows) collected from Rift Valley during repentance meetings organized by the Peace Initiatives Co-ordinator Eunice Chebet. Over 2,000,000 arrows were surrendered. (Eunice Chebet) explaining to the media.



Eunice Chebet showing the local security personnel on a peace mission in Rift Valley Province, where people were surrendering weapons and items looted during post-election violence.





A helping hand from prisoners to load the surrendered things to a vehicle in Timboroa, even the Administration Police came out to assist Eunice Chebet (centre).



Eunice Chebet addressing the media after Mr. Kiano (in jacket) surrendered a gun from his house in Koibatek District. She gave amnesty to people to surrender all kinds of weapons and firearms. The ceremony was attended by local government officials, local leaders and residents.

The crowd cheerful responding to Naivasha Member of Parliament Hon. John Mututho and Spiritual Leader Pastor John Lutinda in repentance meeting organized by Peace Initiatives Co-ordinator (Eunice Chebet). Members of Parliament, Spiritual Leaders and Local Leaders were among the guests invited to address the gathering and prayed for communities to forgive each other. Over 2 million people attended these repentance meetings in different parts affected by the skirmishes.



Peace Co-ordinator Eunice Chebet handed over one of the surrendered gun in Kipkelion to area OCPD Mr. Muchangi which was witnessed by the residents. Over 100 guns, thousands of crude weapons and various items were surrendered on her call for repentance.



Part of the billions of items surrendered country wide, which were looted during post-election violence. All types of things were returned and communities reconciled.

People came out in large number in different meetings (over 2 million) and returned weapons which they used during the post election violence and the things they have looted during the general election mayhem and repented, which was the biggest sign ever that they have opted for a national healing through repentance.





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Inter-communal Peace Initiatives Co-ordinator Eunice Chebet visiting all the Internally Displaced Persons in their living camps and schools to get views and see their living and learning condition. (chatting and sharing with internally Displaced Children in their schools)
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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



She is inspecting the living conditions and learning conditions in camps.

Figure 6

Chebet visited
all the internally
displaced
camps in the
country.



Figure 7



Figure 8

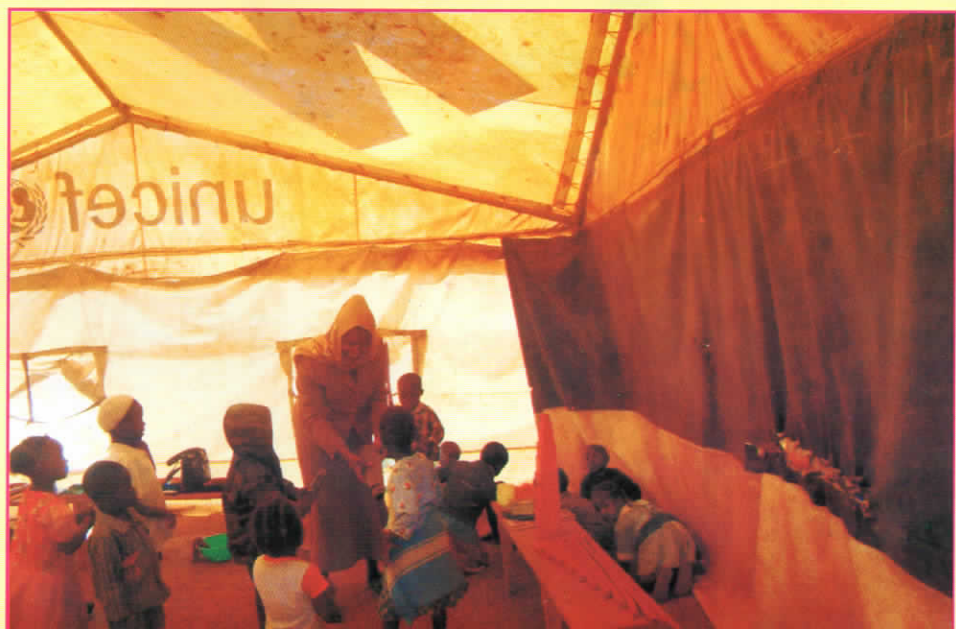


Figure 9



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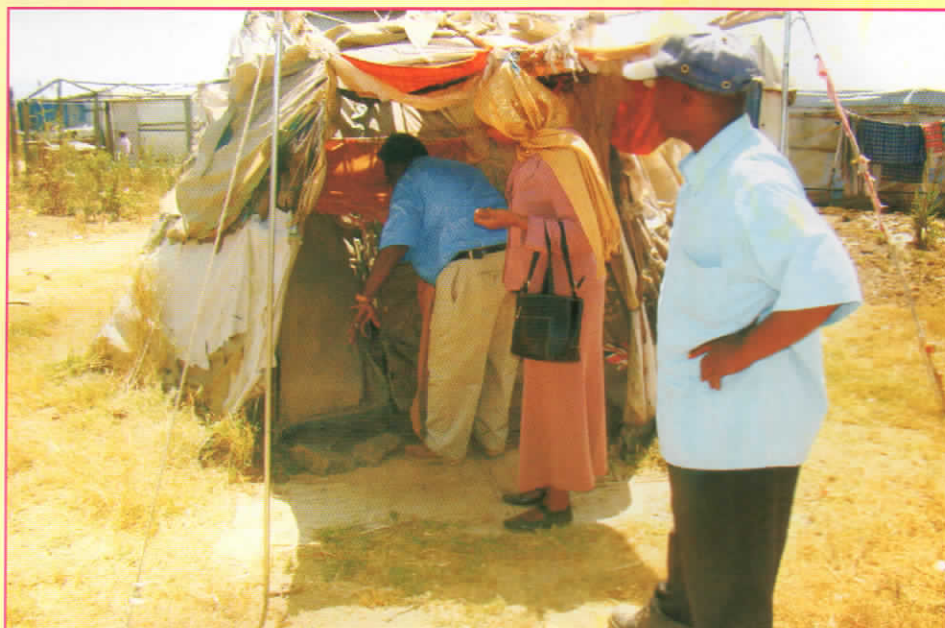


Figure 11

A teacher explaining to Chebet the challenges of temporary shelter in schools.



Figure 12



She inspected the housing conditions in camps to update the Government on the situation found for improvement. (welcomed and taken round for inspection)

Figure 13



Figure 14



Taken round the camps.

Figure 15



"Working with communities for lasting peace"

On peace mission
around the country
meeting members of
different
communities.



Figure 22



She called village to
village, camps and
church meetings for
unity.

Figure 23



Figure 24



Monitoring her
peace efforts
made in regions of
resettled internally
displaced persons

Figure 19

Chebet visited
both IDPs and
host communities
to unite them.



Figure 20



Figure 21

Chebet updating the
unsettled persons the
progress of
resettlement and
ensure the
government is
assisting them with
food and other basic
needs.



Figure 28



Figure 29



Figure 30



Figure 31

Inter-communal Peace Initiatives Co-ordinator Eunice Chebet chairing meetings with other peace operators to share the progress and challenges of peace in Kenya and other neighbouring countries.



Figure 32



Figure 33



Chebet meeting other peace operators from all regions and neighbouring countries.

Figure 34

Assisting communities to surrender peaceful and ask for forgiveness from their owners. This being a good sign of maintaining peace among the communities affected by conflict.



Figure 35



She is receiving the surrendered fighting weapons and items looted from the fighting communities in Kenya.

Figure 36



The local area chief briefing Chebet the progress of Peace Initiatives during her monitoring and evaluating her programmes countrywide (peace meeting).

Figure 37



Figure 38



Interviewed by the media on the progress of Peace and Reconciliation in the country after post election violence on the efforts she made to reconcile communities.

Figure 39

Eunice Chebet opened centres in villages for storing weapons and items surrendered for security and safety.



Figure 40



Chebet holding indoor and outdoor meetings with community and village members to discuss their problems which might be affecting peace in their regions and areas.

Figure 41



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