

# 2012 - 2013

#### IN THE LAST TWO YEARS...

"We helped 23 communities living in northern Tanzania directly gain rights to own, manage and benefit from the land they live on; we saw the first drafts of the new Tanzanian constitution incorporate a number of provisions we advocated for, which will improve the rights of pastoralists, hunter-gatherers and women; and we watched hundreds of pastoralist women request rights to own land and property and demand to participate in community decision-making processes – and they were heard.

These significant achievements are the result of many, of collaborations, of hours of hard work and of changing attitudes and mindsets. We're proud to have played a role and we look forward to carrying on."

LAND RIGHTS

- Edward Loure, Executive Director of Ujamaa Community Resource Team

UCRT's 28 staff members worked with 70 villages in 9 districts in northern Tanzania.

# OUR WORK, OUR APPROACH

UCRTempowers communities to uphold their rights, promotes local stewardship of land and natural resources, andadvocates for justice for all Tanzanians.

We support communities in northern Tanzania to improve their livelihoods by controlling, managing and benefiting from their lands through sustainable natural resource management. We do this by partnering with communities and focusing on six programmatic areas:

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UCRT provides
support across
six integrated
programmatic areas
for comprehensive
and sustainable
outcomes

EDUCATION SUPPORT OMEN'S RIGHT, ND LEADERSHIP FORUMS

ADVOCACY



#### **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS – 2012/2013**

# **UCRT IS HELPING TANZANIANS...**

## Own, access and benefit from their natural resources

Working with UCRT, some of Tanzania's last remaining hunter-gatherers, the Hadzabe, obtained a Certificate of Customary Right of Occupancy (CCRO) giving them rights to 23,375 hectares of land in the Yaeda Valley in 2011. Since then, UCRT helped this community participate in a forest carbon offsetting project, which earned them more than 50 million Tsh in revenue in 2013.

#### UCRT also...

- Helped four villages in Simanjiro District secure legal ownership to 208,182 hectaresof grazing land through the acquisition of Certificates of Village Land.
- Nearly doubled the size of one community's grazing land by facilitating negotiations between the village and the Ministry of Land, Tarangire National Park Authority and the neighbouring communities.
- Assisted four villages in Longido District earn 89,900,000 Tsh from tourism by helping the communities develop fair contracts with the tour operators. These funds were used to build schools and sponsor children.

#### Reduce natural resource conflicts

A 200-year conflict over natural resources and land between the Maasai (Loita section) and Sonjo (Batemi) in Loliondo finally reached a resolution. This long-standing dispute, which affected more than 18,000 people, was finally settled with the help of UCRT, which worked closely with traditional leadership, district authorities, and the Ministry of Lands to facilitate this resolution.

## Promote gender equality & rights

UCRT has helped establish 17 Women's Leadership Forums in 17villages with 400 women. We have also worked with our partner, the Pastoral Women's Council, to establish three district forums and one national forum. These forums, which are recognized by government and traditional leaders, give Maasai women a platform to collectively advocate for their rights to own land and property, to participate in decision-making processes, to receive an education, and to end oppressive cultural practices.



- "The critical problem has been for men to accept that women have rights to land and property...We can clearly see that there is a difference between wards where Women Leadership Forums (WLF) operate and where they have not yet been established, as where the WLFs do not operate, women are still struggling to be heard or to have their rights accepted and protected by men."
- Nembaso Sayori, Oloipiri Village.

- " UCRT has sponsored me since I started secondary school. Now I'm at college getting a Diploma in Governance and Development. I intend to go back to my Hadzabe community of hunter-gatherers and advocate for their rights....Education is especially important to the Hadzabe people because it enlightens us to know how to cope with the world."
- Endeko Simon, UCRT sponsored student and a Hadzabe hunter-gatherer



#### Become educated

Over the past two years, UCRT has sponsored 76 students from 26 communities to attend primary, secondary and tertiary schooling. UCRT also supported infrastructural developments at Loiborsiret primary school in Simanjiro, benefiting 630 students.

# Protect their rights

The first and second drafts of Tanzania's new constitution recognize the rights of minorities, in turn protecting the rights of pastoralists and hunter-gatherers (Article 45 first draft, article 46 second draft). UCRT participated in many initiatives to reform national policies to protect minority rights, including the Katiba Initiative, which is specifically aimed at strengthening minority rights in the new Constitution.



- "We as a community are very happy with the news that the draft constitution recognises us. We are also grateful to the commission for taking into consideration our opinions."
- Richard Baalow, UCRT Field Officer and Hadzabe community member (Quote from The EastAfrican)

## **OUR FINANCES**

	2012	2013	Total
Income	1,293,842,980 Tsh (USD \$808,651)*  *This includes USD \$66,222 carried over from 2011	1,766,750,344 Tsh**  **This includes  93,067,454.97 Tsh  carried over from 2012	2,967,525,890 Tsh (USD \$1,789,299)
Expenditure	1,189,023,128 Tsh (USD \$743,139)	1,356,908,802 Tsh (USD \$818,161)	2,545,931,930 Tsh (USD \$1,535,095)

## **OUR COLLABORATORS AND SUPPORTERS 2012/2013**

#### Our Collaborators

- African Initiatives
- Carbon Tanzania
- Community Research and Development Services
- Hadzabe Survival Council
- International Centre for Research on Women
- Kipok
- Longido Community Development Organisation
- Ngorongoro NGO Network
- Northern Tanzania Rangelands Initiative
- Pastoral Women's Council
- Pastoralist Indigenous NGO's Forum
- Pastoralists Katiba Initiative
- Tanzania Land Alliance
- Tanzania Natural Resource Forum

## **Our Supporters**

- Department for International Development UKAID
- Dorobo Fund for Tanzania
- Flora Family Foundation
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN
- Gorta
- Global Greengrants Fund
- Maliasili Initiatives
- Mennonite Central Committee
- Oxfam
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Womadix Fund
- Trias/Belgian Fund for Food Security
- Wildlife Conservation Society

# **JOIN US**

At UCRT we believe that lasting change can only come from sustained collective efforts. We recognize that in every stage of our work – from working on the ground with marginalized communities, to influencing change in national level policies – collaboration is the key to success.

You can support our work as a donor – funding our engagement in the field or in the policy arena – and you can support our work as a partner and collaborator – joining our efforts to strengthen community rights to their land, influence national policies and promote justice.





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