

### Did you know?

- That Turkana is the poorest County in Kenya
- Educated population and skilled human resource is essential to development and competitiveness of the new counties?
- Yet only 15% of the population in Turkana County have primary education and 3% have secondary and college level of education
- There are over 150,000 children actively working to earn a living, some in hazardous situations in Turkana County out of a population of 850,000 adults and children.

High levels of poverty, illiteracy and insecurity in Turkana County is largely a result of children not going to school and instead engaging in work during school hours such as herding, fishing, domestic service and street work.

### Does it mean children should not work at home?

Not at all, children should perform light work after school hours with supervision of adults. This is necessary to learn life skills and be ready to continue managing traditional economies such as fishing and pastoralism.

By going to formal school, the children will develop mental abilities to better manage the traditional economies and make them more profitable. Only well-educated Turkana men and women can negotiate fairly in sharing of national resources and marketing of the products from the County.



If children do not gain formal education, the local economy will not grow adequately to create jobs and wealth, hence continuing cycle of poverty, hunger and insecurity.

### What factors push children into child labour in Turkana County?

- Formal education is not a priority for most parents and children
- Schools are too far
- Lack of food both at home and school





Act now to stop poverty cycle caused by child labour in Turkana County!



### *What development partners are doing to stop child labour in Turkana County?*

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- UN joint Human Security Project that seeks to improve access to schools, prevent child labour, increase agricultural productivity, access to basic health care and promote peace.



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### *What are the consequences of engaging children in child labour?*

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- Children do not enroll in school
- Children drop out of school
- Teenage marriage and child mothers increase
- Lack of skilled human resource to sustainably exploit local resources
- Insecurity caused by youths who cannot access decent jobs due to lack of training and over-reliance of few natural resources
- Poverty is sustained

*What you can do to stop this exploitative child labour and transform Turkana County*

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- Demand for policies and programs against child labour by Turkana County government.
- Take your child and that of your neighbour to school
- Initiate feeding programs in schools
- Establishment of child rescue centres

