

# PASTORALIST CONFLICTS AND CIVIL PEACE BUILDING IN SOUTH ETHIOPIA AND BORDERING AREAS

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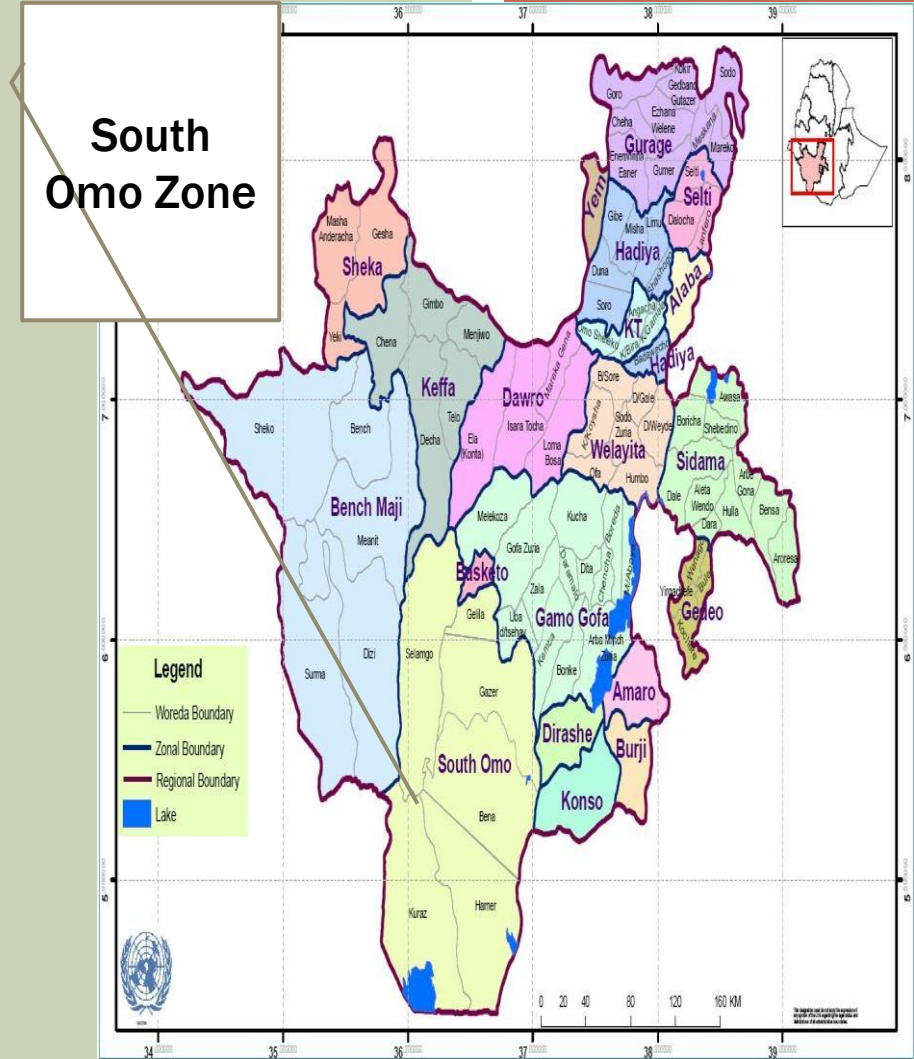
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# ETHIOPIA



# SNNPR



# SOUTH OMO ZONE TRIBES



Mursi



Dassanech



Kara



Arbore

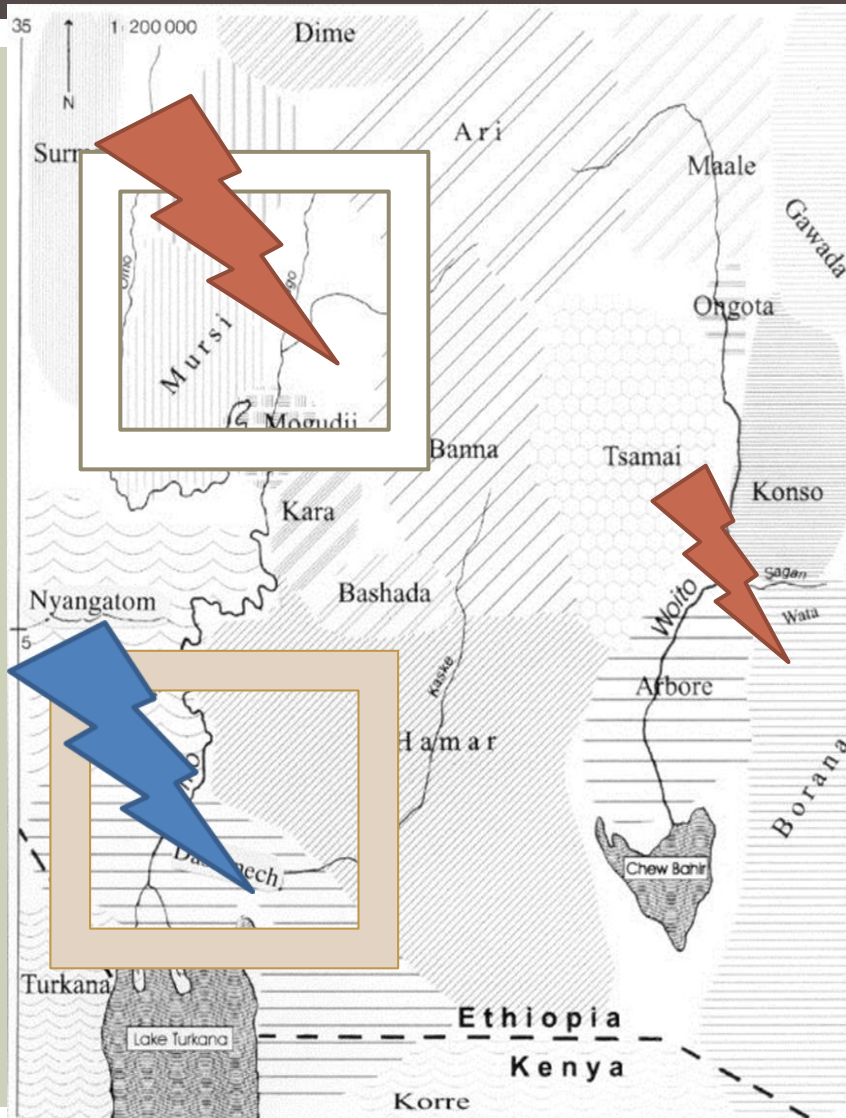


Hamer



Nyangatom

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION:



## South Omo Zone:

- Is one of the 15 zones in SNNPR
- Has 23,535 Sq.Kms
- Is located 781km from Addis Ababa
- Has 8 woredas: Dassanech, Nyangatom, Salamago, Male, Bennatsemay, North Ari, South Ari, and Hamer.
- It comprises 16 different tribes.
- Has a total population of 557,673 people



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- The inhabitants of the Zone are largely pastoralists.
- They predominately rely on breeding and selling livestock and livestock products.
- 50% of their income is from livestock.



# WHAT IS AEPDA:

## AEPDA Sands for:

- Atowoykisi-Ekisir Pastoral Development Association.
- Is a community based organization established in 2007
- By a group of Nyangatom elders and their educated youngsters.
- Its the first legally registered association of pastoralists in South Omo Zone.



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## AEPDAs areas of Intervention:

- Conflict transformation and peace building
- Introduction of small scale irrigation schemes
- Capacity building



# CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND PEACE BUILDING

- **Internal conflict intervention**

Among the tribes in the zone

- **Cross boarder conflict intervention**

Across the boarder of Ethiopia and Kenya





## A YOUNG WARRIOR WITH CHEST SCARIFIES



## Causes of conflict:

### Resources competition

- Pasture and water points
- Raiding and stealing of livestock

### Culture & traditions:

- Killing of bravery
- Hero cult
- Marriage

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## Actors of conflict:

- Youths
- Elders
- Women



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## Approaches of intervention:

- Peace dialogues
- Networking
- Exchange visit
- Awareness creation through

dramas, peace song and debates...



**Peace Dialogue between tribes**



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**Exchange visit tour to  
Surma South west Ethiopia:**

**Students performing  
drama**





# MECHANISMS OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Lokiriam peace accord Monument

## Traditional Mechanisms:

- Burial of weapons (spears, guns, knives, shields swords ...etc)

Example; Lokirima, Moruanayeche, and Kangaten peace accords

- Traditional Peace Dialogue without involvement of urban people



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## Modern instruments

- Trainings on basic mediation skills
- Exchange visit and experience sharing
- Conflict analysis and base line surveys
- Signatory written peace agreements

## Traditional instruments

- Mingles of Arbitration and mediation
- Intimacy search visit which will take more than 3 months
- Oral and ancestors history based analysis
- Traditional agreement based on burial of weapons

# TRADITIONAL PEACE MAKING PROCESS





**THANKS!!!**