

CSDES Strengthen Outreach Program In Samburu County

One of the objectives of the Centre for Sustainable Dryland Ecosystems and Societies (CSDES) is increased impact of education, research and outreach on livelihoods and the sustainability of Kenyan drylands. In a bid to fulfill this objective, a team of three from CSDES visited Samburu County- ArchersøPost to firm ties with the Samburu Community and to supervise research work of Ms. Caroline Genga, a masterø student pursuing range management at the University of Nairobi (UoN) and a beneficiary of CSDES research for development award. Ms. Genga is undertaking research on indigenous technical knowledge among the Samburu.

The team comprised of: Dr. Moses Nyangito- Senior Lecturer at UoN and CSDES Management Committee Member ; Mr. Peter Kamande- CSDES Project Manager; and Daniel Kamau- CSDES Communication Consultant. The three got a chance to interact and share with the community on how the University of Nairobi can promote development in the region through action research. One of the entry points discussed was how research findings can contribute to development planning by the Samburu County Government.

The CSDES team met with several groups including community elders, women and the Samburu morans. The team also visited the University of Nairobi extra-mural centre in Isiolo town in a bid to forge CSDES plans for rolling out open and distance learning (ODL) and E-learning courses for Isiolo and adjacent communities.