

LTWP OPEN DAY: ELDERS, WOMEN AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM WIDER PROJECT AREA



On **27 October** and **8 November 2016** LTWP welcomed a total of 135 elders, women and youth representatives from the wider project area to the wind farm site in Sarima, Marsabit County. Elders visited the site during the October Open Day, while women and youths visited in November.

Participants were identified by the communities themselves, with each community being represented by the same number of people. Attendees of the two Open Days came from Mt. Kulal, Sarima, Kargi, Laisamis, Illaut, Loiyangalani, Korr, Olturot and Ngurunit. To make the event possible, LTWP provided transportation to and from the wind farm site.

LTWP organizes Open Days on site every six months with the purpose to have a dedicated platform on which to engage with the local communities, in addition to the ongoing dialogue that takes place through LTWP's 15 community liaison officers (CLOs). Open Days provide an opportunity to visit all areas of the wind farm with community representatives and to address their questions, comments, concerns and to discuss requests.



OPEN DAY ITINERARY

- Introductions among community members, LTWP's CLOs and Management Team, during breakfast on site.
- Site tour with stops at wind turbines and the substation, where clarifications were shared in relation to these technical components and their environmental and social impacts, and where questions were raised and discussed.
- General presentation about LTWP, by Mr. Phylip Leferink (LTWP General Manager) and about the Winds of Change Foundation and its activities, by Mr. Felix Rottmann (LTWP Senior Social Specialist).
- Extensive and open Q&A session, whereby questions and comments were raised until questions were exhausted.
- Late group lunch and socializing.



MAIN OUTCOMES:

Community representatives seeing, understanding and believing that:

- Wind farm is unfenced, contrary to rumors.
- People are living in the wind farm area and using the land as they have always done, e.g. for grazing livestock, traditional nomadic movements and to live on.
- LTWP is a guest on their land, with the intention to be a good neighbor by helping to address community needs through the Winds of Change Foundation.
- LTWP is a neutral a-political and a-religious organization, that treats everybody equally in a fair, respective and inclusive manner.
- LTWP engages transparently with communities.



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