

LTWP OPEN DAY: ELDERS, WOMEN AND YOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES VISIT WIND FARM SITE

Community members learning about wind turbines and their impacts



On **15 and 16 November 2017** LTWP welcomed 105 elders, ladies and youth representatives from the wider project area to the wind farm site in Sarima, Marsabit County. Of these, 34 youth and 22 women visited the site on 15 November, while 49 elders visited on 16 November. In terms of gender, 22 participants were female while 83 were male.

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 South Horr, Sarima, Loiyangalani, Mount Kulal, Kargi, Korr, Laisamis, Illaut, Ngurunit and Namarei. 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 (CLO's). 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.



Community representatives learning about the substation, located in the background of the image

LTWP's General Manager holding a presentation about the project, followed by an extensive Q&A session



OPEN DAY ITINERARY

- Introductions among community members, LTWP's CLO's 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 LTWP's Winds of Change Foundation (WoC) and its activities, by Mr. Felix Rottmann (WoC Director).
- Extensive and open Q&A session.
- Late group lunch and socializing.

MAIN OUTCOMES:

Community representatives seeing, understanding and believing that:

- The 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 non-political and non-religious organization, that treats everybody equally in a fair, respectful and inclusive manner.
- LTWP engages transparently with communities.
- LTWP will operate for the next 20 years, whereby project benefits will be shared through LTWP's Winds of Change Foundation by the implementation of community projects.

More information about our Open Day events as well as newsletters regarding previous Open Days can be obtained from Felix Rottmann (felix.rottmann@ltwp.co.ke).

Community representatives overlooking the LTWP village, with wind turbines in the background

