

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

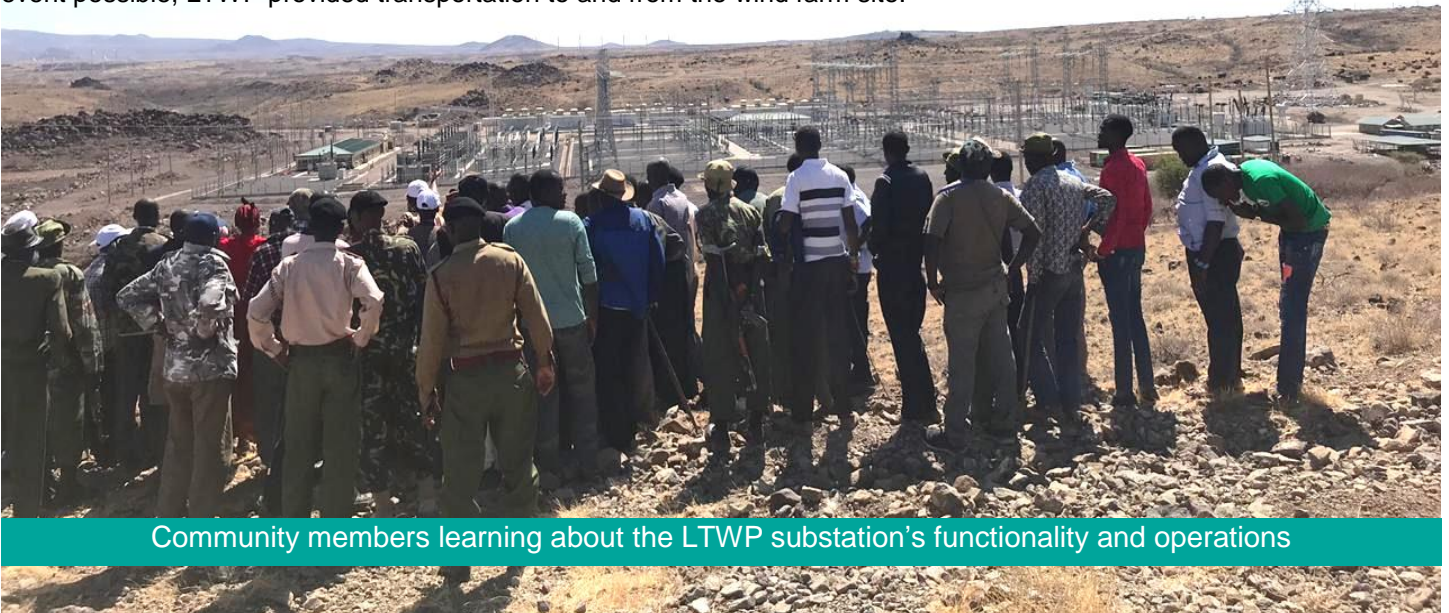
Community members learning about wind turbines and their impacts



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.

On 26 September 2018, LTWP welcomed 82 elders, ladies and youth representatives from the wider project area to the wind farm site in Sarima, Marsabit County. The participants of this particular Open Day consisted of respected community leaders, primarily chiefs, former councilors, head teachers, businessmen, govt. officials (e.g. Members of the County Assembly and Ward Administrators) as well as women and youth representatives.

Participants were identified by the communities themselves, with representation from Sarima, Loiyangalani, Mt. Kulal, South-Horr, Kargi, Korr, Illaut, Ngurunit/Namarei, Olturot, Gatab Junction, Arapal, Losikiriachi and Larachi. To make the event possible, LTWP provided transportation to and from the wind farm site.



Community members learning about the LTWP substation's functionality and operations



Presentation and discussion about LTWP and its Winds of Change Foundation (WoC)

OPEN DAY ITINERARY

- Introductions among community members, LTWP's CLO's and Management Team, during breakfast on site.
- Site tour with stops at spinning 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 and its Winds of Change Foundation (WoC) by Mr. Felix Rottmann (WoC Director) and members of the LTWP Community Liaison and WoC Team.
- Extensive and open Q&A session involving LTWP's General Manager (Mr. Lars Olesen).
- 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.
- LTWP is responsible for generating electricity through the wind farm, while the Government of Kenya (*through KETRACO, KPLC and REA*) is responsible for connecting communities to the national grid and distributing power.

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).