



## **PENHA NEWSLETTER - Issue 3, May 2010**

This is the Pastoral and Environmental Network in the Horn of Africa's Newsletter. Our website is <http://www.penhanetwork.org/>

Dear PENHA friend,

We are delighted to send you the third issue of the PENHA Newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and we wish you an enjoyable read! However if you do not want to receive it, please let us know. See how to do this at the end of the newsletter.

Would you like to send your friends and colleagues a greetings card from the Horn of Africa? Contact our Secretariat ([info@penhanetwork.org](mailto:info@penhanetwork.org)) or [go to our website](#) to get an all seasons' greetings card. They cost £5.00 for a pack of five (plus £2.00 postage and packing) and you will be contributing to pastoralists' empowerment!

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### **A £5,000 birthday present from Charles**



Charles Steynor, a member of the Brentwood, Essex, United Reformed Church, had his 90<sup>th</sup>. birthday celebration recently. He did so with a party of over 200 people. He also asked his friends, relatives and acquaintances to send their birthday gifts for him to PENHA for its work in Uganda. So far, with GiftAid added, this has come to over £5,000. All of us in PENHA are grateful to Charles and to his many friends for this marvellous sum.

PENHA has also received £1,000 from the Eva Reckitt Trust towards a four wheel drive vehicle which will allow PENHA staff in Uganda to visit and support pastoralists more frequently and in more remote regions of the country. Finally, we have also received a contribution of £3,000 from Open Gate. We are very

grateful to both of these donor organisations – which have supported us over several years

## 10 km. Sponsored Walk

PENHA's Director, Dr. Zeremariam Fre (if he is back from Sudan) and four other volunteers will be walking for ten kilometres through Thorndon Park in Essex on the Spring Bank Holiday (31<sup>st</sup>. May) in support of PENHA. If you want to sponsor us, the best way is through our special donation page on the JustGiving website. The address is:

<http://www.justgiving.com/PENHA-Spring-Walk>

Either click on this or paste into your browser.

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## Reports from the Field

### Somaliland



Somaliland is the only country in the region in which pastoralists make up a majority of the population. PENHA-Somaliland, established in 2001, has worked consistently to address pastoralists' concerns at the grassroots and policy levels. It continues to collaborate with ministries, particularly the Ministry of Pastoral Development and Environment, district authorities, village

committees, a number of local NGOs and CBOs, as well as international NGOs and UN agencies.

**Gender and HIV/AIDS** PENHA-Somaliland conducted a training programme on "Mainstreaming & Leadership Trajectory" which had been designed by OxfamNovib from the Netherlands. The object of the training was to strengthen the capacity of Somali NGOs to address gender and HIV/AIDS issues systematically in their programming and organizational development. A training workshop was organised where 11 organisations undertook a GMLT exercise aimed at creating evidence-based change towards more gender sensitivity and practice within their organizations, in their programmes and in the communities they work with. Southern Somali organizations participated in this training workshop which took place in Hargeisa. This programme is an important contribution to gender equality, working against the traditionalism and Islamic fundamentalism that strongly oppose women's advancement.

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## Uganda

About 5% of the population of Uganda are pastoralists. In the East, the vast semi-arid Karamoja region is the home of the Karamajong. In the West, Hima pastoralists, having lost traditional grazing lands, have embraced modernity, adopted "progressive farming", combining agriculture with cattle keeping and cross-breeding with European cattle. In all of these communities, women's subordination remains more acute than in society at large.

### Empowering Women in Pastoralist Communities

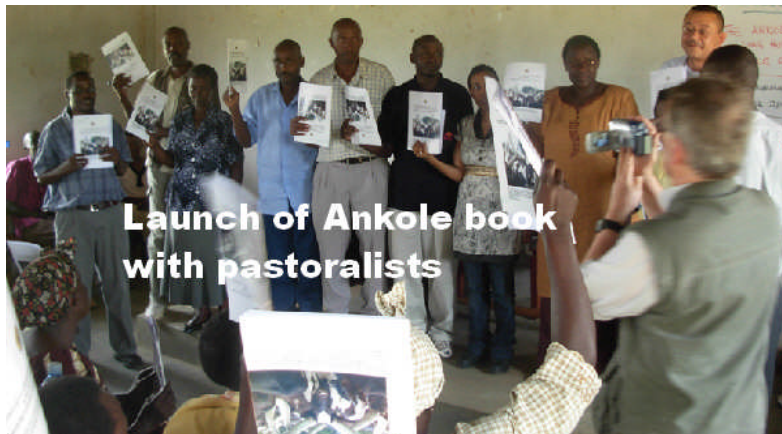
A workshop in business skills for nearly 40 pastoralist women in Masaka in February this year. The workshop included both basic business skills such as record keeping, simple book keeping and costing and pricing. It also gave training in marketing of goods – including the marketing of locally produced handicrafts. This is part of a regional programme supported by the Danish Foreign Ministry (Danida). A more detailed report of this workshop with a short photo-essay can be downloaded by clicking on the following web address:



<http://www.penhanetwork.org/attachments/Masaka%20workshop%20Feb%202010%20-%20summary%20report%2005-05-10.pdf>

### "The Ankole Longhorn Cattle Sustain our Life and Livelihood - We have to Conserve Them"

The launch of this important report took place in February 2010 at Sanga,



Nyabushozi Kiruhura District. Nearly 100 attended this meeting, almost all of whom were herders from the local district where the study had been made. 41 were women. The significance of the work was emphasised by the number of senior government officials present, in

particular the National Animal Genetic Resources Centre and Data Bank. In addition, representatives of LPP, LIFE and PENHA (UK) were present.

Copies of the full report can be obtained from PENHA UK – address at the end of the newsletter. (It is hoped to have the full report available on the PENHA website in the near future.) In addition, a fuller report of the workshop can be downloaded by clicking on the following web address:

<http://www.penhanetwork.org/attachments/Launch%20of%20Ankole%20book%20-%20web+email%20version.pdf>

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If you think that PENHA's work is valuable and makes a difference to nomadic pastoralists' life, then please consider making a **donation** to our organisation. You will be helping PENHA empower women, men and local organisations in the Horn of Africa. [Click here](#) and you will then be sent to our page for donations where you can also have a look at our Financial Yearly Report.

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