



## PENHA NEWSLETTER - Issue 1, October 2009

This is the Pastoral and Environmental Network in the Horn of Africa's Newsletter, [penhanetwork.org](http://penhanetwork.org).

### Issue 1. WELCOME TO PENHA's NEWSLETTER

As part of its 20th. birthday celebration, PENHA is pleased to introduce the first issue of: PENHA NEWSLETTER.

The idea of releasing a quarterly e-newsletter stems from the need to inform PENHA's supporters and friends about the progress of our activities and their impact upon the lives of people in the Horn of Africa.

Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and we wish you enjoyable reading!

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In July 2009, **JOANNA LUMLEY** became **PENHA's PATRON**.

"It is such an honour to have been chosen to be Patron of PENHA and I will do all I can to help the cause become more widely known.. to engender a wider understanding of this ancient culture and a desire to protect their way of life" Joanna Lumley

To know more about Joanna's support for PENHA, [click here](#).

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### PENHA SUDAN

From the 9th to the 29th of September, PENHA's Director Zeremariam Fre was in Sudan to supervise a capacity building training course for our local partner, PEAKS (Pastoral and Environmental Association in the Kassala State). The creation of PEAKS is one of the most valuable outcomes of the [Integrated Community-based Fodder Production Programme](#) which aimed at increasing pastoralists' skills and knowledge about more effective and efficient ways of feeding animals. To watch the video of a workshop on diversifying animal feeding, [click here](#).

The following are some comments from Dr. Fre on the six days training workshop held in Khartoum from 11th to 17th of September. The main outcome of the capacity building training has been to come up with a six months Memorandum of Understanding between PENHA and PEAKS. These are the major points:

- PENHA will pay for 40% of the exercise books required in the rural schools in the Kassala state.
- PENHA will link PEAKS up with VET SERVE, a Sudanese NGO which will provide para-vet trainings.
- As capacity building support to PEAKS, PENHA will pay for the first six months of the rent of an office in Kassala town.

- PENHA's Sudanese advisors (Dr. Intisar Turki and Dr. Talal Mirghani) will carry out a feasibility study on the possibility of PEAKS acquiring fodder processing machines and getting a bank loan to set up their own fodder collection and storage in Kassala state as a whole.
- Dr. Intisar Turki and PENHA's project officer Intisar Mirghani will visit PEAKS in Kassala with the purpose of harmonising – through an operational action plan – the existing programmes on fodder, on nomadic education and on women's economic empowerment.

To support PENHA's projects in Sudan, [follow this link](#).

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#### **PENHA UGANDA**

PENHA Uganda has been working with the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) in providing a series of training workshops in Animal Husbandry. A total of 204 people (50 of whom were women) took part. These workshops took place at the end of 2008 and the beginning of 2009. [Click here to read more](#). They were then followed by training of trainers courses and by visits to over fifty former trainees in the field to make an assessment the effectiveness of the training given. PENHA has produced, with FAO's support, a "Training Guide in Animal Husbandry". More details (including the the Guide) can be obtained by [clicking here](#).

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#### **NEWS in Brief from the UK and from the HORN**

As part of PENHA's celebrations for its 20 years of activities (occurring in November 2009), a video has recently been shot in London interviewing our Director, Dr. Zeremariam Fre. He explains PENHA's engagement in improving pastoralists' livelihood in the Horn of Africa, as well as PENHA's strong concern about gender issues and women empowerment. To watch the video, [click here](#).

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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. PENHA can only empower women, men and local organisations in the Horn of Africa with your help! [Click here](#) or on the picture on your right. 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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