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PENHA ACTIVITIES ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The principal activities of the charity in the period under review have been to promote sustainable development among pastoral and agro-pastoral communities through gender equality, resilience, enterprise and innovation, and regional cooperation across the Horn of Africa. PENHA works at the grassroots and policy levels to empower pastoralist communities to play a full role in their own development. On the UK side, it has focused on youth and diaspora programmes.

PENHA HQ

PENHA HQ carried out programme, management, fundraising and communication activities, including providing expert advice to PENHA country offices, locally based organisations, and individuals in the Horn region and in the UK. This reporting year has brought unprecedented challenges related to the conflicts, political violence, social unrests in the Horn of Africa, besides the adverse impacts of Covid-19 pandemic on our communities. This has required the Board to continuously review the risk associated with these and their impacts on the pastoral and agro-pastoral communities in the region and the programmes. Therefore, at the Board of Trustees' AGM, various critical strategic issues were discussed, and the 2020 narrative and financial reports were approved. The Board also passed a resolution to convert PENHA registration from a charitable company to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) on its 14 May 2021 meeting and working with LATHAM & WATKINS a legal firm which is providing a pro-bono service to PENHA.

Regarding its programmes and projects, PENHA, with financial support from the Community Fund UK, has continued to implement the project on *Reducing Refugees' Emotional Homelessness in Kent*, the UK. The

funding was used to produce multimedia materials and delivered digital activities for refugees and asylum seekers from the Horn of Africa. The project was aimed at improving connectivity, emotional well-being and mental health during the COVID-19 crisis.



Furthermore, with evidence-based research findings of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) funded *Social Protection for Inclusive Development in Afar Region* of Ethiopia (SPIDA) project, PENHA along with the Development Planning Unit of University College London and Adigrat University of Ethiopia submitted a nine-chapter book manuscript on social protection that captures the impacts of COVID-19 on pastoral communities to Routledge and expected to serve as a useful tool for academics and practitioners concerned with social protection in sub-Saharan Africa. In disseminating the SPIDA research finding a senior researcher has delivered a presentation at the 5th Interdisciplinary Oxford Desert Conference organised by the University of Oxford with the Economic and Social Research Council (UKRI)

and the Global Challenge Research Fund (GCRF) funding.



PENHA continued developing its partnerships with academic institutions in Ethiopia and the Horn region. Strengthening its work on the animal welfare and livelihoods improvements of the pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities our research associate, Victoria Phillips, has initiated a veterinary project and is in discussions with the Elnet Foundation in Ethiopia on its delivery. Meanwhile, PENHA has also continued its partnership with academic institutions in the UK. As part of PENHA's public engagement strategy, regular updates have been published on its digital media, and an e-newsletter has been distributed. PENHA has recruited two research associates, a programme manager and engaged more than 11 volunteers in office-based and virtual forms.

PENHA's patron and UK national treasure Joanna Lumley has been awarded a damehood in the Queen's New Year Honours List for her contribution to entertainment and the dramatic arts as well as her commitment to charity, having been awarded an OBE in 1995. The new honour endorses her commitment to PENHA's works and the Board congratulated Joanna.

Ethiopia

PENHA was formally registered to operate in Ethiopia at the end of 2020, and opened the new Addis office in 2021. PENHA-Ethiopia is working to promote sustainable development, with a

broad agenda that is centred on pastoralism and encompasses gender and social inclusion, as well as youth, livelihoods, employment and enterprise promotion. PENHA in collaboration with Tropenbos International (TBI) of the Netherlands and with financial support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands is delivering the Working Landscapes programme on Dryland Forests and Trees – Productive Landscapes. Building on studies conducted in 2020, PENHA has been working towards the development of a National Drylands Restoration Strategy.

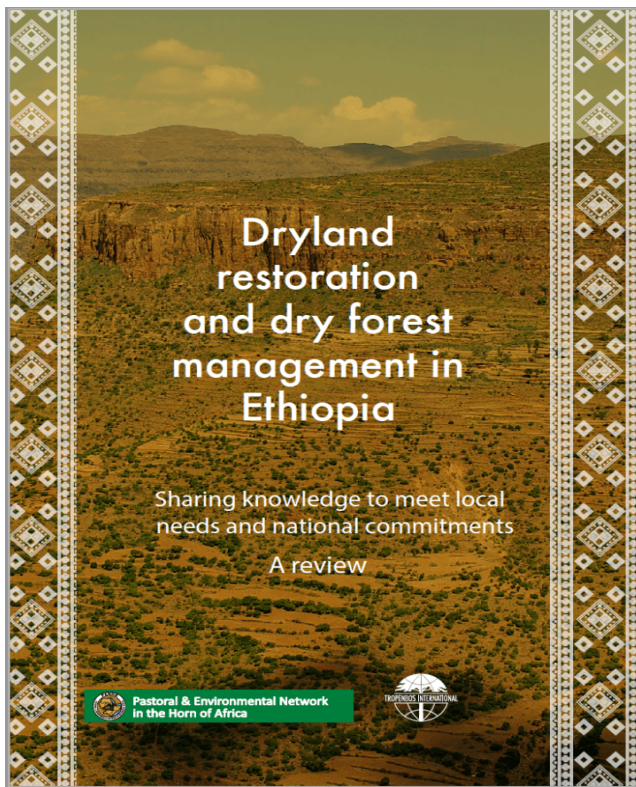
National workshop on dryland restoration and dry forest management: In April 2021, 46 participants came together in Addis Ababa for an intensive three days of discussions. It ended with a shared vision between the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Commission (EFCCC) at federal level, and representatives of six regional governments (Afar, Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, Oromia, Somali and Tigray), international research institutions, and NGOs. In group sessions, experiences from across the country showed different approaches to landscape restoration, including area exclosures in Tigray, participatory forest management in Benishangul-Gumuz, and rangeland rehabilitation in Somali Region. Presentations and discussions also focused on the need to develop frankincense value chains, the key role of charcoal, and the problem of invasive prosopis trees, amongst others. But all agreed on the centrality of economic benefits to local communities, without which restoration efforts cannot be sustained. A declaration was agreed, laying the ground for the establishment of a dryland restoration platform. The Ethiopia dryland restoration platform (EDRP) established in the first workshop in April, held further workshops in August and December 2021, including a 40-strong team of representatives from federal government, universities, NGOs,



and from the six main dryland regions. These provided further inputs into the development of a national dryland strategy through work in four thematic areas: livelihoods and markets, sustainable natural resource management, land tenure and governance, policy alignment and knowledge management; as well as perspectives from the six regions.

Analytical work provided the basis for policy development and resulted in a landmark publication: *Dryland restoration and dry forest management in Ethiopia: Sharing knowledge to meet local needs and national commitments. A review*. Haile M, Livingstone J, Shibeshi A, Pasiecznik N (eds.), 2021. PENHA, Ethiopia and TBI, the Netherlands. 160pp. The book contains 18 articles that provide a comprehensive overview of the issues and of experience in six regions with significant dryland areas: Afar, Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, Oromia, Somali and Tigray. Copies of the book were disseminated widely and shared with relevant Ethiopian institutions.

Alongside this, PENHA produced two policy-oriented publications in collaboration with partners. An analysis of the role of the drylands in progress towards Ethiopia's climate change mitigation efforts: *Integration of forest landscape restoration in Ethiopia's nationally determined contributions. A review, with a focus on drylands*. Moges, Y., Haile, M. and Livingstone, J. 2021. PENHA and TBI. Frankincense is the most common of several gum and resin species in Ethiopia's drylands, and can be the second most important source of income for many pastoralists, after livestock and animal products. This work included an extensive analysis of historical and current literature, and a workshop in September 2021, where 20 participants gathered in Addis Ababa to share experiences from different regions, leading to recommendations for improving benefits to local communities. *Inclusive frankincense value chain development in Ethiopia. A historical perspective on forest governance and reforms for better livelihoods and conservation outcomes*. Eshete, A., Kassa, H. and Livingstone, J. 2021. PENHA and TBI.



Conflict in Tigray disrupted plans for landscape-level work in the Tigray and Afar regions, with local actors, in collaboration with Mekelle University. Friends and colleagues in these war-torn regions suffered terribly. But knowledge management and policy work continued, with input from the Tigray and Afar regions. Conflict resolution and peacebuilding, as well as recovery and rehabilitation work will be important parts of the development agenda going forward.



PENHA signed an MoU with the Elnet Foundation, aiming to build on collaboration on animal welfare initiated by Dr Victoria Phillips. After many years of service, Dr Muhammed Musa stood down and handed over to the new Country Representative Mr Biruk Yemane.

Somaliland

Activities in Somaliland have recovered only slowly from Covid impacts, with key staff members suffering persistent illness and project implementation disrupted by the long suspension of activities. The funds for the major projects outlined below were raised locally, managed in compliance with international donor requirements, and are audited annually.

GIZ - Livelihoods and Resilience: GIZ remains an important partner for PENHA. PENHA conducted a baseline study for GIZ's new program, "Improving Disaster Risk Management & Food Security to Strengthen Resilience in Somaliland" (RDRM). This involved an analysis of the economic prospects for women, young women and youth.

The Seawater Greenhouse Project: With Seawater Greenhouse Ltd. UK., this pilot uses innovative technology to grow crops in arid coastal areas using desalinated seawater, and aims for commercial viability with inclusive business models. The Salt-Mine project, developed in collaboration with a consortium led by the Norwegian Water Research Institute (NIVA) expands the work, with a focus on salt and mineral extraction at the site. PENHA conducted site assessments and developed a procurement plan, in collaboration with Charlie Paton of SG. The focus has been on site rehabilitation after Cyclone damage and on addressing a number of technical issues. It is funded by Norwegian Research Council, South Africa's National Research Foundation (NRF),

Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).



UNDEF (United Nations Democracy Fund) – Strengthening Women's Political Representation in Somaliland: Final reporting was completed for this project aimed at strengthening the capacity of women's organisations and leaders and addressing women's political marginalisation. PENHA will continue to promote women's participation in governance at different levels.

Somaliland Development Fund - Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) assessments: PENHA carried out further GESI work, building on previous sectoral studies, with an analysis conducted for the project entitled "Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) for Improved Livelihood of Artisanal Fisheries alongside the Coast to Increase Food Security". This involved a broad assessment of policies and the local context, with a focus on the participation and needs of women, youth, disabled people and minorities.

Policy work, research and networking: PENHA-Somaliland continued to engage with local and international networks, including CELEP. Country Representative Sadia Ahmed made a visit to Djibouti to exchange ideas with policymakers and CSO representatives.

PENHA-Somaliland signed an MoU with Golis University, with a view to collaborating on action-oriented research.

Sudan

PENHA has continued to collaborate with the Pastoralist Environment Association in Kassala State (PEAKS), the Animal Production and Resource Centre (APRC) and the Khartoum and Kassala based universities. The partnerships have been focusing on developing joint areas of intervention that address the critical livelihoods challenges of the pastoral communities in Sudan. PENHA has supported the communities through capacity building, natural resources management, innovation and evidence-based researches including the increasing livestock productively through utmost utilisations of the invasive *Prosopis Juliflora*. Sudan's experience in taking some interventions and initiatives has been a spiral effect throughout the Horn of Africa region.



Uganda

PENHA has continued to actively in national, regional and international policy forums through our Focal Point Person (FPP) in Uganda. As members of the Coalition for Pastoralist Civil Society Organizations (COPACSO), the FPP attended the *Introductory Meeting To Legal And*

Policy Discourse On Management Of Fragile Ecosystems in The Rangelands which seeks to develop a National Engagement Strategy (NES). This was held in conjunction with the Food Rights Alliance, a consortium of over 40 members working together to collectively address issues around the right to adequate food at policy and practice level.

On a similar theme the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) and its partners organised the *1st National Dialogue on Uganda Food Policy and the launch of the Mini Barefoot guide on Nutrition* under the Theme: 'Our Food, Our Future: Our Voice Counts'. AFSA members represent smallholder farmers, pastoralists, hunter/gatherers, indigenous peoples; faith-based institutions, and environmentalists with 37 members operating in 50 countries of Africa.

PENHA's FPP is a member of the LIFE Network and a small scale cattle keeper from a pastoralist community and in that capacity attended the *League for Pastoral Peoples and Endogenous Livestock (LPP)'s 'Mapping for Pastoralists'* project. The focus was on 'nature positive production', 'regenerative farming' and for 'agro-ecological approaches' across the globe. The FPP also attended the four-day virtual *11th Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (MSP) Meeting of Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (GASL); Embracing Change and Harnessing Diversity: The Roles of Livestock in Sustainable Food Systems*. The content had been developed from a series of ten regional consultations that had occurred during the previous month. Participants included representatives from the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the Committee on Agriculture (COAG), the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF), the Indian NGO Anthra and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).

The FPP participated in the Natural Livestock Farming (NLF) webinar on *Natural Ways of Dairy Calf Raising* which looked at serious impact of disease and mortality in young calves. Another online event was the *High Level Virtual Dialogue on Management of Natural Resources in the Rangelands* with the theme of 'Tapping into the enormous potential of the rangelands to contribute to food security and national development'. It assessed the impact of the National Rangeland Management and Pastoralism Policy and the role of the Department of Wetlands division of the Ministry of Water and Environment of Uganda.



The final event attended for the year was the *Launch of 'Livestock for a Small Planet'* organised by the League for Pastoral Peoples and Endogenous Livestock Development (LPP) at which PENHA's FPP was among the main speakers. The booklet by Ilse Koehler-Rollefson addresses some of the critical discussions being had around the role of livestock and the 'livestock efficiency paradigm'. It also includes coverage of the International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists (IYRP), an UN-level initiative to re-mobilise livestock and outlines nine principles for a healthy and ethical human-livestock relationship.

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