

**WOMEN IN PEACEBUILDING AND RECONCILIATION, CROSSBORDER
CONFLICTS BETWEEN LUO AND KIPSIGIS: THE CASE OF UPPER NYAKACH
AND SIGOWET DIVISIONS, 1885-1992.**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study will be to assess the participation of Luo and Kipsigis women in peace building and reconciliation in cross border conflicts between the Luo of Upper Nyakach and Kipsigis of Sigowet Kericho West District from 1885-1992. The research will be guided by four objectives. The first objective is to identify some of the pre-colonial conflicts and examine the modalities of building peace between the two communities in pre-colonial times. The second objective is to examine the participation and contributions of women to the inter-ethnic cross border conflicts between Luo of upper Nyakach and Kipsigis of Sogowet in pre colonial times. Thirdly, the study will analyse the roles and position of Luo and Kipsigis women in the peace and reconciliation processes in Upper Nyakach and Sigowet border clashes during colonial times. The fourth is to identify changes that have taken place in women`s participation in peace building and reconciliation in Upper Nyakach and Sigowet in post colonial conflicts. The research will be undertaken in two Divisions namely Upper Nyakach, Nyakach District and Sigowet, Kericho West District. The study will employ qualitative methods of study. Oral interviews will be undertaken to collect primary data. Primary sources will be gathered from oral-in-depth interviews and archives. Secondary sources will include mainly published books, theses, seminar papers among others. The target population will be selected using purposive sampling and snowballing techniques. Gender theory will be used to explain the role of women in peace keeping and reconciliation. Finally, the data from various sources will be sub divided into themes and corroborated chronologically.

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

COGWO-Coalition of Grassroots Women Organization

ECOWAS- Economic, Community of West African States

LPI- Life and Peace Institute

LWI- Liberia Women Initiatives

NGO's- Non Governmental Organizations

PSW- Problem Solving Workshops

SWAN- Sudanese Women Association in Nairobi

SWVP- Sudanese Women Voice for Peace

UN- United Nations

UNIFEM- United Nations Development Fund for Women

WILPF- Women International League for Peace and Freedom

WMP- Women's Movement for Peace

WPP- Women Peace Programme

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Conflict-to come into collision or disagreement. It is also a process that occurs between two or more persons (groups, organizations and states). When they have different points of views, different goals, different needs and values and fight over limited resources.

Ethnic – Is a socially defined category that may be based on common cultured heritage, shared ancestry , history, homeland , language or dialect and possibly other aspect such as religion , mythology and ritual, cuisine , dressing style, physical appearance.

Peace Building- Is a term describing interventions that are designed to prevent the start or resumption of violent conflict by creating a sustainable peace. Peace building activities address the root courses or potential courses of violence, create expectation for peaceful conflict resolution and stabilize society political and economically.

Reconciliation – restoring mutual respect between individuals from different cultural backgrounds.

Cross border-is a territorial entity that is made of several or regional authorities that are co-located and belong to the same nation state.

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