

MDG'S 4,5 AND 6
HEALTH
REDUCE CHILD MORTALITY AND IMPROVE
MATERNAL HEALTH
AND COMBAT HIV / AIDS.

Issues of health with in the IP's and the Maasai pastoralists is common with other pastoral communities and in deed other rural Kenyans are greatly disadvantaged by the absence of infrastructure for provision of health services in rural areas. Health faculties are not only few but they are far between, while those that exists have few or no faculties and personnel to other serious services This has direct implications for the attainment of MDG targets for maternal mortality in these communities and arid and semi-arid lands (ASAL) in general.

Recommendations

- 1/ Government must make substantial investments in this sector to help meet 4,5 and 6.
- 2/ Government should locate health faculties with in and sometimes outside rural areas as close to IP's pastoralist communities as possible.
- 3/ Government should also ensure that each health faculty should professionally and technically be able to address issues of reduction of child mortality, material health and combat HIV / AIDS.
- 4/ Government should engage enough health service provision staff in a decreasing, staff: population ratio
- 5/ Government should also ensure that vaccines for children be availed to IP's areas for ease of access to the faculties by mothers and children.
- 6/ Government should also move to train TBC's and TBA's to ensure good hygienic practices are observed in IP's area when rendering services at village level.

- 7/ Government should plan, put resources aside, to train paramedics in IP's areas. To act as the just line to attend to those in need of urgent medical attention. Paramedics would be invaluable in advising IP's as to what the next course of action to take.
- 8/ Government should also recognise and register traditional healers after evaluations; as well as monitor and evaluate their activities to further improve, encourage and promote alternative medicine within IP's areas.
- 9/ There is absolute need for flying doctors services in remote IP's areas and government should encourage wireless communication industry to provide services to all IP's areas just in case of need for emergency medical or other service(s) - including but not exclusive of security.