

The Human Rights Issues Affecting the Indigenous Women of Kenya and the Recommendations

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Introduction

The indigenous women of Kenya have continued to suffer ^{brad} violations of Human Rights. The aspect of this suffering ^{are} on areas of policy formulation and enactment of the laws in the country, these policies and laws are unfavorable to women and more so to speak the indigenous women. The examples of some cases of violations include rapes, ^{in human} human rights degradation, and human torture. There is also the lack of involvement in the decision making process, the selling and dumping of veterinary medicine for livestock. For instance in November 2003 a company called Coopers International sold ^{drugs} where several ⁶⁶ livestock died. This has affected the lifestyle of women in this community. (66 cattle)

Recommendations

Indigenous women of Kenya would like to make the following recommendations to ^{alterate} ~~alienate~~ the Human Rights violations and suffering. These are

1. The Enactment of the Constitution Draft Bill into a Constitution of Kenya, ^{many} this bill has incorporated and ~~appreciated~~ the problems and issues affecting the indigenous women for instance the Chapter on the Bill of Rights.
2. The Support of the Amendment of several laws in Kenya, there should be resource mobilization to assist in the amendment of several laws on

indigenous women on Human Rights for example laws of land, and intellectual property rights.

3. The ratification and domestication of the International Convention and Treaties, There should be intensive and elaborate lobbying the government of Kenya to ratify and domesticate relevant international convention and treaties affecting Human Rights for women for instance CEDAW of African Charter on Human Rights, ILO 169 and 107
4. **Decentralisation of the UN agencies** There will be need to devolve some of the UN agencies such as the UNDP, UNIFEM, to the local communities for community involvement.
5. Resource mobilization and capacity building to file Human Rights cases. Organizations working within the Indigenous areas need to be empowered to file cases of violation of Human Rights. For instance the reported cases by Samburu women by the British Military, there will be the need to establish a team of legal experts to be in the position to research and file the cases appropriately in accordance with the local and international law courts.

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