



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

# **ATTACK ON CIVILIANS IN MUKUTANI, BARINGO COUNTY**

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Eleven people have been killed and four injured in Mukutani, Baringo county following a inter clan conflict between the Pokot and Ilchamus that started early morning of Tuesday, 14 March 2015. Among those killed are four children and seven women.

The conflict was allegedly triggered by theft of livestock belonging to the Pokot by the Ilchamus, who encountered a police vehicle at Mosuro area, killing two Pokot women who had boarded the vehicle. A child was also aboard and Kenya Red Cross Society is still trying to trace the whereabouts of the child.

Yesterday night we got reports of a retaliatory attack by the Pokots in Mukutani, where five women and four children of the Ilchamus clan had been killed. Additional four had been injured, a baby, two children and one adult male.

We responded with our team of paramedics and managed to stabilize the four casualties on site, all who had taken cover in one of the dormitories at Mukutani Primary and Boarding. The baby had minor cuts on the cheeks, was treated and discharged. One child had a severe injury on the head and another in the stomach, having been hit with two bullets. The other child was shot in the bottom while the adult male was shot in the stomach. The three were later taken to Marigat Sub County Hospital for review and further referred to Kabarnet Referral Hospital and St. Mary's in Nakuru. No bullet was lodged.

It is unfortunate that majority of those killed are children and women. I call upon all involved parties to this conflict, especially community elders from the Pokot, Tugen and Ilchamus communities to come to the table and resolve this conflict, to avoid further loss of innocent life. The conflict continue to hamper our humanitarian work, especially in Baringo North, Baringo South and Tiaty sub counties and while recognizing the effort being made by the central and county governments to restore law and order, I call upon the two arms of government to explore dialogue with the warring parties and find a lasting solution.

**SIGNED**

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