

Kenya Rapid Response Fund for Conflict Prevention

£3944.94

This project will enable experienced Kenyans to respond to emerging violent conflict at the earliest stage, to prevent conflict from escalating and thus save lives

Since its beginning in January 2006, the Fund has spent £8,442, the majority of the £10,000 initially raised, and raised over \$11,500 from local sources alongside the Fund. Work has been carried out in Mandera (NE Kenya), Elwak (across the Kenya/Somali border) and Nakuru (Rift Valley). The Chairman of the Fund, General Adan Abdullahi, volunteered his services to help cement the final peace agreement in Marsabit (close to the Ethiopian border) and tragically lost his life when the plane carrying the negotiating team crashed in heavy rain.

The interventions supported by the Fund have successfully ended the outbreaks of violence in all three areas. A number of lessons have been learned, particularly the need to embed the rapid response in a sequence of activity, running from information gathering and sharing in the very early stages of conflict, to consolidation of dispute resolution approaches after the acute stage of conflict.