PROJECT AFFECTED WOMEN (PAW)

OLOORKARIAN MAASAI CULTURAL CENTER

c/o		
Tel:		

The World bank President

AFD - France

KFW - Germany

EIB

JICA

OTHER PARTNER

Dear Mssr,

REF: VOICE OF CRY, SEARCH FOR JUSTICE AND TRUTH.

Sir we the women of the above massai cultural center are channeling our sentiments to your institutions on behalf of women, children, widows and PAPS who were not given the right for the constitution of houses at RAP Land – they were left out on the bases of tribalism, being poor and hence do not assure a meaningful sruial status and the subsequent influence in the society/ community. At the same time, orphans, widows and any other deserving PAPS who were left out of housing (at RAP Land) benefit do not have relatives in RAPIC members to advocate for their considerations.

We the women are asking whether we have a right in the World Bank policy and at the International level. All the rich and their significant relatives have been considered for house benefit at RAP Land. Don't the poor have any right to be heard? Isn't everyone not equal before the Almighty God? If not considered the above categories of people have nowhere to go when the resettlement date prevails.

Women of cultural center are sellers of bead artifacts, sculptures and Maasai culture. We are to be forced to move away from the cultural center every evening and back every morning while means of transport to and from RAP Land are not outstanding. Many visitors admire spending their nights in the maasai traditional houses for a couple of days. How shall they (visitors) find their joy if no one is going to reside at the cultural center at night? Women get their income from these tourists for the livelihood of their households. Some men from the villages have been interfering with the affairs or rights of the residents of the Cultural center. These men/chairmen come and tell us to unite and we agree but what they do is not an articulation of unity. They give themselves a lot of privileges in the name of unity and they become richer everyday and others poorer every day. We have never admired what is not possible or what is not truthful, just and affordable from you – KenGen. Why do you KenGen admire our land and other things and yet you do not even give education to our children through corporate responsility services not employ our able or suitable people.

The bus that was budgeted by you KenGen to ferry people to work places seems to be going in the hands of the rich in this community since they have gone to buy the bus in conjunction with

KenGen without the knowledge of the entire community and that of the RAPIC members in majority. We are seeing the bus is going to benefit the rich since, they have the funds to run the bus, pay the driver, maintain the bus, fuel it and start charging fares not affordable by the poor. They (the rich) during the process of buying the RAP Land bus have started soliciting for money from the PAPs to pay for the vehicle insurance and other vehicle statutory documents. This is a trick to own the bus operations since will raise this money so easily and claim for o re-embossment from the PAPS and life continues in that trend – and forever.

We are plentifully crying for your intervention lest we perish gradually as the women, children, orphans, widows and PAPS left out of house construction at RAP Land.

Yours Faithfully,

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Maasai Cultural Center - on behalf of the majority of PAW