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Country/ entity	Kenya
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Sotik and Borabu Social Contract
Date	21 Nov 2008
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Kenyan Post-Electoral Violence (2007 - 2008))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Kenya Local Agreements
Parties	Representatives of Kisii and Kipsigis communities
Third parties	Agency for Co-operation and Research in Development (ACORD) The Cereal Growers Association (CGA)
Description	Agreement between community leaders with a view to ending cattle rustling and associated inter-community violence. The document deals with the issue of cattle rustling by also containing provisions against tribalism and negative politics.

Agreement document [KE_081121_Sotik and Borabu Social Contract.pdf](#)  | [Download PDF](#)

Local agreement properties

Process type Informal but persistent process

Rationale	The introduction indicates that the two communities have a history of managing conflict, but there is no reference to support mechanisms. Additional reporting by Acord states that the social contract was the result of initiatives from the community, in the absence of sustainable peace resulting from the national level process in the Sotik and Birabu border area.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	Yes
Link to national process: articulated rationale	Page 2, We recognize that the above issues are complex, constitute a national problem and the core matter of the Agenda 4 (long term issues and solutions) of the National Dialogue and Reconciliation on the resolution of the political crisis and its root causes.
Name of Locale	Border of Sotik and Borabu District
Nature Of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/ Long (DD)	-0.724533, 35.054720
Participant type	International or transnational actor Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations
Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	Meetings facilitated by the Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD) and Cereal Growers Association (CGA)
Type of mediator/facilitator/similar	Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations International or transnational actor

Local issues

Ritual/
prayer and
process
(including
use of
scripture)

No specific mention.

Grievance
List

Page 1, Introduction

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Page 1, Main Contributing Factors

- Rampant cattle rustling
- Tribalism
- Negative politics/ propaganda/ misinformation
- Historical land issues
- Poverty/Unemployment/idleness/drug abuse/alcohol consumption

Page 2, Poverty /unemployment/idleness

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Cattle
rustling/
banditry

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As far as cattle rustling are concerned, we shall

- 1) Cooperate and collaborate in tracking and recovering stolen animals through joint patrol committee and community policing.
- 2) Liaise with the Anti Stock Theft Unit (ASTU) and the provincial administration in case of suspected cattle theft instead of taking the law in our own hands.
- 3) Report any suspected cattle theft to the ASTU through the Assistant Chief or Chief.
- 4) Ensure security and protection to those who report suspect cattle robbers.

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Social cover No specific mention.
