# How has the pandemic, drought and climate change affected the living circumstances, health and health care in our countries of collaboration?

### Discussion based on an example from North Pokot in north-western Kenya

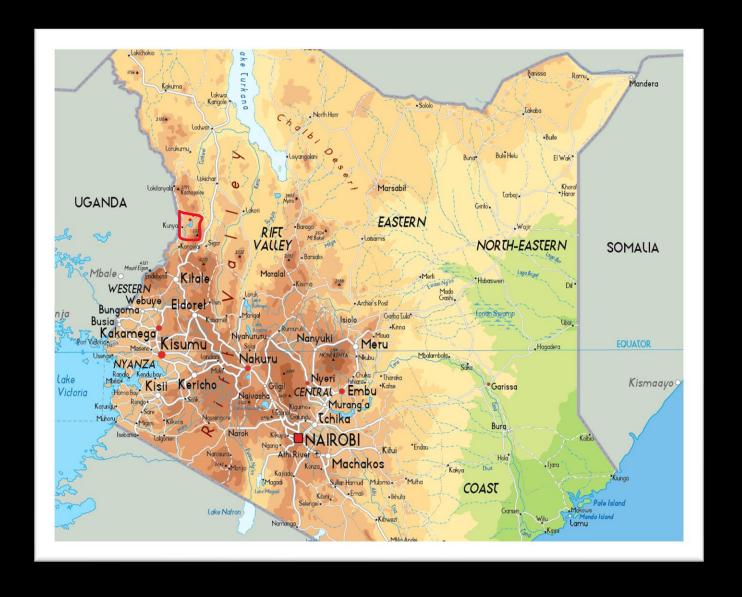
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#### North Pokot in Rift Valley on the border to Uganda

Kenya population 54 miljon

North Pokot population 134 000 Pastoralists – Depending on cattle Main language – Pokot 67% home births 2021 7.2 children/woman 2021 Female genital mutilation very common Child marriages very common Teenage pregnancy 29% 2022 School drop out very common High poverty level 67%, Kenya 45% Undeveloped infrastructure



### Several years of severe drought - effect of climate change?



## Need of migration – cattle die, lack of fresh water

Pastoralism – migration - conflicts



Digging for water in seasonal rivers



### Increasing numbers of severe malnutrition Increasing numbers of TB

Stunted child in Kacheliba hospital



Incidence of TB in North Pokot



### North Pokot Low income, very isolated during pandemic

Kacheliba- largest town



One harvest of maize per year



### Depending on food support High food and fuel prices

Cooking Ugali – staple food



Food supply to school in North Pokot



#### North Pokot – ongoing adverse effects

- Climate change: Long periods of severe drought and sometimes heavy floods
- Pandemic: Most NGOs disappeared/cut down support isolation
- World economy: High costs, especially on food and fuel
- Lack of food and growing poverty: Starvation and severe malnutrition
  Increase of communicable diseases
- Migration due to drought/poverty: Conflicts of land/interests
- War in Europe: Less focus/interest on low income countries Africa
- Less Swedish political interest in foreign aid outside Europe: Less financial support

#### Discussion

- What effects has the audience seen in other areas?
- What should be our primary aims in handling the difficulties that we are facing: now and in the future?
- Other considerations?