

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 milion .

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

District	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Wunduchi Dist	186	161	193	174	163	179	234	241	238	293	335			
Kapicho Dist	17	19	16	07	35	26	28	28	23	16	23			
Makindu Dist	29	29	32	27	25	30	37	34	22	31	25			
Kitale HC	04	14	07	15	17	16	11	25	02	11	15			
Kobicha Dist	04	12	07	14	23	09	09	05	08	01	4			
Lochort Dist	02	05	11	21	14	21	08	09	10	05	2			
Kisumu Dist	21	47	13	23	30	32	18	19	08	06	15			
District	11	09	05	06	05	06	10	03	06	0	2			
Chimani Dist	07	13	05	06	03	06	06	02	01	0	2			
Mandera Dist	01	09	21	19	11	11	12	13	17	06	09			
Nyandarua Dist	01	01	03	08	12	06	08	05	04	02	3			
Wunduchi Dist	12	18	10	04	05	04	03	01						
Kitale HC	28	36	26	30	09	21	15	10	07	03	10			
Kitale Dist	04	01	01	02	04	02	0	4						
Kitale Dist	271	368	379	413	402	406	324	56						

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 ?