



OPDP Chairman addresses Ogiek and other leaders during UN Special Rapp. Staven hagen visit to Ogiek, Mau Forest, Dec. 2006

Ogiek, who are they?

Ogiek are the last remaining Indigenous peoples living in Kenya's Mau forests.

“Oooh! A worst era in my life, my people are faced with “cultural genocide” and my grandchildren will never understand their identity.” – Saaya, Ogiek elder, 2006

OGIEK PEOPLES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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OGIEK PEOPLES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (OPDP)

Ogiek People Development Program (OPDP) is an indigenous not for profit organization registered on 2001 in Kenya.

VISION

OPDP endeavors to create an environment of tranquility upon which human life and nature prospers for posterity.

MISSION

OPDP is dedicated to preserve, promote and protect Ogiek Culture, Environment and Human Rights with an overall aim of improving socio-economic opportunities to all without gender bias.

OBJECTIVES

- To promote and preserve Ogiek Culture and environment for continuity.
- To advocate for Ogiek Rights as indigenous people
- To uplift the general living standards of the Ogiek people.

ACTIVITIES

- Integrating modern bee keeping with traditional methods.
- Sensitizing Ogiek on importance of Education.
- Eradicating Harmful Cultural Practices (FGM).
- Lobbying and Advocating for policy change towards achieving Ogiek rights
- Organizing Cultural and Environmental Events
- Developing community library & FM station
- Implementing Millennium Development Goals

WHERE WE ARE

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THE OGIEK CHILDREN:



WILL THEY EVER LIVE TO INHERIT THEIR RICH CULTURE?

Where is our Land? Ogiek Children ponders what next during one of the high court sessions. Oct. 1999, in Nairobi.

OGIEK PEOPLES CULTURE UNDER SIEGE:

Please Help To Reverse This Great Historical Injustice!



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OUR CULTURE

Though being one of the most of the disappearing cultures in the world. One of the programs OPDP aims to promote in the next couple of years. This is through organizing cultural events which shall be boosted by establishing a Cultural Centre.

They say we eat raw meat; they also call us primitive just because we hunt.

Frustrated Ogiek Elder, Tinet, Nakuru District, 1998

OUR LANGUAGE

Ogiek language may become extinct in the next few generations to come. OPDP seeks to arrest the situation by documentation, promotion and translating relevant materials from English to Ogiek for ease of practicing and ensure continuity of the language for future generation.

We are being forced to adapt their language just because there are many than us.

Orop Kenyinet, March 2006, Nkaroni, Narok District

OUR RIGHTS

Ogiek rights are human rights. Since colonial times Ogiek have always been denied their rights as contained in National laws and other International legal instruments. OPDP has started vigorous campaigns to promote and protect Ogiek Rights.

We are being treated as second class citizens of this country and yet we pay taxes to the Government.

An Ogiek activist, 2000

OUR LANDS

Land is a thorny issue in Kenya today. During the colonial period, Ogiek were not recognized as tribal entity and therefore excluded from the National distribution of Land in 1930s. Successive Government regimes have continued to ignore and correct these historical injustices. Ogiek are now seeking justice through Courts. OPDP will continue assisting the community in this initiative.

They say we have no land. Can they show us where we came from?

Justus Kuresoi, Elburgon, July 2002

WHAT NEXT?

Through its integrated program activities, OPDP is liaising closely with Ogiek people in seeking practical solutions to their problems. Some of the initiatives that have worked elsewhere in some parts of the world is what OPDP is seeking to implement with other partners. This can be possible with cooperation with partners both locally and internationally.

OUR APPEAL

We are therefore appealing to those who wish to support Ogiek morally, spiritually or financially to contact us through our address provided. Alternatively, you can check in our website.