Arkaria Community Centre

About Us

The Maasai people arrived in the Great Rift Valley of southern Kenya and northern Tanzania four centuries ago. The Maasai are pastoralists, and their livelihoods have traditionally been centered around cattle. To the Maasai, land is viewed as a common resource to be shared but also sustainably maintained.

In recent years, a shift towards private ownership of land combined with displacement from land now designated as national parks and reserves has drastically impacted these pastoral communities.

Arkaria Community Centre aims to protect and promote Maasai culture while also strengthening Maasai communities. The Centre will help pastoralists gain the knowledge and skills to address the environmental, economic, and social justice challenges that disproportionately impact their communities while also honoring and celebrating traditional ways of life.
Partnership

Global Partners and local leaders from Arkaria Village have a long history of advancing community-led initiatives in Tanzania. Led by Alais Morindat, the Arkaria Community Centre is advancing local solutions and strategies that will best address their challenges and allow them to meet their goals. Global Partners has joined forces with the Centre to help build an organizational structure that efficiently advances their mission and access the resources they need for long-term success.

Focus on Climate Change

The Centre aims to help Maasai communities adapt to and fight climate change. East Africa is one of the many regions that is already beginning to see the effects of climate change, and one of the hardest hit communities is the Maasai. Recent studies have reported that climate change will increasingly have macro-economic impacts in Tanzania, estimating that climate change could lead to net economic costs in the country equivalent to a loss of almost 2% of GDP each year by 2030, delaying or even preventing Tanzania’s progress towards middle income status.