

# THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF KENYA



## DIOCESE OF BARINGO

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### THE CONTEXT OF A.C.K DIOCESE OF BARINGO:

The Diocese of Baringo covers the County of Baringo, which is largely an agro based economic area with a majority of pastoralists in the area of 11,015square km. The county has a population of 700,626 (2017 census) and has many tribes including Tugens, ilchamus, Pokots, Turkanas, Kikuyus, Nubians, Luos, Abaluhyas and Kisiis. The presence of The Anglican Church is represented by 26 parishes with 90 congregations and only 23 trained and ordained clergy We have 5 Archdeaconries and there are plans to create more parishes from existing ones and also plant new churches in the vast unreached areas of Baringo County.

Our great challenge so far is establishing a stable financial support from the parishes to facilitate the annual budget. The past years have been difficult especially after the long drought which has affected the entire Baringo county causing crop failure and loss of livestock. However this has not discouraged our vision to create a new Diocese because by doing so we shall have opportunity to address these challenges closely and with commitment that comes with devolved ministry. We intend not

only to have income generating projects for the Diocese but also to empower every parish, which will in turn be adopted in every congregation and to individual members.

The challenges Experienced in the Diocese are:

- 1) **Banditry/Cattle Rustling** -Livestock are usually lost to the cattle rustlers,lives threatened or lost, institutions such as schools , health facilities and markets are closed and families displaced leaving households vulnerable and the displaced victims usually have their resources lost.
- 2) **Drought and famine Conditions** -Baringo has notoriously high rainfall variability and catastrophic droughts, with an average trend in annual rainfall projected to only decline with time, impacting animals, livelihoods and food security.
- 3) **Cultural practices**-These practices makes the lives of Christians difficult by undergoing persecution from non-believers for what they believe. i.e. FGM, Early marriages and recruiting boys to be bandits.
- 4) **Human Diseases** -According to Baringo health department reports the most frequent human Diseases are malaria, cholera, Malnutrition, Diabetes, HIV and Pneumonia.
- 5) **Livestock Diseases** -Baringo bare majority pastoralist with exception of few regions where agriculture takes place. Reliance on livestock as a source of livelihood means that livestock Diseases outbreak can affect the socio-economy of an entire community.

## **Rationale:**

Following the creation of Baringo Diocese on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 our spiritual growth has been progressive despite the challenges. Through your prayers and support in training some of our students at Church Army Carlile college, we have witnessed their great value to the diocese and we appreciate it. It's our desire to get friends/partners who will walk with us in prayers and initiating of income generating projects in support of evangelical work in our Diocese. This will enable the kingdom growth and community transformation. It will impact directly upon our Clergy and Staff to effectively minister and evangelize the Gospel even to the Diocesan Missionary Areas which covers a major part of Baringo. May we walk together this journey of faith in God as we remain faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**VISION**—Commitment to kingdom growth and community transformation.

**MISSION**- Proclaiming God's word by empowering believers.

**CORE VALUES.** Discipleship, Stewardship, Integrity, Unity.