

# NEWSLETTER

THE COUNTDOWN TO CO2PENHAGEN CAMPAIGN IS A GLOBAL MASS MOVEMENT SUPPORTED BY THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (WCC), APRODEV, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND SOUTHERN NGOs FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD



## PROUD PEOPLE FORCED TO GO BEGGING IN THE STREET

The people from Karamoja in Uganda are pastoralists and very proud people. A few years ago, it would have been unthinkable to see a Karimojong stooping to beg in the streets of Moroto. But that's all changed now, says Simon Nangiro from the Karamoja Agro-pastoral Development programme. Which is why he has left the sun-scorched plains to go to cold Copenhagen and the Climate Summit: 'When I was a child the mountain was covered with forest and you would be afraid to lose your way. Now we can see anyone walking up there. The trees are gone – and so are the wild fruits.'

Fragile areas such as Karamoja have been the first to bear the brunt of climate change. Unpredictable rains and degradation of the soil have left the pastoralists without means to survive. Now they are starving.

### Less greedy

'I come here and see the kind of consumption patterns that you are used to. What would happen to the world if we all lived like you do?' Simon Nangiro asks. 'But I survive without all those things and still lead a good life!' 'We have to think about the planet—in stead of just leaving future generations to fend for themselves'. As for the summit, Simon Nangiro still

expects developing countries to have 'forgiving hearts': 'This is an opportunity for you to see that you chose the wrong path.'

### Urgent!

Right now we need your assistance in order to bolster our people to adapt to the harsh conditions. We need technology and finance in order to do that. 'We cannot go and beat up the US. But if they continue to destroy our common planet we should isolate them and stop buying their products!

*Meet Simon Nangiro at 10.30 AM at the Countdown stall in the Bella Centre.*

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