



HIGHLIGHTS

Corey Wright takes a leave of absence for his PhD.

The Africa Program Manager, Corey Wright, was awarded a Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship to pursue graduate studies at McGill University. Corey will be taking a partial leave of absence to meet his academic requirements over the next few years, though will continue to advise on technical and management matters related to the Tanzania programs. His research is primarily focused on assessing how the governance of land and natural resources is changing in Longido and how this is impacting the lives of the Maasai people.

We congratulate Corey for this very honorable achievement, and we're excited to witness the benefit that his studies will have for the Maasai communities we work with!

Megan Cogburn from the USA and Tom Broughton from New Zealand join Sauti Moja.

Megan Cogburn, a recent graduate of Wheaton College in the USA, has joined the Sauti Moja team, and she will be the Tanzania Program Manager. Corey supervised Megan's internship in Longido last year, while Megan took a leading role in developing a sexual and reproductive health curriculum for school girls. This activity will be emphasized more this year, as it is an important component in child rights, preventing child pregnancy and reducing the HIV/AIDS epidemic. In addition, she will provide technical and management support for other programs – Child Mothers, HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care, and Early Childhood Development, as well as support development of our new partner, Sauti Moja Tanzania.

In October, Tom Broughton will join our team as the Kenya Program Manager. He currently works for another agency, where he has worked with Maasai communities of Tanzania for the past two years. Tom has a long history in the field of livestock management, including a degree in animal science, hence we look forward to his contribution around the livestock activities which are mostly conducted in northern Kenya. In addition, he will support the Child Mother program and facilitate the development of our partner agencies, PETI and Sauti Moja Marsabit.

Sauti Moja founds partner agencies in Tanzania and Kenya.

To-date, we have conducted our programs in Tanzania, though a local agency limited to Longido District, and in Kenya, through volunteers and in partnership with an agency that works in just one location. The Board and managers of Sauti Moja considered that an important step in the development of our capacity would be the establishment of legal entities that are more officially under the umbrella of Sauti Moja (Canada).

In June, Sauti Moja Tanzania and Sauti Moja Marsabit, which is in Northern Kenya, were registered in their respective countries. Both are legally recognized and governed by Tanzanians and Kenyans that we know and respect highly. To foster a good partnership and ensure good participation, the Sauti Moja Canada Director and his/her designate will remain members of the governing structures of each of the agencies. These new agencies will enable us to accept funds from in-country sources, thereby multiplying the contributions of Canadian donors, and expand our programs. Further, they provide us with a legally-recognized presence which enables us to access visas for new staff, such as Megan and Tom. We celebrate this critical step toward the next level of programming in support of vulnerable pastoralists.

Over and above the registrations in Tanzania and Kenya, we are now in discussion with enthusiastic donors in the USA and UK who wish to register Sauti Moja in their countries. This would expand our support base by enabling US donors to access tax receipts for donations and UK donors to access matching funds for their donations.

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