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Editorial

Welcome to the 9th issue of *Pastoral Civil Society*. This being our first publication of the year 2005, we would like to wish all our partners, collaborators, and the general readership of the Newsletter a happy, prosperous and eventful year.

The Newsletter is a reflection of our commitment not only to keep you abreast with the latest developments in the programme, but also in such a way that you will find appealing and easily readable.

During the 1st quarter, work continued on the design of the Generic Training Course on Pastoralism and Policy in East Africa. The Programme Manager also paid a visit to pastoral organizations in Kampala and Western Uganda as part of the networking component of the programme. We continued with the Institutional Governance and Learning Group in Tanzania to build the capacity of pastoral civil society organizations and received draft policy booklets from Haki Kazi. We have also continued to participate in various activities of partners within the region.

As we continue striving to expand the scope of the newsletter to include items which might be general in nature, but which are relevant to pastoral issues, we appeal to you to write to, e-mail or telephone us on issues which you think are of interest. Remember, this is your forum, make use of it!

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PROGRAMME NEWS

1. Progress on Design of the Generic Training Course on Pastoralism and Policy

The Core Training Group (CTG) met in Arusha, Tanzania between 17th and 25th March 2005 as part of the process of designing the **Generic Training on Pastoralism and Policy**. Some of the key activities of the meeting included:

- ❖ Working on the final template of the first module of the course on '**Dynamics of The Pastoral System**'.
- ❖ Designing a field trip, and
- ❖ Beginning the process of designing the template for **Module 2** of the course on '**The Policy Challenges**'



*Pastoralists treating a sick cow.
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The design of **Module 1**, which includes a draft template incorporating comments of participants who attended the