

HOLY TRINITY PEACE VILLAGE KURON

MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

Repair Motor Bridge in Kuron Boma, Kapoeta East County is urgent



Picha 1 Wear of Kuron Bridge by May 2013

The aim of improving and repairing Kuron Motor Bridge Project is to continue maintaining the connectivity of the two states of Jonglei and eastern Equatoria State. The bridge is also a symbol of peace among many tribes who had experienced cattle raids around Kuron River in the past. Kuron Peace Village with support from the Dutch Friends constructed the Bridge in 1998; minor repairs have been fixed using local timber. Kuron Motor Bridge measuring 38 meters long is significant for this region because of its connection of the Jonglei and Eastern Equatoria States.



Picha 2 The damage is now affecting the steel frames

Now the weight of big trucks rests directly on the steel rails and has started affecting the frames of the bridge itself. Loaded trucks will not be allowed before the bridge is put right. Cost estimates of the repair is at least USD 25,000 to bring back the bridge to its former glory. We have appealed to Friends of Kuron Peace Village to support this project. The road between Narus and Boma is the only accessible because of this bridge on Kuron River. Since the frequency of heavy trucks crossing the bridge to and fro increased between 2012 and 2013, a total of 169 pieces of hard timber fitted are completely damaged or half broken along the length of the 38 meter bridge. Continuous usage of the bridge without

repair is creating serious problems for small trucks. The Construction Engineer is ready on the ground to repair and rescue the bridge as soon as the resources needed are in place before end of September 2014.

We have invited a Norwegian Construction Volunteer in August to assist in overseeing the repair for a period of three months. We are applying from Carter Center for support with 70 pieces timber suitable for the bridge as in the picture above measuring 4.25 meters long. We shall cater for the rest: transport, labour, screws, bolts, technicians and supervision of the work.

