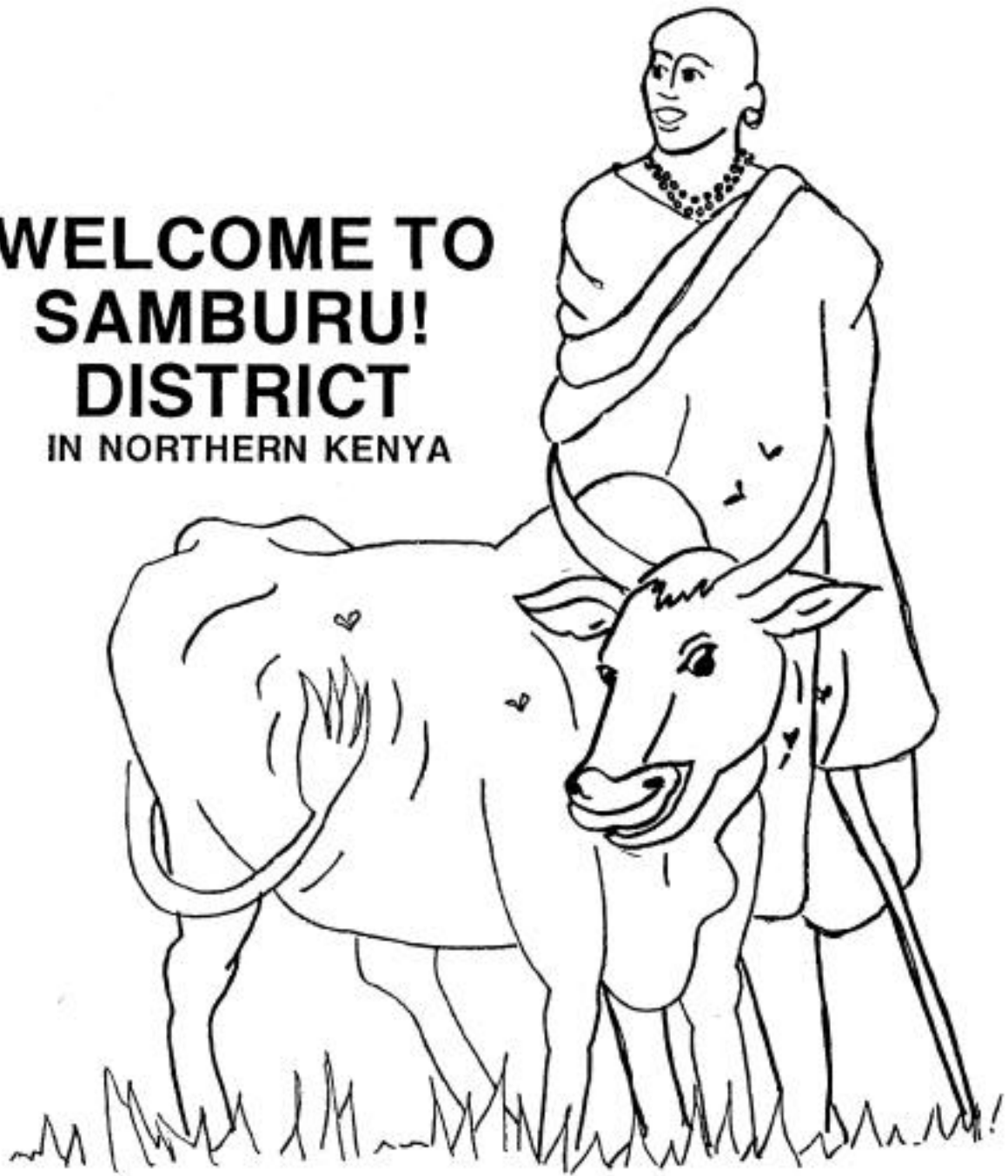


**WELCOME TO  
SAMBURU!  
DISTRICT  
IN NORTHERN KENYA**



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JESUS SAID,

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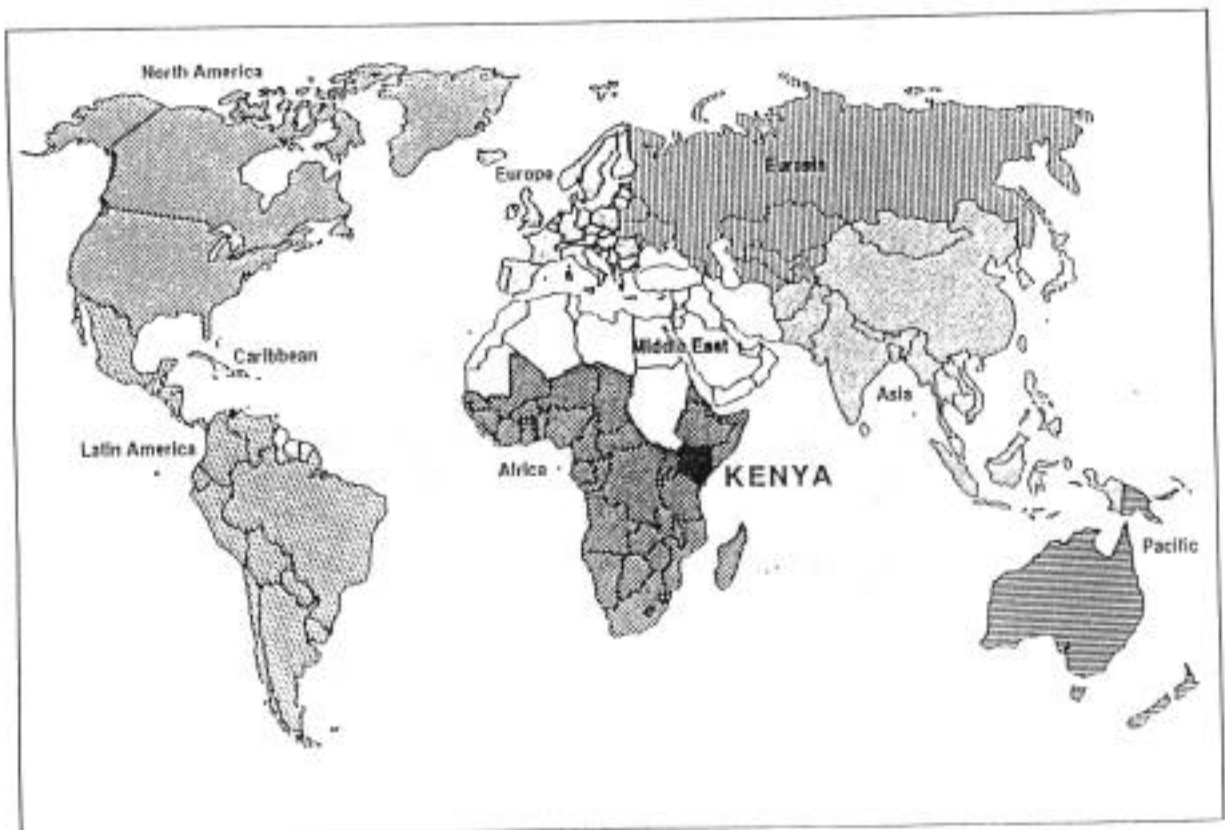
Then and make \_\_\_\_\_ of all

\_\_\_\_\_, baptizing them in the name

of the \_\_\_\_\_, and of the \_\_\_\_\_,

and of the \_\_\_\_\_."

(Matthew 28:19)





## **SAMBURU PEOPLE**

GO into all the world and make disciples,  
BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
TEACHING them to observe all that I have commanded you,  
and, lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age.  
Matthew 19:19-20

# SAMBURU PEOPLE of KENYA

GO in to the world and make disciples of all nations,  
BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
TEACHING them to observe all that I have commanded you,  
and lo, I am with you always to the end of the age.  
Matthew 28:19-20

## DO YOU KNOW THAT....?

1. Samburu means 'butterfly'.
2. There are about 60 thousand Samburu people who live in northern Kenya.
3. The Samburu are cousins to the Maasai and live a similar kind of life.
4. Some of the finest scenery in Kenya lies within the Samburu District.
5. The Samburu believe that all the cattle in the world belong to them.
6. Milk, blood and meat are the foods of the Samburu.
7. The Samburu are cattle, goat and sheep herders. They must move from place to place to find pasture for their herds and flocks.
8. They live in temporary houses made from sticks and clay, plastered with cow dung.
9. There are several missionaries from different denominations who work among the Samburu and some of the people have become Christians.
10. World Mission Prayer League does evangelism, and church planting, operates mobile health clinics, and does health education among the Samburu.

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## CATTLE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD TO THE SAMBURU.

Make a list of all the things you can think of that come from cattle.  
When you are finished look at the list at the bottom of the page.

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## JUST BEFORE JESUS LEFT FOR HEAVEN, HE GAVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

See if you can answer these questions by reading the Great Commission: Mt 28:19-20

1. Who should go? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where should we go? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why should we go? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What should we do? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Would you be willing to obey the Great Commission? \_\_\_\_\_

Please pray for the Samburu people and the missionaries who work among them.

Things you can get from cattle: milk, meat and blood for eating, hides for making shoes and clothing and bedding, horns for drinking and for musical instruments, stomach and bladder as containers for carrying liquids, tendons from the legs to use as rope

## the SAMBURU PEOPLE OF KENYA

The Samburu people live in the north of Kenya where it is dry and mountainous.

The Samburu are cousins of the more famous Masai people. They live very similar lives..... focused on their cattle and goats.

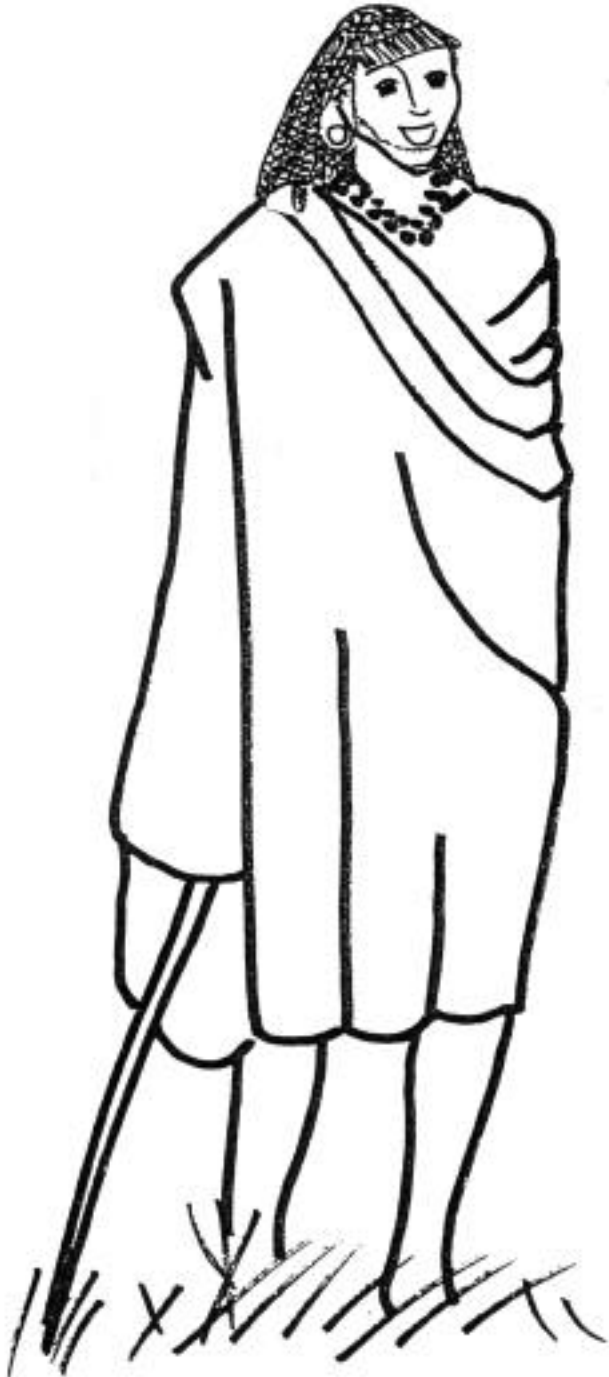
There are about 60,000 Samburu people in Kenya.

WORLD MISSION PRAYER LEAGUE is doing the following work among the Samburu:

- \* Bible translation
- \* mobile health clinics
- \* eye clinics
- \* Christian education in the Church and public school
- \* Theological Education by Extension (TEE)
- \* Urban centers for Samburu men who come to Nairobi to work...mostly as night watchmen

The Samburu people's main food is milk. Sometimes they eat meat. Samburu people are usually very slender.

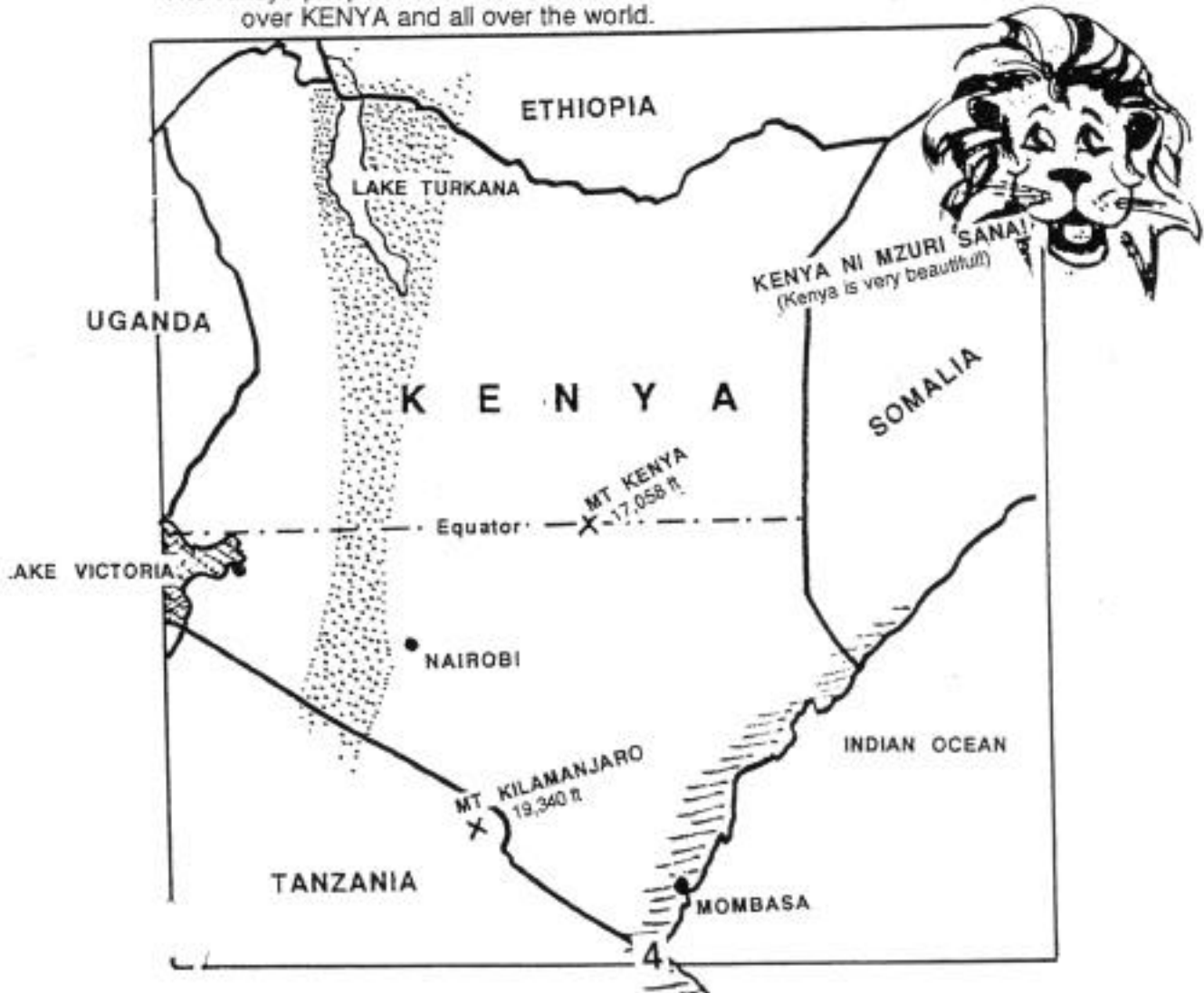
Young Samburu men are called Morans. They like to wear a red cloth and carry a long spear. They weave their hair into many braids and coat it with red mud.



# GEOGRAPHY of KENYA

## DO YOU KNOW...

1. KENYA is in East Africa.
2. The Indian Ocean is on the East side of KENYA. Color it blue
3. The Equator runs across KENYA. Color it red
4. The coast is very hot all year round. Color it blue-green
5. The Great Rift Valley runs north and south through KENYA. Color it orange  
It is between 30 and 50 miles wide. It is good range land for cattle.  
Most of the Maasai people live in the Rift Valley.
6. The northern half of KENYA is mountainous and dry and hot. Color it yellow.  
The Samburu, Rendile and Turkana people live there.
7. Lake Victoria is the second largest lake in the world. Color it blue  
Most of Kenya's people live in the mountains east of Lake Victoria.  
The main groups are the Kisii, the Luo, and the Luyah
8. Most of the southern parts of KENYA are good for farming. Color them green
9. Mombasa and Nairobi are the largest cities in Kenya. Underline the names in red  
Nairobi has about 3 million people. It is mostly very modern.  
Nairobi is over one mile in elevation. This makes the climate very comfortable  
The Kikuyu people live in and around Nairobi. Now there are people from all over KENYA and all over the world.



# SAMBURU CATTLE

The Samburu people believe in a god named EnKai. This word also means sky.

They say that the earth and sky were once one but then separated.

Enkai sent down, from the sky, all the cattle in the world to the Maasai and Samburu people.

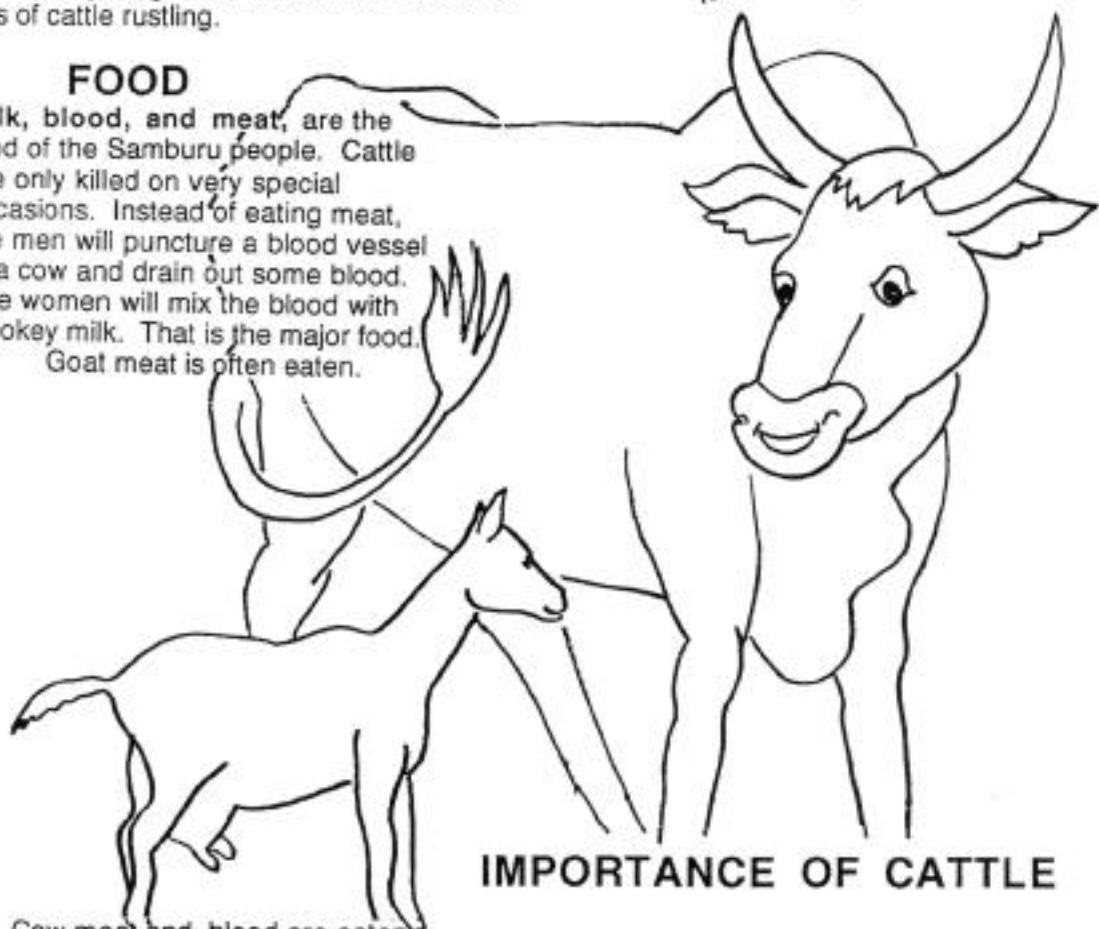
To do anything but take care of cattle would be an insult to Enkai.

They believe that, because all the cattle in the world belong to them, it is alright to take cattle from other people. That is the job of the young men, the Morani. There is lots of cattle rustling.

*'I HOPE YOUR CATTLE ARE WELL,'  
is a common Samburu.  
greeting*

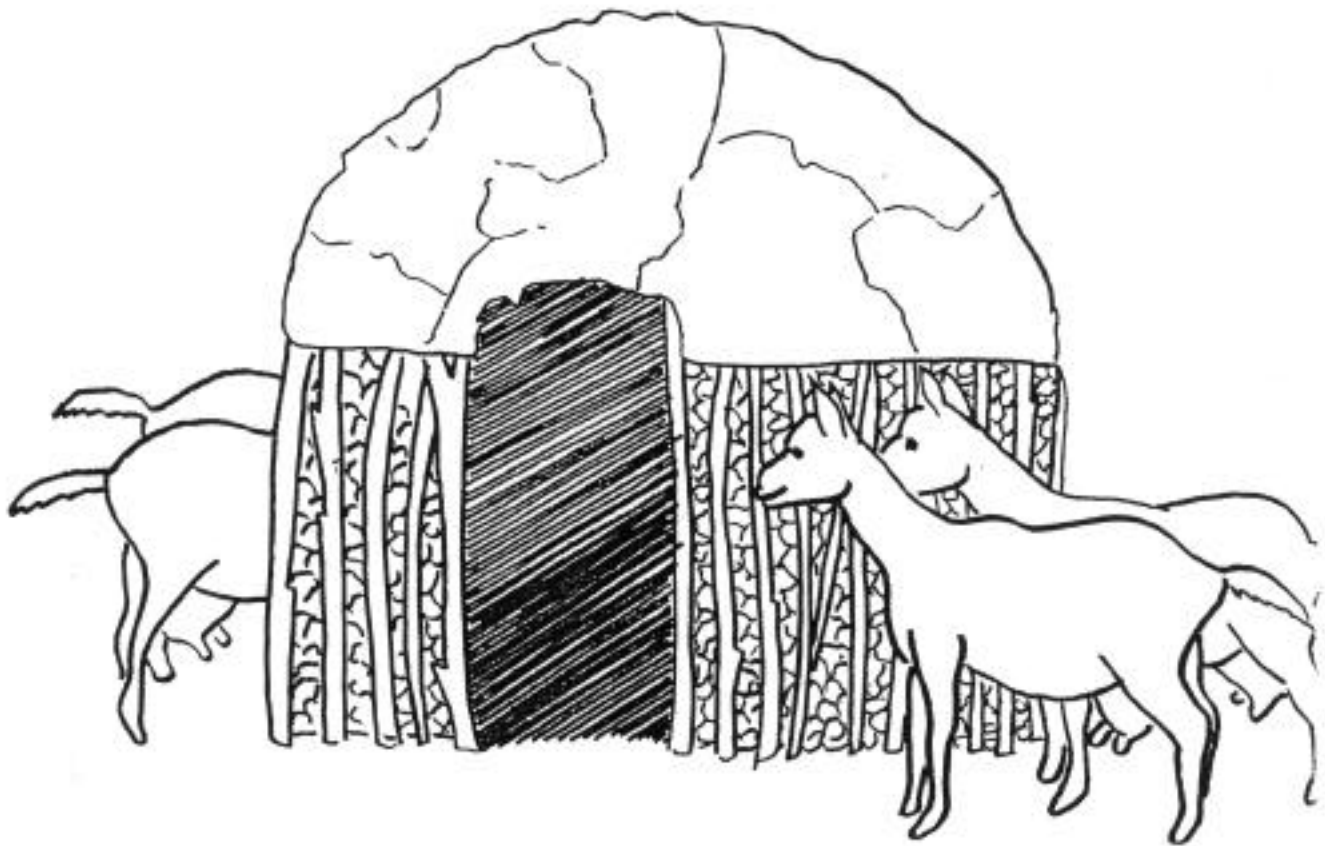
## FOOD

Milk, blood, and meat, are the food of the Samburu people. Cattle are only killed on very special occasions. Instead of eating meat, the men will puncture a blood vessel in a cow and drain out some blood. The women will mix the blood with smokey milk. That is the major food. Goat meat is often eaten.



## IMPORTANCE OF CATTLE

1. Cow meat and blood are eaten.
2. Cow hides provide bedding, sandals, clothes, and sleeping mats.
3. A man buys his wife with several cows.
4. To make a marriage legal, a cow must be killed and eaten at the wedding feast.
5. When there are arguments, cattle are used to pay fines.
6. Cattle are sacrificed on important ceremonial occasions.
7. The number of cattle a man owns determines his wealth and his importance in the community.



## SAMBURU HOUSES

Samburu people live in extended families. That means that parents and their adult children and their children all stay together. The family builds a strong fence of thorns in a big circle. Inside the circle, the parents have one house, like this one, and each of the sons has a separate house for his family. Unmarried sons have a separate house inside the circle. At night, the animals are also brought inside the circle for protection.

The houses are made of sticks and mud. People must bend down to enter the house. They usually cannot stand upright inside the house.



## THE CLEVER MONGOOSE

A Maasai and Samburu story

In the bush near each other, Lioness and Ostrich both gave birth to young ones on the same day. But the lion babies both became sick and died. Lioness, who wanted babies of her own, went boldly to Ostrich and took her three chicks. Ostrich didn't know what to do because she was afraid.

She ran to the house of Gazelle. 'The lioness has stolen my chicks,' she cried. 'Please help me!' But Gazelle was afraid. 'The babies belong to Lioness,' Gazelle said.

Ostrich ran to the house of Hyena. 'The lioness has stolen my chicks,' she cried. 'Please help me!' but Hyena was afraid. 'The babies belong to Lioness,' Hyena said.

Ostrich ran to the house of Giraffe. 'The lioness has stolen my chicks,' she cried. 'Please help me!' but Giraffe was afraid. 'The babies belong to Lioness,' Giraffe said.

Mongoose was watching what was happening. She was standing near a termite house. She called to Lioness, 'Call all of the people here. We will decide together who the babies belong to.'

Gazelle and Hyena and Giraffe and the others did not want to come together but they were ashamed not to. They gathered around the termite house and Lioness with her three chicks sauntered in.

Mongoose took charge of the meeting.

'Gazelle,' Mongoose said, 'Whose are these babies?' Gazelle tried to be brave. 'They are the children of Ostrich...' But the mighty roar of the lioness stopped her. 'They are the children of Lioness,' trembled the Gazelle.

'Giraffe,' Mongoose asked, 'Whose are these babies?' Giraffe tried to be brave. 'They are the children of Ostrich...' But the mighty roar of the lioness stopped her. 'They are the children of Lioness,' quickly said Giraffe.

'Hyena,' Mongoose said, 'Whose are these babies?' Hyena didn't even try to be brave. 'They are the children of Lioness,' she shouted.

'Now since I am rather short,' said Mongoose, 'I will stand on the top of Termite's house to speak my mind. These matters are rather difficult,' spoke Mongoose. 'Is there a feathered one that gives birth to a hairy one?'


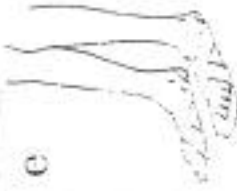







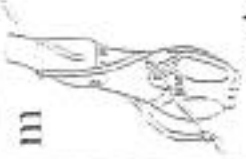




































































































































































































































The group answered, 'No!'

'Is there a hairy one that gives birth to a feathered one?'

The group answered, 'No!'

'Then you may all leave,' said the Mongoose, 'because the chicks belong to the Ostrich.' With that remark Lioness roared and pounced but Mongoose slipped down the hole in the top of the termite house, ran down the tunnel and escaped out the back door. Lioness was so angry that she had a fit and died and Ostrich got back her chicks.

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# SAMBURU CHILDREN

Because Samburu people live where it is usually very hot and dry, they wear simple clothing; just a cloth tied around the waist or over the shoulder.

Perhaps because their clothing is so simple, the people love to decorate themselves with bright colored beads. The beads are used in specific ways with special meanings.

## BOYS

1. Until they are eight years old, young boys wear one string of small baby blue or green beads.
2. When a boy is between the ages of 12 and 16 he becomes a Moran along with all the other boys of his age. A moran wears two strings of large black and white beads over his shoulder and across his chest. In the old days these were made from porcupine quills.
3. The young boys have their heads shaved except for a tuft at the crown of the head. The Morani fix their hair in elaborate braids and cover their hair with red clay.



## GIRLS

1. Girls wear as many strings of red beads as possible. These are strung on wires so that they make a stiff circle around the girl's neck.
2. They cut their hair and wear a head band of beads when they first get a Morani boy friend. He pays for her with at least one cow. Her hair is shaved under the head band.
3. She begins to wear a special necklace, again strung on wire. The first band is black, then red, then green, then yellow, then black again. The bands are separated by strips of plastic in four places.

A girl is married before the age of 15. She does not marry her Morani boy friend because the Morani can't marry until they reach about age 30.



Little boys; ages 2-8 take care of goats.  
Older boys take care of young cows.



Lots of beads and metal arm bands



Both boys and girls take care of younger brothers and sisters. They tie a cloth around the baby and carry him on their back.

It is difficult for children to go to school because the family moves from place to place, taking care of their cattle. When Samburu children do go to school, they wear uniforms just like all Kenyan children do.