

Extend landmapping exercise to other parts of the country too

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THE Ministry of Lands has commissioned a landmapping and surveying exercise in the Mau area which is home to the Ogiek community.

I laud this step as it has come at a time when the Mau escarpment is under threats from encroachment and other forms of illegal acquisition of land.

Surveying using modern technology will help prevent misunderstanding among communities.

The resolutions of a landmapping workshop in Mbagathi, Nairobi, recently will have a direct bearing on the activities of the Ogiek community.

I believe that if it is conducted in a fair manner, the exercise will benefit the community on a long term basis. I would like to appeal to the Government to extend the landmapping programme to other parts of the country to resolve long-standing land issues.

Secondly, I appeal to the Government to improve the conditions of roads in Kuresoi constituency.

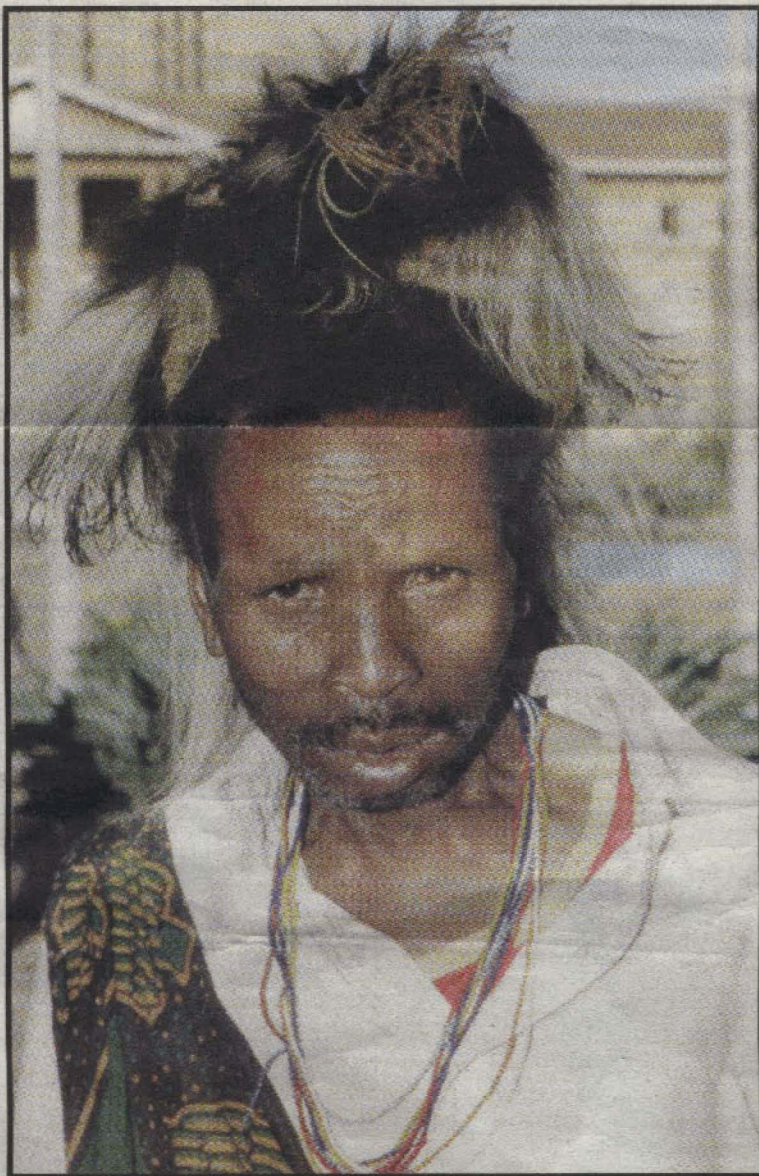
Roads become impassable especially during rainy seasons. Foodstuff and livestock products go to waste as they don't reach the market on time.

I request the Ministry of Trade and Industry to conduct a filed study in the area to confirm viability of small agro-based industries. This way, products can be processed when they are still fresh from the farm to fetch maximum profit.

Light industries will also create employment opportunities for the local communities.

The country has a lot of untapped resources. Most of the imported foodstuff can be available locally if the Government invested upcountry

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A member of the Ogiek community during a protest over land rights in the past.