

"Through this experience
I hope to gain skills
that will support
and motivate positive
change in Maasai
communities. I am also
excited to strengthen
my relationships with
people who continue to
inspire me."

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There is currently concern that indigenous Maasai communities might be risking further loss of control of their grazing lands by joining newly formed Wildlife Management Areas. In partnership with Sauti Moja Tanzania, this initiative seeks to provide accessible information and opportunities that will help to mitigate concerns and build capacity among locals as they engage in land-use management issues.

Over the last three years I have worked closely with a local organization called Sauti Moja Tanzania that focuses on providing health and education opportunities for Maasai in the Longido District of northern Tanzania. This organization is currently moving to expand its reach to address some of the land issues faced by pastoral Maasai communities. Together, we will work to provide platforms for the sharing of ideas, resources and knowledge to help educate the local people and influence a positive trajectory of wildlife conservation and tourism in their communities.

