



Community-Driven One Health Clubs Take Root in Amboseli under Project MOSAIC

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Communities in the Amboseli ecosystem have taken an important step toward addressing shared health challenges affecting people, animals and the environment through the establishment of One Health Community Clubs under Project MOSAIC**. The initiative adapts the One Health club concept to a locally driven model rooted in pastoral landscapes and cross-border realities.

The Amboseli approach places communities at the centre of the One Health framework. Each club brings together representatives from local households, veterinary officers, community health promoters, environmental experts among others, creating a platform for regular dialogue and joint action. This structure reflects the interconnected nature of livelihoods in the ecosystem, where livestock health, wildlife interactions and human well-being are closely linked. The clubs aim to promote awareness of the One Health approach and encourage practical solutions to emerging challenges affecting the region.

The establishment meeting held on 18th March 2026 brought together participants from across the Amboseli ecosystem, including representatives from northern Tanzania. Their participation underscored the transboundary nature of many issues affecting the landscape, such as seasonal livestock movements, shared grazing areas, wildlife migration and effects of extreme events such as droughts and the current flooding.

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During the meeting, training sessions on standardized data sampling methods and dissemination through an interactive ecosystem information point portal were conducted to support coordinated monitoring and reporting across the Kenya–Tanzania border. Participants practiced documenting indicators related to livestock health, pasture conditions, water sources and community environmental diaries.



A community health promoter takes the participants through the formation of local community one health clubs in Amboseli.



Participants from Enduimet CWMA in Northern Tanzania get introduced during the meeting in Amboseli.

Project MOSAIC has recently started supporting integrated monitoring and community engagement across the ecosystem, and the introduction of community One Health Clubs strengthens this effort by providing local platforms for knowledge exchange. Through these clubs, communities will discuss emerging risks, share environmental observations and disseminate findings generated through project activities. The clubs are also expected to support early identification of potential zoonotic disease threats, promote sustainable rangeland restoration and enhance communication between technical experts and local households.

The initiative emphasizes local ownership and long-term sustainability. Members will convene regularly to review observations, discuss cross-border challenges and plan outreach activities within their communities. The clubs will also serve as channels for communicating research findings back to the grassroots level, ensuring that information collected informs local decision-making.

The formation of One Health Community Clubs in Amboseli marks a significant milestone for Project MOSAIC in promoting the approach which highlights the importance of linking human health, animal health and environmental stewardship while recognizing that many challenges extend beyond national boundaries.



The ongoing rains in Amboseli are weaving a green mosaic across the plains, with grasses and herbs re-emerging to reclaim the bare ground left behind by the last dry season.