## Ministry distributes aid to Sololo residents affected by cross border skirmishes

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The Government has distributed relief assistance to 5,000 people affected by recent cross-border conflicts in Sololo, Marsabit County, in a humanitarian gesture spearheaded by the Ministry of East African Community, Arid and Semi-Arid Lands, and Regional Development.

Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALS) and Regional Development Principal Secretary Kello Harsama led the distribution exercise, which included both food and non-food items aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by the violence.

The food items, consisting of maize, rice, beans, Uji mix, and cooking oil, were accompanied by non-food essentials such as blankets, solar lights, and mattresses.

During the exercise, PS Harsama emphasized the government's commitment to supporting communities in the ASAL



PS Kello Harsama distributing government relief food and other non -food stuff to victims of recents cross border conflicts in Sololo Marsabit County.

regions, particularly during times of crisis and natural disasters.

"We stand with the people of Sololo during this difficult period," he said. "Our aim is to provide immediate relief and support while long-term solutions are developed to ensure stability and peace in the region."

The PS also expressed gratitude to the security agencies for their swift and effective response to the recent conflicts.

"The presence of our security forces has been instrumental in stabilizing the area and allowing for the safe delivery of humanitarian aid," he added. "Their efforts have been vital in creating a safer environment for the affected communities."

In light of the recent conflicts, PS Harsama urged residents to embrace peaceful coexistence and dialogue as means to resolve disputes.

He underscored the importance of unity and understanding among different communities as the foundation for long-term peace and development in the region.