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EACOP delivers livelihood kit to Tanga communities

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The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project has handed over livelihood restoration equipment to communities affected by pipeline construction activities along the Chongoleani Peninsula in the Tanga Region of Tanzania. The handover ceremony, held at Chongoleani Ward grounds, was attended by approximately 700 people, including livelihood restoration beneficiaries, community members, local government authorities, and EACOP representatives.

The Chongoleani Peninsula sits at the Tanzania coast end of the EACOP route, where the pipeline is expected to terminate at a marine export facility. Communities in this area have faced disruption to their livelihoods as a result of EACOP-related land and coastal activities, and this equipment handover forms part of the project's formal livelihood restoration programme — a structured obligation under international financing and environmental standards typically required for projects of this scale.

Livelihood restoration programmes of this type are a standard requirement under International Finance Corporation Performance Standards and Equator Principles, which govern how project-affected people must be compensated not merely with cash but with durable means to rebuild income. The public ceremony with 700 attendees and local government participation signals that EACOP is making visible, documented progress on its social commitments — an important signal for the project's financing and regulatory standing, both of which have faced scrutiny from international human rights and environmental groups.

For the broader EACOP project, which will transport crude oil approximately 1,443 kilometres from Hoima in Uganda to the Chongoleani Peninsula export terminal in Tanzania, community acceptance and social licence in terminal-area communities is operationally critical. Delays or disputes at the export end of the pipeline could affect loading schedules and ultimately the commercial viability of first oil. Progress on livelihood restoration in Tanga, while not a construction milestone, is therefore a meaningful indicator of project execution health.

The EACOP project remains one of the most significant pipeline infrastructure developments in East Africa, and its progress — social, regulatory, and physical — continues to be closely watched by service companies positioned to participate in construction, marine, and terminal operations.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a social compliance milestone, not a procurement or contracting event, so Norwegian service companies should monitor rather than pursue outreach. The event does confirm that EACOP is actively managing community obligations at the Chongoleani terminal zone, which is a positive signal of project progression toward construction and eventual operations. Norwegian pipeline, marine terminal, and subsea companies tracking EACOP should maintain relationship-building with TotalEnergies, CNOOC, and the EACOP project office as the project moves toward physical execution phases.

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- **Pipeline:** Progress on social compliance at the Chongoleani terminal zone is an indirect indicator that EACOP construction sequencing is advancing — pipeline contractors should maintain positioning with the EACOP project office.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** The Chongoleani marine export terminal will require offshore loading infrastructure; companies with single-point mooring and marine hose expertise should monitor tender activity as social milestones are cleared.
- **Drilling:** EACOP project health in Tanzania has upstream implications for the Tilenga and Kingfisher fields feeding the pipeline — drilling service companies should track overall project execution signals.

- **Service:** Livelihood restoration programme delivery points to an active and funded project administration structure in Tanzania; service companies offering inspection, integrity management, or HSE consulting should begin relationship-building now ahead of operational phases.

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