

FROM US TO YOU: NEW YEAR GREETINGS

A New Year, A Renewed Commitment to Justice and Sustainability

As we step into a new year, we at Tasha Research Institute Africa extend our heartfelt gratitude to our observers, supporters, partners, and community members who have walked this journey with us. Your unwavering dedication has been the cornerstone of our successes and the spark for our continued fight for human rights and environmental justice.

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IN OUR NEWSLETTER THIS MONTH

FIGHTING INJUSTICE: THE STRUGGLES OF THOSE IMPACTED BY TOTALENERGIES AND EACOP

The story of Angeya Joyce, a widow from Kasinyi Village in Ngwedo Subcounty, Buliisa District, paints a vivid picture of the devastating impact TotalEnergies and its East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project continue to have on local communities. Like many others, Angeya has been denied fair compensation under the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP1) despite meeting all the stringent legal requirements.

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THE BROADER IMPLICATIONS OF FIGHTING INJUSTICE: LESSONS FROM KASINYI'S STRUGGLES

The plight of Angeya Joyce, a widow from Kasinyi Village, highlights more than just a personal battle for justice—it unveils systemic failures that ripple across entire communities and societies. TotalEnergies' East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project has not only displaced vulnerable individuals but also exposed the inability of corporate-led development projects to safeguard basic human rights and livelihoods.

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FIGHTING INJUSTICE: THE STRUGGLES OF THOSE IMPACTED BY TOTALENERGIES AND EACOP

From Page 1. Under RAPI, Total promised to provide a relocation package of six million Ugandan shillings to house beneficiaries in addition to their new homes. However, Angeya's case demonstrates a glaring betrayal of this promise. Despite fulfilling the costly and time-consuming legal requirements, including obtaining a letter of administration and presenting all signed documents to Total, her rightful compensation was withheld.



Angeya Joyce, the Kasinyi-based widow: One of the many at the center of the compensation controversy

This is not just a bureaucratic failure—it is a denial of dignity and justice to those who are already vulnerable. Such cases are a stark reminder of the systemic injustices tied to EACOP, a project driven by corporate greed at the expense of human rights and environmental sustainability.

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline, championed by TotalEnergies, is not just a pipeline—it is a lifeline to exploitation, environmental degradation, and social unrest. Communities like Kasinyi Village bear the brunt of these injustices, as promises of development are overshadowed by stories of displacement, inadequate compensation, and shattered livelihoods.

At Tasha Research Institute Africa, we stand firmly against EACOP and TotalEnergies' operations. We believe in amplifying the voices of the unheard, like Angeya, and holding these corporations accountable for their actions. It is imperative that we work together to expose these injustices, advocate for fair treatment of affected communities, and push for sustainable alternatives that prioritize people and the environment over profit.

This is a call to action for governments, organizations, and individuals to unite against projects like EACOP that undermine human rights and ecological balance. Together, we can demand accountability from TotalEnergies, ensuring that justice prevails for Angeya and countless others who have been wronged. Let this story fuel our collective fight for a fairer, greener, and more equitable future. It is time to say no to exploitation, no to corporate greed, and no to EACOP.

KASINYI'S STRUGGLE: A TESTAMENT TO THE INJUSTICE OF EACOP AND TOTALENERGIES

The story of Angeya Joyce, a widow from Kasinyi Village in Ngwedo Subcounty, exposes the harrowing reality of life under the shadow of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) and the exploitation-driven agenda of TotalEnergies. Far from delivering on promises of development and prosperity, these ventures have left communities displaced, livelihoods destroyed, and victims like Angeya trapped in cycles of injustice and neglect.

Angeya's ordeal is a stark example of corporate abuse. Despite meeting every legal requirement to claim her relocation package—a promised six million Ugandan shillings under the Resettlement Action Plan (RAPI)—TotalEnergies refused to honor its commitment. For Angeya and countless others in Kasinyi, this is not merely a failure of corporate ethics but a deliberate denial of dignity, rooted in profit-driven exploitation that prioritizes oil extraction over human lives and well-being.

EACOP: A Pipeline of Exploitation

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline, championed by TotalEnergies, epitomizes the destructive nature of fossil fuel projects in vulnerable regions. It threatens to displace tens of thousands of families, desecrate ancestral lands, and pollute critical ecosystems across Uganda and Tanzania.

For communities like Kasinyi, the project has brought nothing but broken promises. Land that has been cultivated for generations is taken without adequate compensation, and promises of new homes and financial support remain unfulfilled. Worse still, the ecological consequences of this project—such as the risk of oil spills and the degradation of vital water sources like Lake Victoria—endanger millions of lives across East Africa.

EACOP is not a pipeline for development; it is a pipeline for exploitation. It serves as a stark reminder of how corporations like TotalEnergies manipulate governance structures and exploit legal loopholes to prioritize their profit margins while silencing the voices of the people they displace.

The Ripple Effect on Communities

The injustices of EACOP extend far beyond the immediate victims. Families displaced by the project are left in economic and social limbo. Without land, they lose their primary source of livelihood, and without adequate compensation, they are thrust deeper into poverty. Communities face the erosion of cultural identity as ancestral ties to the land are severed, and they are forced to rely on unsustainable alternatives for survival.

Furthermore, the project sows seeds of distrust and instability within local communities. TotalEnergies' failure to honor commitments, as seen in Angeya's case, erodes faith in institutions and fosters resentment toward corporations and governments complicit in this exploitation. >>> *Continued Next Page*

Advocacy and Resistance: A Call to Action

Kasinyi's struggle is a clarion call for advocacy organizations and activists to intensify their fight against EACOP and TotalEnergies. The responsibility lies with us to expose these injustices, amplify the voices of the affected, and demand accountability.

Organizations like Tasha Research Institute Africa must remain at the forefront of this fight, working to build networks of resistance that extend beyond local borders. Advocacy efforts must highlight the environmental, social, and economic consequences of EACOP, while also empowering communities to demand reparations and equitable development.

The fight against EACOP is not just about halting a pipeline; it is about challenging the systemic exploitation embedded in corporate-led development projects. It is about standing up to the fossil fuel industry, which prioritizes short-term profits over the long-term survival of people and the planet.

The Broader Implications for Justice

The implications of EACOP go beyond Kasinyi. This project represents a global crisis—a microcosm of the ongoing exploitation of resource-rich but economically vulnerable regions. As the world moves toward a future of renewable energy, projects like EACOP are a grim reminder of the devastating cost of clinging to fossil fuels.

For societies across Uganda and Tanzania, the battle against EACOP is a fight for their future. It is a fight for sustainable development that respects human rights and protects the environment. It is a fight to hold corporations like TotalEnergies accountable for their actions and ensure that justice prevails for those they exploit.

A Future Beyond EACOP

Kasinyi's story must serve as a rallying cry for action. It is a reminder that the fight against EACOP is not just the responsibility of affected communities but of all who believe in justice and sustainability. Advocacy organizations, governments, and individuals must work together to demand a future free from exploitation—a future where development does not come at the expense of human dignity and environmental health.

At Tasha Research Institute Africa, we remain resolute in our commitment to exposing the injustices of EACOP and TotalEnergies. Together, we can turn the tide against these destructive forces and build a future where communities like Kasinyi thrive, free from the shadows of corporate greed.

A NEW YEAR, A RENEWED COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY

The past year has brought challenges, but it has also reinforced our resilience and determination. From exposing the injustices tied to exploitative projects like EACOP to launching initiatives that empower communities, we've made significant strides in advancing our mission. Yet, as we reflect on these milestones, we recognize that our work is far from done.

This new year represents an opportunity to double down on our efforts to confront corporate greed, protect our natural heritage, and amplify the voices of those who have been silenced. It is a time for us to reaffirm our commitment to sustainable development, community empowerment, and ecological preservation.

As we move forward, our vision remains clear: a future where communities thrive in harmony with the environment, free from exploitation and injustice. This year, we pledge to:

Strengthen Community Advocacy: We will continue working alongside communities affected by harmful projects, ensuring their stories are heard and their rights are upheld.

Champion Environmental Sustainability: By focusing on innovative and sustainable solutions, we aim to build a better future for generations to come.

Foster Collaboration: Through partnerships with like-minded organizations and individuals, we will amplify our collective impact.

To our readers, we invite you to join us in this renewed commitment. Whether through advocacy, education, or direct action, your contributions can make a tangible difference. Together, let's forge a path that prioritizes people and the planet over profit.

Here's to a year of progress, hope, and transformative change. Let us embrace 2025 with optimism, determination, and an unyielding commitment to justice.

Happy New Year from Tasha Research Institute Africa!