

**Turkana tribe farmer, northwest Kenya**

"We are used to living here. We keep moving our animals to the few watering holes and good pasture during the dry period that usually lasts nine months. But during the wet season that we call *akiporo* we have had less and less rain. I live on the bank of what was once a large river, but it's been bone dry since about April 2003.

This drought has been very bad. Past droughts have been short and rains have come. This one never seems to finish and our goats and cattle are not multiplying. Now we have to take risks. We must use some of our animals now and just hope that next year's rains will give the herds a chance to breed again. Even if the rains do finally come in March, it will take a long, long time for us to get back all of our animals."