

# Wajiology

With focus on the forgotten role of  
Religion in Mechanism Design

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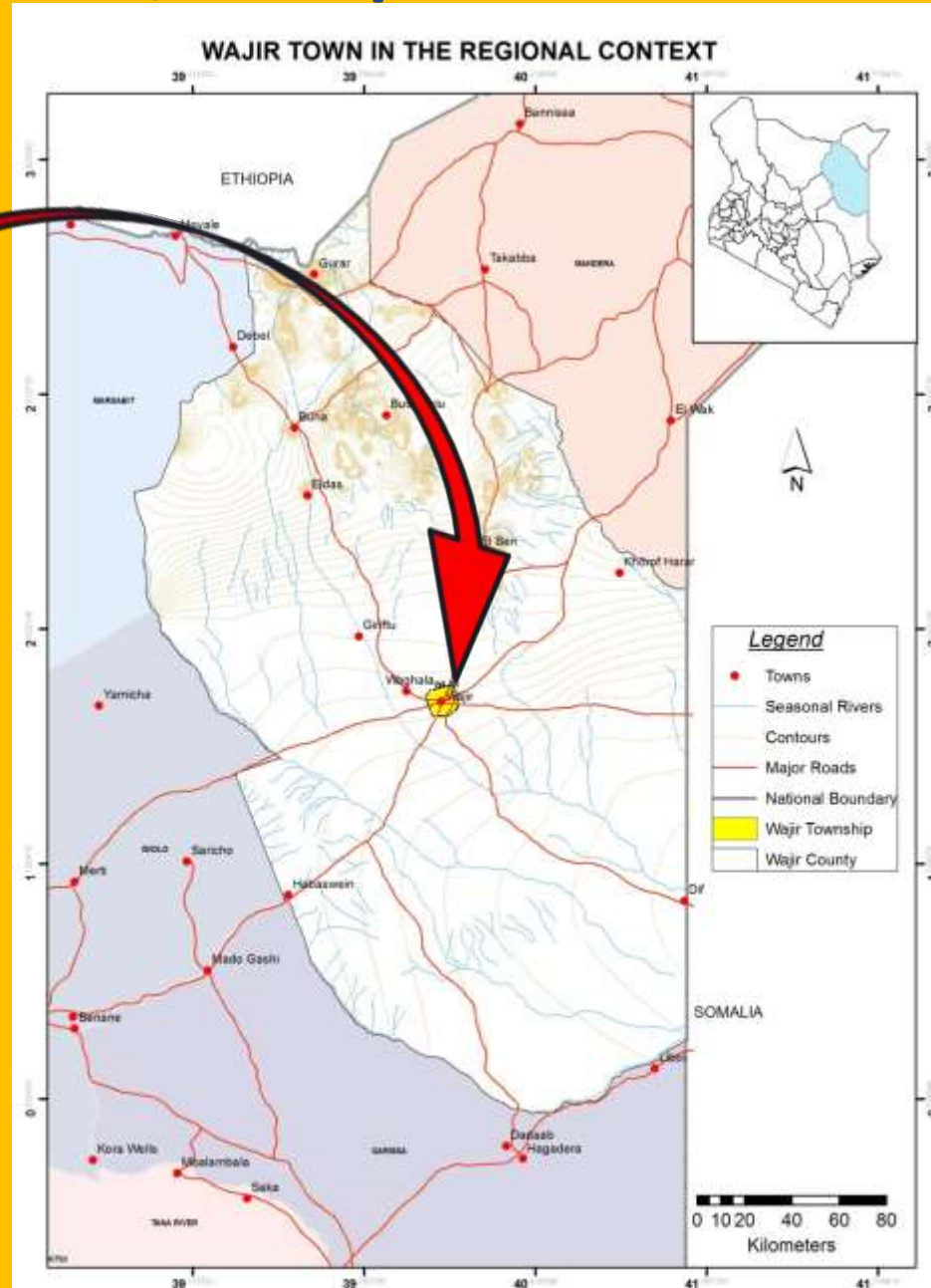
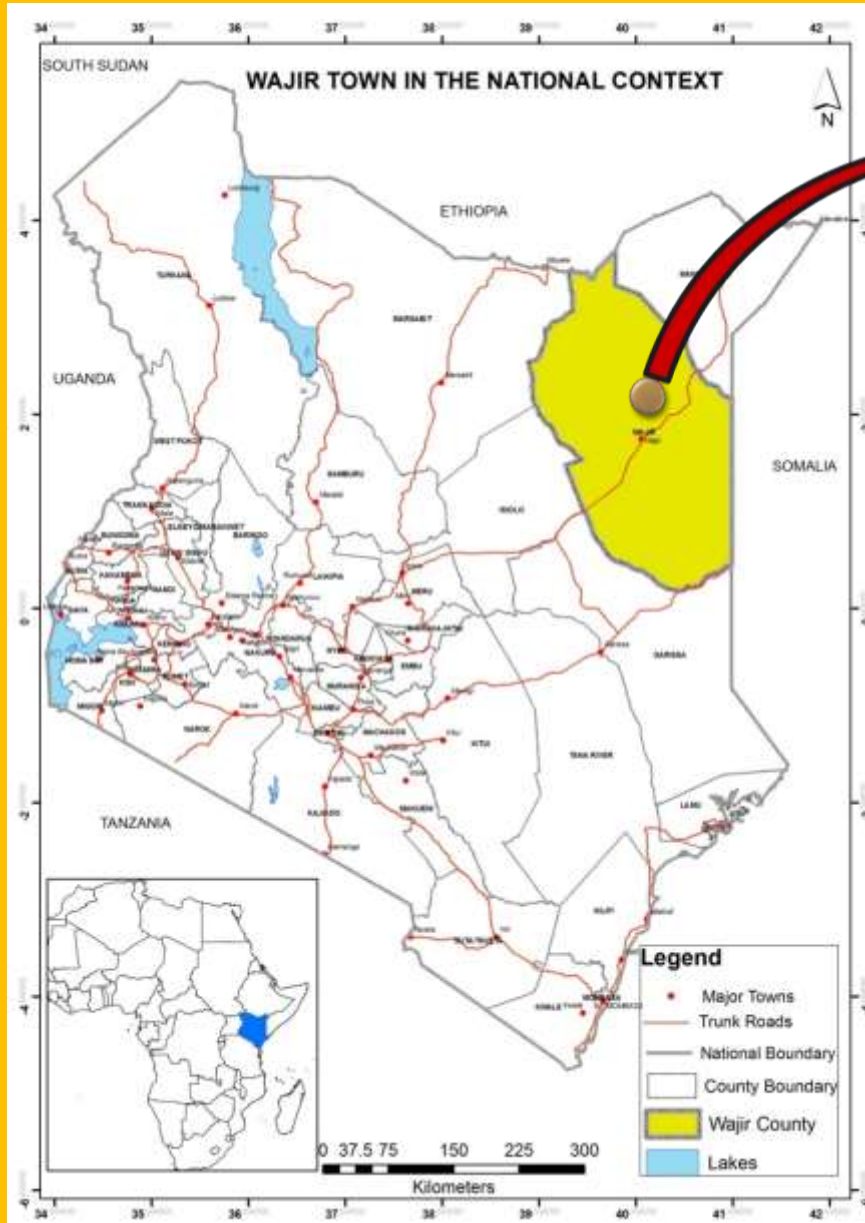
- Effectiveness is equal to a factor of the quality ( of a perception) Multiplied by the Acceptance of that perception. (Maier 1960)
- Understanding the perceptions from people in a different culture may help in the creation of new ideas in Mechanism Design.
- Wajirology: understanding some of the basics of Wajir.

# This is Wajir

If God gives rain  
The acacia's sprout  
Food for so many Camels!  
And abundant water  
Truly Wajir is a paradise  
If the rains are good



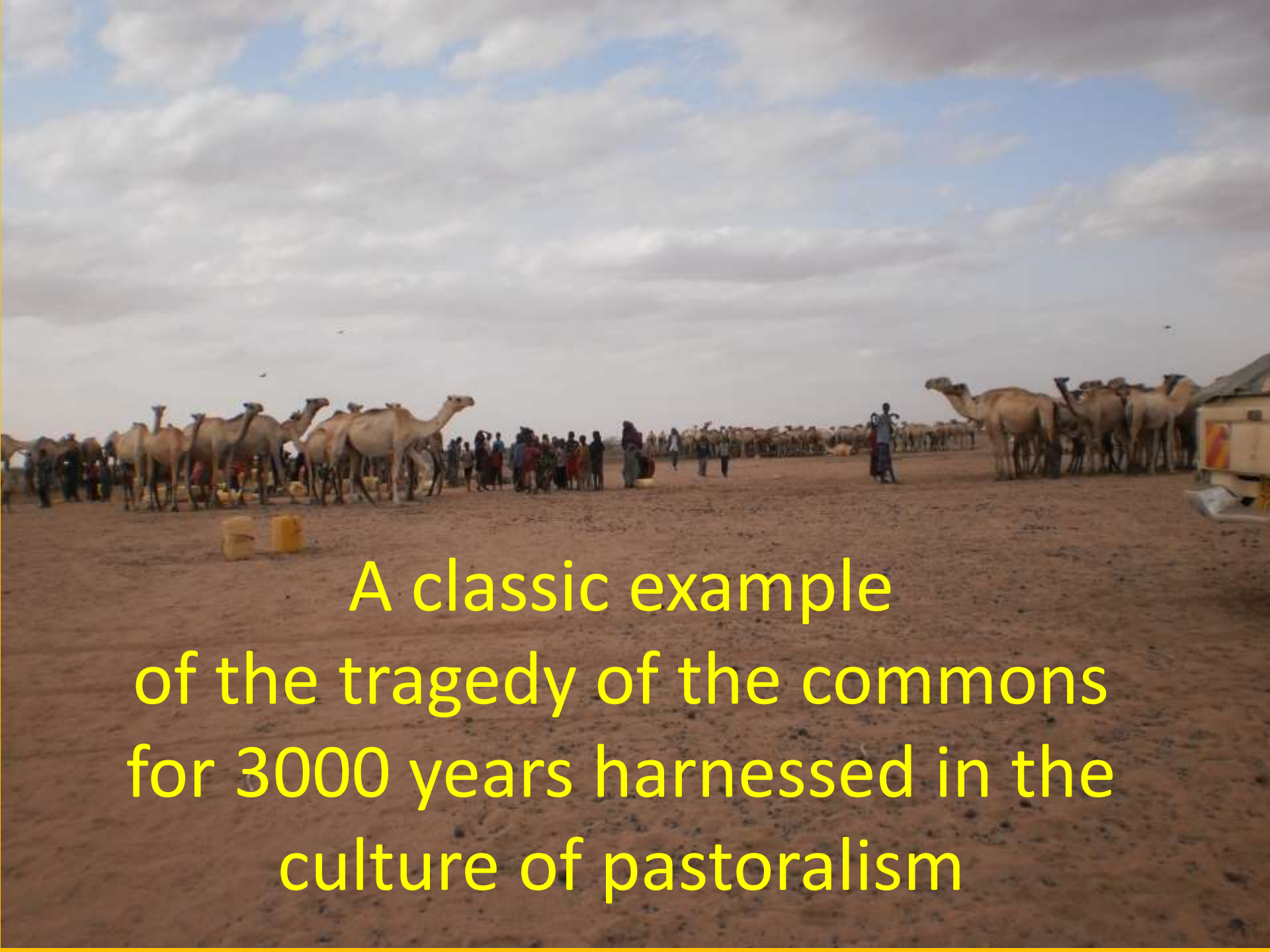
# An ancient Oasis / 3000 years / the queen of Sheba



Also a harsh life





A wide-angle photograph of a camel market or gathering in a dusty, open field. Numerous light-colored camels are lined up, with people standing around them. The sky is filled with large, white clouds. In the foreground, two yellow plastic jerrycans sit on the ground. The overall scene depicts a traditional pastoralist community.

A classic example  
of the tragedy of the commons  
for 3000 years harnessed in the  
culture of pastoralism

## Farmers



- Fertile areas
- 30 percent of the land
- 70 percent of the population
- Producing surplus
- Investing
- Ownership rights
- Muscle work
- Sedentary life
- Property

## Livelihoods

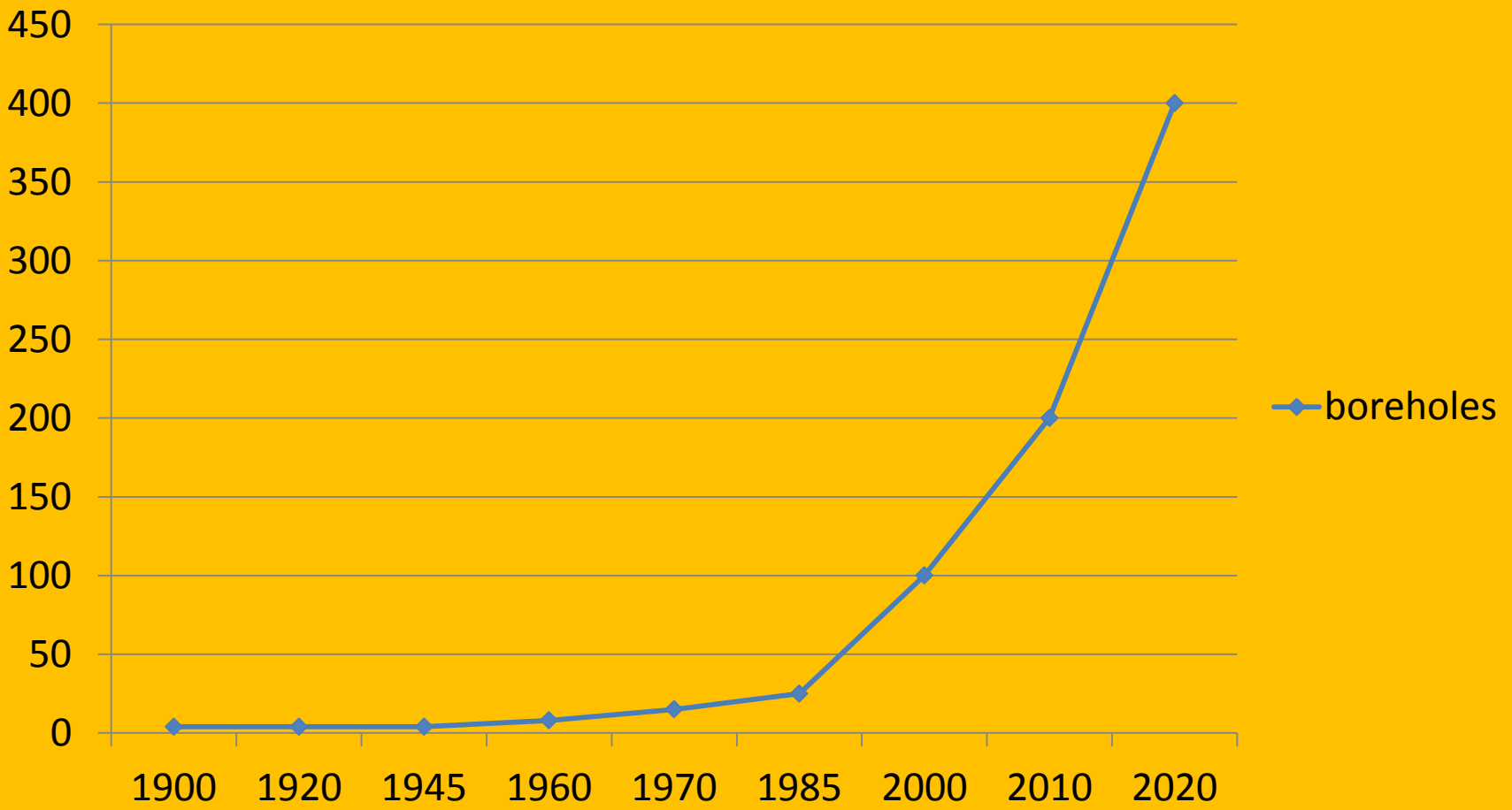
## Pastoralists



- Arid lands
- 70 percent of Kenya
- 30 percent of the population
- Finding surplus
- All resources belong to God
- User rights
- Saving energy
- Nomadic camping
- Sharing resources

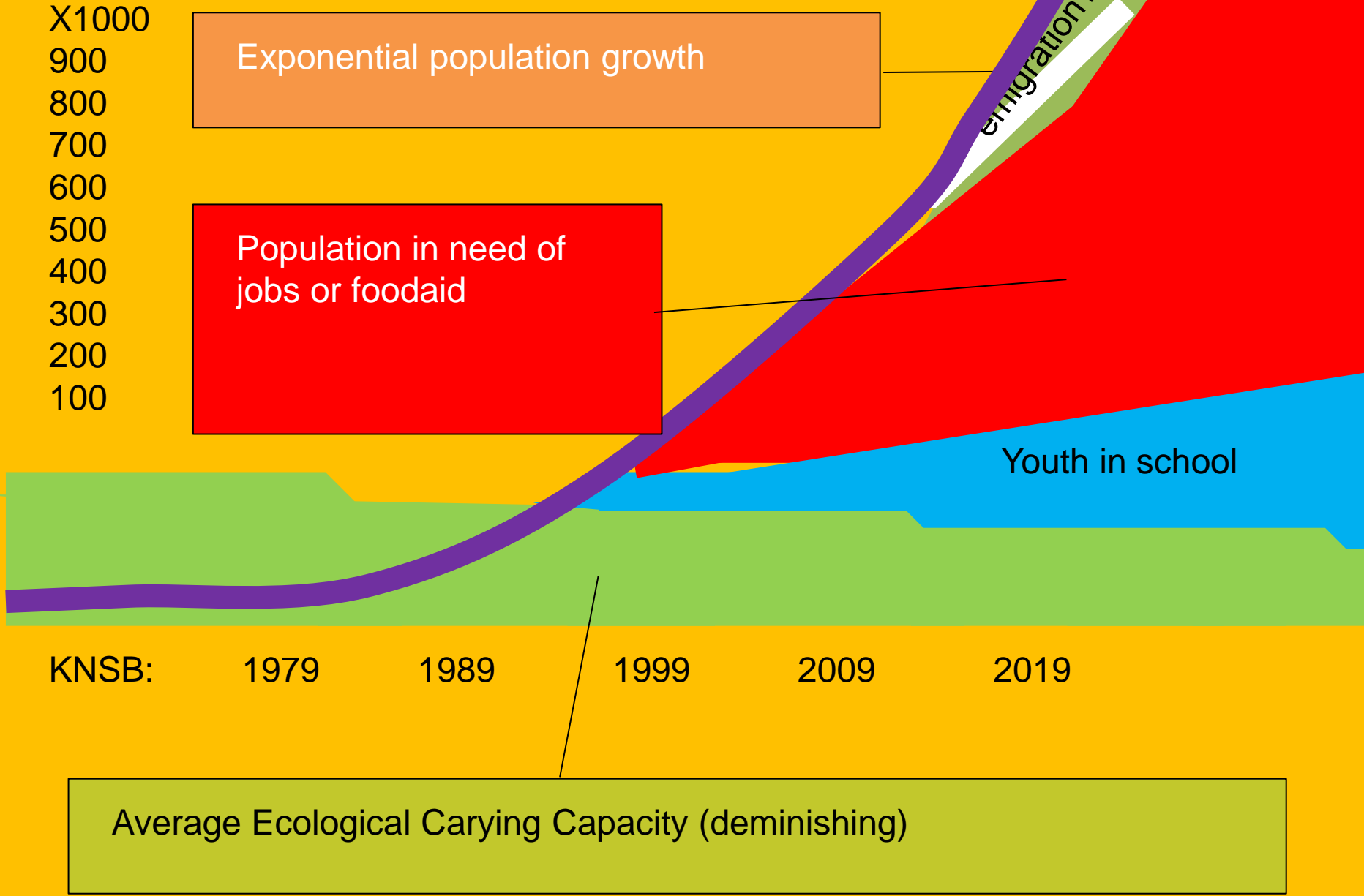
**Mutual incomprehension**

# Exponential growth of Boreholes





# The most fundamental problem of Wajir



X1000  
900  
800  
700  
600  
500  
400  
300  
200  
100

Exponential population growth

Population in need of jobs or foodaid

emigration?

Youth in school

KNSB: 1979 1989 1999 2009 2019

Average Ecological Caring Capacity (deminishing)

# How to change?

- How to induce people to different behaviour?
- The carrot , the sermon and the Stick
- 2 examples of behavioral change that worked in Wajir:
  - The Wajir Peace proces
  - Female Genital Mutulation

Perception is the key:

**ALL  
RESOURCES  
ARE FROM  
GOD**





# Gimmi that old time Religion



- Believing in an Authority who wants the ultimate best for you
- Daily surrender to the will of God
- Rules that limit greed are ancient:
- Adam and Eve / Adin and Hawa
- Kain and Abel
- 10 commentments

# Wajir Peace process





# Female Genital Mutilation



