

KENYA COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTRE (KECOSCE)



WHO WE ARE:-

KENYA COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTRE (KECOSCE) is a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) based at the Coast of Kenya. The organization was founded and registered by the Government under Section 10 of the Non-Governmental Organizations Co-ordination Act in 2006.

The Vision of the KECOSCE:-

A free, just and democratically governed society that upholds progressive equality.

The Mission Statement of the KECOSCE:-

To facilitate an equitable and secure society by promoting Peaceful coexistence, good governance and sustainable social-economic development at the community level

OUR APPROACH

Individual and collective learning: KECOSCE offers its members and partners an opportunity to learn from each other and to engage in collective reflection and learning.

Convening: KECOSCE is committed to stimulating debate and discussion on democracy, natural resource management, environment, human security and youth issues in Kenya in a manner that highlight issues that have thus far not been discussed.

Partnerships and networking: KECOSCE is committed to building partnerships as well as introducing strategic partnerships with other CSOs, Development partners, Foundations and academia in pursuance of the centre's vision

Capacity building: involves training the beneficiaries to effectively utilize community assets for economic prosperity as well as knowledge and skills for effective management in economic, social and political process.

Building a constituency for social change: kecosce builds stronger relationships with communities, organizations and companies to become part of a movement that promotes and protects the sustainable use of natural resources promotion of democracy and human security.

PROGRAMME AREAS:-

1. Democratic Governance and Human Rights
2. Community Economic development and asset management
3. Peace building, conflict mitigation and human security
4. Research, Documentation and Capacity Building
5. Youth mentoring and development
6. Women empowerment and Development

CORE VALUES OF KECOSCE

KECOSCE advocates, adheres to and upholds the following values:

- a) Unity in diversity, openness and the recognition of secular society;
- b) Realization of solidarity, cooperation and collaboration values with partners across regions for a just society and better world;
- c) Democracy, popular participation of the people, freedom, justice and peace for all;
- d) Respect of human rights, constitutionalism and the rule of law.
- e) Diligence, excellence and distinction in provision of the quality services for the people;
- f) Spirit of integrity, accountability and transparency in operations.

WHERE WE WORK:-

Kenya Community Support Centre (KECOSCE) currently implements its programmes in the Coast province. All the programmes and projects are designed to benefit the entire community with special focus on Youth, Gender mainstreaming, Environmental governance and capacity building as crosscutting issues.

PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Kecosce works with the following stakeholders in its projects:-

- a] All relevant ministries and public sector institutions.
- b] Like-Minded international and local civil society organizations
- c] Youth groups, Women groups, Faith Based Organizations, Community Based Organizations
- d] Counties, and local Authorities
- e] Expert Institutions and consultants
- f] Development partners
- g] Diplomatic missions
- h] Volunteers and Individuals

CURRENT PROJECTS

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY CAMPAIGN AND TAXATION

Launched to challenge the decision by MPs to reject payment of taxes, eliminate political impunity and uphold human rights and good governance and reduce corruption and promote democratic governance through proper management of devolved funds.

YOUTH MENTORING PROJECT: This project aims as building stronger youth communities' resilience to reject, prevent and counter radicalization and mainstream voices and promote human security and community as well as national security. The programme further promotes dialogues forums and capacity building as a strategy to challenging extremism.



A major component in this project, involves training on youth on democratic governance aimed at changing youth attitudes towards civic participation especially in the on-going institutional, policy and electoral reforms, political processes and advocacy for youth participation and involvement in governance and decision making structures.



ACCESS TO CREDIT AND PROMOTION OF SAVING CULTURE AMONGST THE YOUTH

KECOSCE recognizes the economic challenges facing young people in Kenya. This project addresses unemployment, poverty, and idleness etc livelihood needs of the youth through training on small scale business management, information sharing and advocacy for youth friendly policies and laws to support economic participation of youth within and outside Kenya. This has led the Formation of the Coast Youth Entrepreneurs Cooperative Society. The society's main objective is to ensure youth access credit and develop the saving culture. Cooperative provides financial support to youth income generating initiatives and facilitates formation, registration, training, business mentorship to young entrepreneurs.



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COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY ASSETS



This project is located in Kinango district covering four locations of Samburu Division. The project involves marketing and commercialization of Aloe products for conservation and poverty reduction in the area. We have facilitated formation and registration of Nuru Farmers Cooperative Society with membership drawn from the four



locations and the 36 community groups that we work with. This project has undertaken training on natural resources management and utilization, Development of Aloe based Products, Marketing, and establishment of production centers and expansion of farms with the aim developing Aloe Cottage industry in this semi-arid area of Kinango District. This project further focuses on policy advocacy to support community social enterprises and fair trade at the national and international level. 23 Grants have been given to the groups to enhance production and both individual and group incomes.



PROMOTING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO POLITICAL VIOLENCE



The overall goal of this project is to strengthen community resilience to political violence. The project will build capacity of individuals, youth and grassroots organizations on constitutionalism, human rights, policy and policy influencing as well as monitoring public services delivery and address the overwhelming misinformation on national issues. These projects further promote greater participation and public accountability



STRENGTHENING LOCAL CAPACITIES FOR PEACE AND COHESION IN THE COAST OF KENYA

This project is being implemented in Malindi, Kilifi and Tana Delta districts and is expected to contribute to a more peaceful society through implementation of activities that enhance the role of youth in Peace building,



promote inter ethnic community cohesion, mobilize communities to participate in the TJRC and the ongoing reform process in Kenya. The project is enhancing the role of women in peace building as well as strengthening community policing structures and promoting divisional dialogues that seek to identify root causes of conflicts and develop local solutions to eliminate negative ethnicity for sustained peaceful coexistence of communities and

GOVERNANCE

Kenya community Support Center is managed by a five member board of directors who provide policy direction and support to its secretariat headed by the Executive Director and a team of staff who implement its programmes and projects. The Center promotes volunteerism and works with volunteers who offer on-the-ground services to support its projects through mobilization, stimulating initiatives that bring desired socio-political and economic change at the local level.

SUPPORT US

Your support to our work will enable the centre to achieve its vision and mission and create the greatest impact in the lives of the grassroots people and people's organization that kecosce works with.

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