

PROFILE OF 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. It was founded and registered by the Government of Kenya under Section 10 of the Non-Governmental Organizations Co-ordination Act in 2006. Kecosce currently operates in all the administrative districts in the Coast of Kenya and has its offices in Mombasa at Kisimani on Mombasa/Malindi Road. Its operations are focused on the grassroot people and people's organizations, with special attention given to youth and women.

The Vision of the KECOSCE:-

Free, just peaceful and progressive society that enjoys quality life, upholds the principles of good governance, human rights democracy, and the rule of law where everyone is able to realize their full potential in all aspect of their development.

The Mission Statement of the KECOSCE:-

To promote and facilitate Institutionalization of the values and practices of good governance at community level as a basis for sustainable social-economic development through strengthening and opening up opportunities for the grassroots people and their organizations to participate in the promotion of democracy, socio-economic development and Human Security.

KECOSCE's mandate is to promote democratic governance, reduce poverty, and promote sustainable development and human security.

KECOSCE's goal is to contribute to sustainable development in order to reduce poverty, promote democratic governance and

to contribute to a more secure, equitable, and prosperous world.

PROGRAMME AREAS:-

1. Democratic Governance and Human Rights
2. Natural Resources Management and Governance
3. Human Security and Development
4. Capacity Building

Strategic Objectives

Kenya Community Support Centre In its current Strategic Plan has four main objectives:-

1. To enhance capacity of Coastal communities participate in democratic governance and hold state and non-state actors accountable to the public by 2012.
2. To enhance economic development through sustainable management of natural resources for poverty reduction by 2012
3. To create a stronger more resilient youth community committed to rejecting radicalization by 2015
4. To contribute to the creation of a prosperous (multi-ethnic and religious) and peaceful society that respects human rights and conforms to good governance by 2015.

WHERE WE WORK:-

Kenya Community Support Centre (KECOSCE) works in the entire Coast region, currently covering the 13 districts and 210 locations. All the programmes and projects are designed to benefit the entire community with Gender mainstreaming, Environmental governance and capacity building as cross-cutting issues.

CURRENT PROJECTS

1. PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE: A POST ELECTION RESPONSE

This project was initiated as a response to the December, 27 violence that resulted from the disputed presidential election results that left scores of Kenyans dead, millions of property looted/destroyed and over 750,000 people internally displaced. The project's main objective was to protect the most vulnerable people and targeted the Internally Displaced persons in Mombasa city and the communities especially the informal settlement victims who became sharply divided along tribal lines through political instigation.

2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY CAMPAIGN AND TAXATION.

This project has taken the form of a campaign following the unanimous decision by Members of Parliament to reject payment of Taxes to support the proposed 2008/9 budget.

Parliament has since 1999 illegally used public resources to support the welfare of



Members of Parliament through the creation of Parliamentary Service Commission Act, 1999 that was created to take care of MPs welfare at the expense of the majority poor people of Kenya. The purpose of the project is to raise awareness on the role of parliament, and challenge members of parliament to repeal the act and provide for payment of taxes like all other Kenyans, reduce corruptions and promote democratic governance through proper management of devolved funds

3. **YOUTH MENTORING PROJECT:** This project aims as building stronger youth communities through resilience to counter radicalization for sustainable human security and enhance development. The project is being implemented in Kwale, Msambweni, Kilindini and Mombasa districts.



4. **WATER AND SANITATION GOVERNANCE IN THE CITY OF MOMBASA:** The purpose of this project is to create awareness and enhances civic participation in the Water and sanitation sector for good governance.

5. **DEVELOPING SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AND COMMUNITY ASSETS**
This project is being implemented in Kinango, Kwale, Msambweni, Kilifi and Malindi Districts. The purpose of the project is to build the capacity of the coast communities to sustainably manage and participate in the governance of natural resources through asset building, environmental conservation and social enterprises.

6. **PEACE AND SECURITY PROJECT**
This project is being implemented in Mombasa, Kwale,



Msambweni and Kilindini districts with the aim of promoting tolerance, social justice and good governance for creation of a prosperous (multi-ethnic and religious) and peaceful society that respects

human rights and conforms to good governance. The project specifically is aimed at building the capacity of local level institutions for conflict transformation; create awareness on government functions and influencing formulation of policies and laws that support human security and human development.

The principles of KECOSCE

Pursuant to the foregoing vision and mission statements, KECOSCE advocates, adheres to and upholds the following values:

- a) Unity in diversity, openness and the recognition of secular society;
- b) National altruism, patriotism and its culture necessities be invest in all the people and greater emphasis be given to youth and the children;
- c) Realization of solidarity, cooperation and collaboration values with partners across regions for a just society and better world;
- d) Realization of sustainable development through commitment and devotion to work;
- e) Democracy, popular participation of the people and the ownership;
- f) Freedom, justice and peace for all;
- g) Respect of human rights, constitutionalism and the rule of law.
- h) Commendable moral conduct and advance principles of equality of all humanity;
- i) Diligence, excellence and distinction in provision of the quality services for the people;
- j) Spirit of integrity, accountability and transparency in operations.

STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS

Kecosce works with the following stakeholders in its projects:-

1. All relevant ministries and government departments and all public sector institutions.
2. Like-Minded civil society organizations
3. Youth groups
4. Women groups
5. Faith Based Organizations
6. Community Based Organizations
7. Local Authorities
8. Volunteers and Individuals

NETWORKS

Kenya Community Support Centre believes in building networks and partnerships for solidarity and continuous learning in all its programmes. The Centre is currently a member of several national, regional and local networks and is the lead organization for the Coast Peace Initiative and the Mombasa Water and Sanitation Consortium.

GOVERNANCE

Kenya community Support Center is management by a five member board of directors who provide policy direction and support to its secretariat headed by the Programmes Coordinator and projects staff. The Center works with volunteers who offer on-the-ground services to support implementation of its programmes and projects.

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