

Annual Report for: Kwacha Afrika

Term: January 1st 2016- December 15st 2016.

Objectives	Outputs	Achievements during the past Year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good engagement from the volunteers during forums. • Visit from the KACC field staff to collect the quarterly report on the HIV/AIDS community programme. • At least two forums were attended that were organized by stakeholders. • The use of social media platforms mainly twitter has put issues in the limelight and that the county government has reacted on the same. • Citizens were given the chance to review the Mombasa county bill and also had the time to draw up memorandum on the CFSP and give their inputs both in Kisauni and Nyali Sub-counties respectively. • Sensitization of the community most especially the youths on issues of self reliance and equipment of enterprenual skills and career guidance. • From the discussions, the public were able to analyze the issues and converged a meeting with the chair of the finance which pave way for further engagement • Citizens were able to know the budget and how to follow up on the implementation to the ground, and more importantly how the reset of the citizens will participate to ensure checks and balances of the community projects • Through the process; citizens from different sub counties particularly Nyali managed to stop the budget process 2016/2017 presented by the county since it was unlawful and didn't follow the due process of availing the documents in time and give community the right duration to analyze them before giving their views
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				<p>during the forum. The County officials took it positively and rescheduled the forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the budget process forums done discussing on county fiscal strategy paper, Junda community raised issues about Junda clinic particularly lack of transport for patience when in critical condition and as a result, some of the issues were considered and ambulance was given to take care of the community • Talent uplift of youth through two youth talent extravaganza done in both Mombasa and Kilifi counties respectively.
		Expected (as stated in the annual work plans of the partners.)	Actual (reality as noted after implementation.)	Describe in what way the intervention has supported the attainment of the objectives and outputs of the Project Document.

<p>Health, Gender and Disability. Department</p> <p>Objective</p> <p>To contribute to the awareness and appreciation of Health, Gender and Disability issues and build the capacity of youth in community to demand, engage and enjoy their full rights.</p>	<p>Output 2</p> <p>2000 individuals 631m/798 f} have been equipped with information in sexual reproductive health and life skills so that they can be able to address health issues and make informed decisions for their future.</p>	<p>2500 individuals {1100m/1400f} were expected to gain knowledge and skills through focus group discussion, and forums.</p>	<p>144 individual {61m/83f} acquired skills and knowledge through focus group discussion, dual discussions , one on one and forums</p>	<p>During the period of 2016, There was a Mombasa county dissemination forum organized by NACC to give present Kenya's first track plan to end HIV and AIDS among adolescents and young people in which Kwacha Afrika was represented by members of theatre and other affiliated youths. The forum was organized by National Aids Control Council (NACC), UNFPA and The Global Fund. There was also a meeting that was held at Kilifi Bay hotel organized by the Ministry of education and the county government of Kilifi. Other stakeholders were also involved to discuss the current education situation in the county as well as present a bargaining front for organization doing school programs to source for viable funding from external donors.</p> <p>Within the forums, the participants were urged to embrace new ways of engaging young people in tackling matters of poor health and rise in infectious diseases within the target groups.</p>
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<p>Governance Department</p> <p>Objective.</p> <p>To build leadership capacity and skills of youth in order for them to advocate for their on all issues that concern them.</p>	<p>9481 individuals 4728m/4753f} have benefited ,equipped with information on issues of lobbying and advocacy, civic education, budgeting in county government of Kilifi and Mombasa and as well as youth engagement on matters of development.</p>	<p>6355 individuals {3725m/2603f} were expected to gain knowledge and skills through focus group discussion, and forums, community outreach and seminars.</p>	<p>5820 Individuals{2613m /3207f} acquired skills and knowledge through focus group discussion, community outreaches and forums.</p>	<p>As stipulated in the constitution 2010, it's a right of every citizen to information and involvement in all matters pertaining development and democracy. It's in line with this requirement that the governance department, under the umbrella of kwacha Afrika, has taken the initiative of diffusing civic education to the community and other issues concerning societal developments, through different programme areas.</p> <p>Despite development efforts by diverse actors and the difficulties faced by the Kenyan citizens' society, most especially in Mombasa County, the organization has been working with this community where little development is incurred, to execute its departmental objectives and programmes using the following strategies to ensure efficiency in the dissemination of relevant information as mentioned below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Community Outreaches ✓ Meetings ✓ Trainings and capacity building ✓ Exchange visits. ✓ Forums <p>The essence of using the above mentioned strategies is to display the contents to the citizens therefore giving a chance the participants to also see the actual sense of what is going on in reality. These and much more are depicted in the following documentation which unfolds the happenings that took place during the year 2015.</p> <p>Three major projects were implemented under the governance departments and there after several objectives and goals have been met. These projects/sub programmes</p>
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				<p>included :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rooting Democracy through Informed Citizenry phase II: This programmed area of the department had much to be undertaken, through partnership with other stakeholders with the organization. For instance, the Rooting Democracy through Informed Citizenry phase II project is spearheaded by URAIA trust in partnership with the organization for implementation. This has been through community outreaches and civic education programme where training of different people to execute the programme to sensitize the community on issues of good governance, devolution, constitution and the role of the citizens in participation in voting is embraced. A total of 73 community activities have been conducted with an inclusion of a social audit activity. 2. Youth lobbying and activism program: was another area in which the department has been able to work closely by supporting youths and mentoring them on the issues of pushing for social inclusion and justice. Some of the activities to support the youth lobbying and activism included. <p><i>Citizen participation forums</i></p> <p>The forums gave the citizens to exercise their constitutional right hence participate in the developments of the county. For instance free expressions of thoughts concerning the budget draft of the 2016-2017 financial year shed some light concerning how their tax is being utilized and their contributions towards nation building. In addition, the open forums. This was geared to give the citizens a chance to know what the county government has on store for them. Among the areas where these forums were conducted included kisauni, likoni, mikindani and jomvu.</p> <p><i>Devolution play.</i></p>
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				<p>aim of promoting accountable, inclusive and democratic processes at the county level targeting Mombasa county executive and the Members of County assembly.</p> <p><i>Youth Talent extravaganza</i></p> <p>The extravaganza sought to promote talent nurturing and creating a caliber of informed youths in terms of quality leadership, county development , awareness creation and civic education</p> <p>The platform intended to bring talented youth on a creative themed artistic completion, in which the youth were awarded according to the categories and presentation. Youth from the six sub-counties were invited with inclusion of the County government and other stake holders. The theme of the extravaganza was <i>“UNGOZI BORA NA UWAJIBIKAJI”</i> and the slogan of the day was <i>UONGO? ZII!!! SI UONGOZI</i>. The activity reached 700 participants and several leaders were present from the office of the senator Mombasa to Ministry of youth , gender and sports were represented.</p>
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<p>Imarisha Vijana Objective.</p> <p>Imarisha Vijana will aim to offer career guidance, training, mentoring and other referral services for the wellbeing of the youths in Kisauni Sub-county.</p>	<p>570 individuals 287m/283f } have benefited have benefited in Trainings and college recruitment in Mombasa County.</p>	<p>690 individuals {m301/389f} were expected to gain knowledge and skills through focus group discussion, and forums</p>		<p><i>Youth empowerment on skills development.</i></p> <p>Most of the families that reside in Kisauni sub-county actually belong to a low social class and are mainly working in industries as casuals earning barely enough to keep up with their family basic needs. Typical Kisauni youth will hardly go beyond primary education and it is worse for the girl child. The culture in many cases confines women to house hold chores leaving very little space for academic advancement. This challenge has built a solid foundation for large scale unemployment in Mombasa County and the Imarisha Vijana project seeks to address these concerns. The project will therefore pursue increased employment opportunities for marginalised youth in Kisauni sub-county and in Mombasa at large.</p> <p>The Imarisha Vijana project is designed as a comprehensive package of services, which if collectively offered to the youth – will increase their youth employment opportunities. The centre has been providing a comprehensive package of services which included: career guidance, mentoring, referral services and training. There has been the use of wide networks in the community to raise awareness and attract marginalised youth to the Imarisha Vijana centre. Also during the year its been enrolling youths into the centre in ensuring that they get quality service at all times. So far eighteen Business skills training, five career training, six computer skills trainings, respectively that have been conducted during the year ,also technical trainings to higher technical institutions for youth to gain certified skills.</p>
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<p>Theatre Department.</p> <p>Objective.</p> <p>To Support youth to develop their talents in order to create awareness in the community on social issues and improve their economic status.</p>	<p>3335 Individuals 1809m/1526f} have benefited in getting efficient information through edutainment in the community.</p>	<p>3600 individuals {1825m/1775f} were expected to gain information through theatre engagement.</p>	<p>2118 individuals {1281m/837f} acquired skills and knowledge through theatre performances.</p>	<p>Theatre troupe is a department under the umbrella of Kwacha Afrika which uses theatre as a tool to sensitize the community on different issues affecting them (community). The troupe performs dramatized items like choral verses, plays and skits, narratives and songs to convey messages to the community. The group's strength lies in its ability to promote community-led solutions to youth problems using the medium of participatory educational theatre (PET). The theater crew/thespians have been educating community on issues land, constitution, environment conservation, health issues among others, averting violent extremism among youths . These activities were conducted mostly in Mombasa Sub-counties. The items presented during these activities included choral verses, narrations and a short skirt.</p> <p>The several verses and skits have been developed to cater for different project. These (verses) are used to educate on women empowerment, youth against violent extremism, good governance, leadership and upholding democracy.</p> <p>The narrations in verse and skits quoted chapters from the Kenyan constitution that gives community to follow up on governance and county development. These were narrated since most community members do not read the constitution hence do not know their rights. Also the emergence of radical groups and attitude among youths were taken into consideration when it comes countering violence extremism and several skits, plays and choral verses engaged the youths on those issues, both in Kilifi and Mombasa county in general.</p> <p>The Kwacha thespians in during the project year has been able to hold monthly plays at the little theater enacting different themes and showcasing immense talent and also to promote economic empowerment. The most incredible play</p>
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				<p>was VULI which highlighted how politicians use poor and unemployed youth to cause havoc in the communities hence intimidating them from getting vital information on governance issues and knowing their rights. This in turn then leads them to keep voting the wrong leaders leading to non-development. The play also brought out the issue of politicians using their positions to forcefully evict people and grab land increasing the gap between the rich and the poor.</p>
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			Challenges for past the one year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Through the success stories that were captured during the activities especially community outreaches it was a plus in that, it help in sharing of information between the participants and also opened eyes of the community members on what is happening to the ground ➤ Other community members are demanding to be paid so as to attend the sessions, which sometimes makes it difficult to get the target numbers of audience per outreach.. ➤ Lack of IEC materials during the activities was a challenge for the mobilizers to achieve the set target number of participants. This is due to lack of motivation to the participants. ➤ Most of the participants arrive late during these forum and hence constraint in time, and this results to postponement of some important issues. ➤ Lack of leadership will from county government official in attending youth forums.
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ACTIVITIES PHOTO GALLERY.



Theater skills trainer engaging participants during a training under the imarisha vijana center.



Dancers performing in front of judges and community members at the Cleopatra hall in one of the biggest youth talent extravaganza events supported by Kwacha Afrika.



Artist dancing in youth talent extravaganza conducted at Mbaraki hall in Mombasa County.



Kwacha Afrika engaging residents of Mombasa county during a community road show in creating awareness on matters of voters registration, citizen participation, constitution and good governance.



A security personnel engaging Magarini sub-county residents in discussing matters of security pertaining to land and violent extremism within their area.



Kwacha Thespians performing one of their verses during a community outreach at Bamako in shanzu- Kisauni sub-county.