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## Thank You to our donors and partners

Following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath, 2021 marked quite a challenging year for our organization reeling to the fatigue of working remotely. Running with tight donor funded project margins and reduced budgets weighed down by the impact of the pandemic, we sincerely thank you for helping us strategically navigate through one of the most unthinkable nonprofit challenges of our time to balance continuity of our operations and delivery of services to our beneficiaries. While we suffered some inevitable budget cuts, we remain very grateful to the **European Union (EU) through UNDP's Amkeni wa Kenya and the Search for Common Ground (SFCG), the Embassy of Finland through the UN WOMEN Kenya Country Office, The UKAID through Tetrattech-Kenya, the Royal Danish Embassy through Act Change Transform (Act!), the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD) and the Base Titanium Limited for their collective generous financial support of KES. 48,068,516 in 2021** that went towards **sustaining our vision of promoting human rights, rule of law and access to justice for the poor and vulnerable persons and families.**

Due to the impact of the pandemic, more than ever before, our constituents demand for services went higher in the year due to the high cost of living and growing need for basic services such as food, health and education among ordinary citizens. In the midst of new technological advancements triggered by the pandemic, access to justice became more unfavorable to the poor and vulnerable. Over the year, inadequate rainfall and drought in the country and specifically in the coast region, rendered the livelihoods of hundreds



of women, persons with disabilities and the elderly on the edge due to poor agricultural production. In view of these challenging times, we spared **6.3 %** of our total income to provide seed-grants to cushion and support adaptation and resilience of women and youth led community organizations against climate change in the most drought impacted areas of Kilifi county such as Ganze and Magarini. In Mombasa and Kwale counties, we sustained provision of micro-grants to **six (6)** youth groups with each group receiving an average of **USD 3000** to conduct **6-months** community interventions on peace and security. The successful delivery and management of these seed-grants to community based organizations continues to enhance our financial integrity and capacity as a micro-grant making organization.

As we approach the 2022 elections we look forward to your further support in amplifying voices of women, PWDs and youth for peace building and prevention of electoral based violence in Mombasa, Kwale and Kilifi Counties. **Aware of the reputational and operational risks** that might disrupt our smooth operations during the forthcoming election period; we remain committed to **maintaining our apolitical and nonpartisan stance in our work**. Alive to the sensitivity of the work we do, we will strive to build cordial and synergistic relations with both our state and non-state partners to ensure fruition of our interventions.

We hope to continue sustaining these efforts through our new Strategic Plan **(2022 – 2025)** which has prioritized the promotion of peaceful, secure, and resilient communities free from all forms of violence as well as ensuring that **vulnerable communities remain resilient and secure against corporate injustices, climate and environmental related harms including mitigation and adaptation activities as well as the promotion of Youth-centric engagement and advocacy, access to people centered justice**.



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Executive Director  
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# Executive Summary

The enactment of the Legal Aid Act of 2016 is certainly a major stride towards improving access to justice through legal aid to vulnerable and poor persons in the country. However, the ratio of lawyers to persons in need of legal aid otherwise known as indigents, still remains very low thus challenging the provision of free legal aid assistance by lawyers on pro-bono basis. Further, complaints against lawyers misconduct and allegations of corruption in courts continue to diminish public trust in the formal justice system. While the legal aid act recognizes the role of paralegals and non-lawyers in complementing legal aid provision, their formal accreditation remains a major hindrance to the services.

Despite the delegation of legislative authority powers to the county assemblies, access to justice for poor and vulnerable persons is further challenged since most counties have not legislated appropriate laws to support access to justice despite having in place enforcement officers commonly referred to as Inspectorate officers. In Mombasa for instance, the county inspectorate officer's arresting powers were thwarted by a local court for not having appropriate laws in place to support their enforcement work. The lack of sufficient and archaic legislative framework in the counties continues to provide fodder for violation and abuse of human rights by perpetrators such as the county inspectorate officers.



*Gusuf Lule Mwalosefu*

**Executive Director  
Human Rights Agenda | HURIA**



Throughout the COVID-19 restrictions for in-person gatherings, months of remote work, and inconsistent office reopening schedules during the year, HURIA innovated and adapted its provision of legal aid and education to indigents through a free legal aid advisory call platform and enhancement of communities' awareness on the operations of virtual courts. Recognizing our beneficiaries dependency on HURIA as a reliable legal aid provider, we continued to deepen our strategic partnership with members of the Court Users Committee, Mombasa Law Society, Judiciary and private pro-bono lawyers and paralegals in the region. To appreciate their selfless services to vulnerable individuals and families, we organized for the first ever **Paralegals and Pro bono Lawyers Awards** and honored **14 paralegals, 2 lawyers and 2 judicial officers**. Through this and other exciting initiatives in our access to justice work we will in the years to come continue to incentivise integrity and selflessness key values for the delivery of services to indigents.

Despite the unexplained and delayed dissemination of the refreshed National Strategy on PCVE thus far, civil society organizations sustained their spirited efforts to breathe life into the prevention and countering of violent extremism agenda in the region through re-modeling of the Kwale, Mombasa and Kilifi County Action Plans. Four years after pioneering the development of the first generation County Action Plan in the Country, HURIA continues to breathe life into the implementation of the **Kwale County Action Plan** on PCVE. In the sidelines of the **7th Annual Devolution Conference** in Makueni County, HURIA and its strategic partners pitched a high-consultative discussion in the first Governors Roundtable on Peace and Security. Our involvement in these series of multi-stakeholders engagements at the national level continue to position and elevate our voice towards influencing key peace and security policies. These efforts may however be at threat due to the expected transition of county leadership in the three counties that have not seen the proper institutionalization of the PCVE work. While the period also witnessed an interesting involvement of the military in PCVE matters through the NCTC, heightened counter-terrorism operations in Kwale, Kilifi and Mombasa counties. Even after losing a court petition challenging state's amendment of the prevention of terrorism act alongside other civil society groups in the region, our commitment to reinforce the role of women in peace and security in Kwale County was boosted through the localization of the **Kenya National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security –UNSCR1325**, thanks to support from UN Women. It is now expected that the localized plan will see an increased participation of women and girls in peace building through fortification of existing peace and security structures, evoke and invigorate the role of women in peace and security amongst key security actors in Kwale County.

While the region has witnessed the development of critical infrastructure projects such as dams, bridges, and expansion of highways and airstrips, the rights of vulnerable families and individuals continue to be at stake in different parts of the region due to gross disregard for the rule of law and impunity. In Kwale county for instance, the Dongo Kundu southern by-pass for instance has threatened to infringe the rights of more than **400 peoples'** to their land and property over demolitions plans by the Kenya National Highways Authority (KENHA). Through its **Access to Justice program**, HURIA filed a court petition on behalf of the families challenging the inconsiderate government action. Further to such scenarios, delivery of other public services in the coastal counties remains biased for the benefit of a few individuals of superior social status in detriment to the welfare of the larger population. This situation was further worsened by the delayed disbursement of funds to the counties from the national treasury occasioning frequent protests by county employees including doctors and other medical practitioners who had gone without salaries for months.



In an unprecedented step towards reinforcing human rights values and principles in the private sector, we supported actors such as Base Titanium Limited in assessing the **risks and impacts of modern slavery** in their supply chain within **Mombasa and Kwale Counties**. Because of our successful delivery of this assignment, we now sit as a permanent member of a **multi-stakeholder committee** monitoring Bamburi Cement's **compliance to human rights** as they seek to begin their operations in Kwale County. Through these kind of engagements, we will continue to reinforce business companies compliance to human rights through research and training and expose their complicit behavior perpetuating human rights abuses in the region.

To demonstrate the plight of vulnerable groups during and after the pick of the COVID-19 pandemic, this report is dubbed “ **Advancing the Rights of Vulnerable Groups through Innovation and Micro-granting**”. During this period, HURIA designed innovative interventions and set aside **6.3% of its total income for 2021 to facilitate access to justice and human rights for women, at-risk youth and PWDs**. This annual report is a break from the previous multiple years - biennial and triennial reporting pattern to allow for our special decades of existence report anticipated at the end of 2022. Due to the year-into-year overlapping nature of our programmatic interventions, this report also provides some key highlights of activities undertaken in late 2020. The report is divided into three Chapters. Chapter One introduces our new strategic themes and direction for the organization in the next four years while Chapter Two accounts for how we have spent our resources from donors in the last one year. The last chapter of the report presents our key achievements in the last one year including testimonials from our beneficiaries to further demonstrate and celebrate the impact our work.

Finally, as the COVID-19 pandemic begins to wind down with vaccine accessibility and downwards trending case numbers, we hope that it will be possible again for more in-person work to resume in 2022. This gradual slide back to normalcy will be critical for our programmatic intervention since our country will be entering another historical electioneering year. Therefore the need for flexibility in our planning, remote work, and digital engagement will continue to remain as key considerations in work.

**Thank you for your continued support.**



**Executive Director  
Human Rights Agenda | HURIA**







A close-up photograph of two Black women with braided hair, wearing orange t-shirts and lanyards, looking down at a document. The woman on the left is wearing a black face mask. The woman on the right is holding a green and white marker. The background is slightly blurred, showing an indoor setting.

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**Strategy**

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# Our New Strategic Framework

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## Our Vision

A society where **human rights, rule of law and justice** stimulate **citizens capabilities** to build **peaceful, inclusive, and resilient communities** and the claim for **dignified lives**.

## Our Mission

**Promote** people-centered justice, human rights, and the rule of law to dignify people's lives and help **build** more peaceful, inclusive, and resilient communities at the **Coast of Kenya**.



To achieve lasting impact to our beneficiaries, we will ensure that our work is always guided by the following **values, principles, and enablers:**

- We will give critical importance to gender equality, including the ability of women, girls, and PWDs to enjoy the full range of their rights and meaningful **participation** in all aspects of society
- We will remain **accountable** to our people, their needs and rights at the center of all our approaches
- We will employ the most effective, **transparent** and **innovative** ways to create change and **swiftly respond** to our people's needs
- We will remain **alive to changes** in the face of new challenges and technology
- We will work **collaboratively** with a wide range of actors at the international, regional, national, and local levels who share our determination to pool expertise and resources to strengthen our convening power and maximize our impact.

**In the next four years, we will work to build a society where:**

1. Multi-ethnic communities at the coast of Kenya co-exist peacefully, are inclusive and resilient from all forms of violence and do not resort to violence in resolving their civil disputes
2. Vulnerable and poor persons have improved access to affordable, efficient, enforceable, and quality justice, free of bribery and improper influence by private interests, government, or political influence.
3. Vulnerable communities are resilient and secure against corporate injustices, climate and environmental related harms including mitigation and adaptation activities
4. Young people are meaningfully engaged and empowered to play a vital role in their own development as well as in that of their communities.
5. National and County governments at all levels honor their responsibility to provide political, social, economic, and environmental public goods and services that every citizen has the right to expect.





# Accountability Statement





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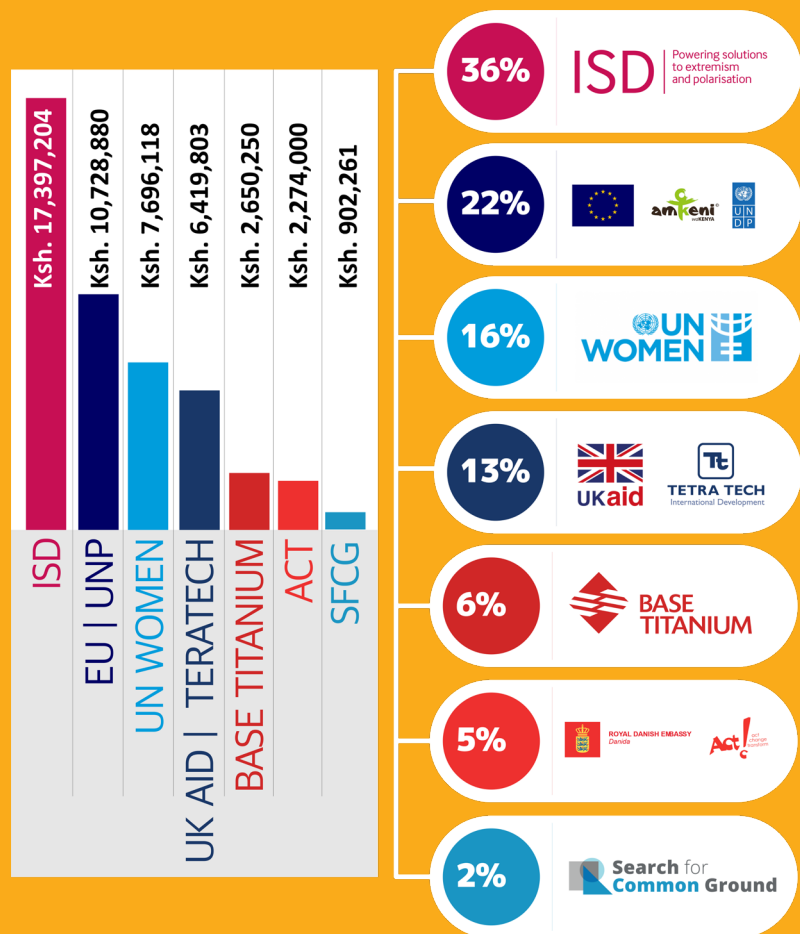
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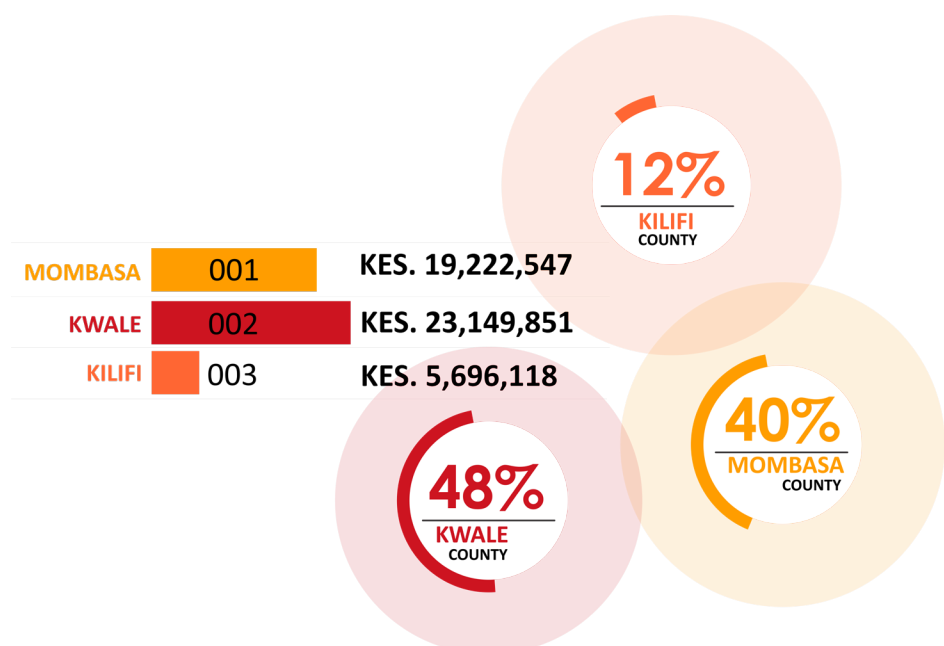




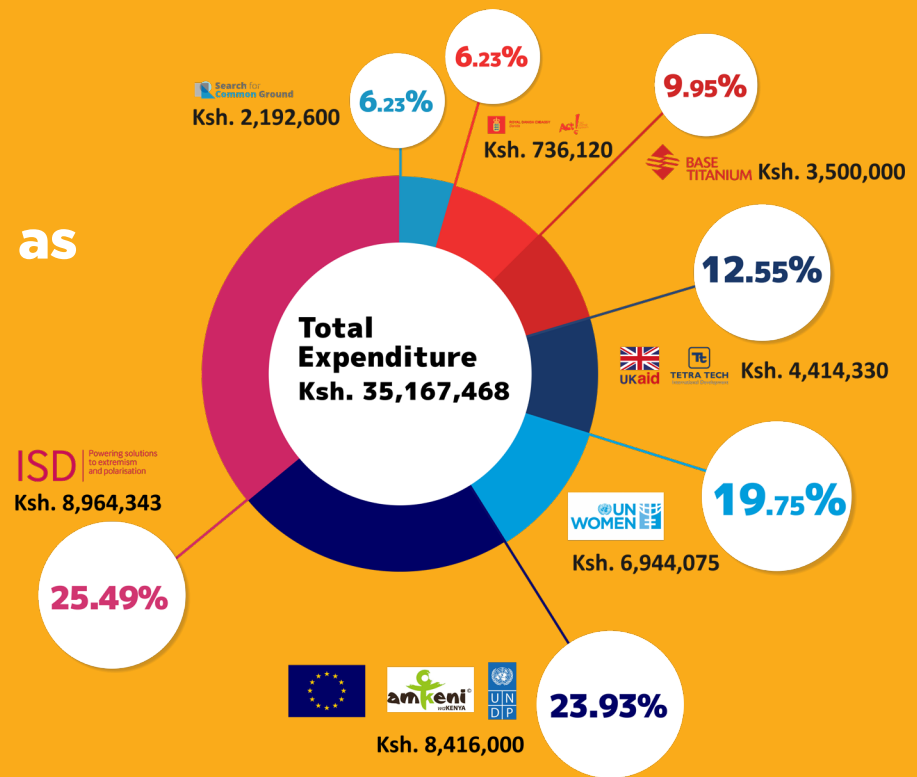
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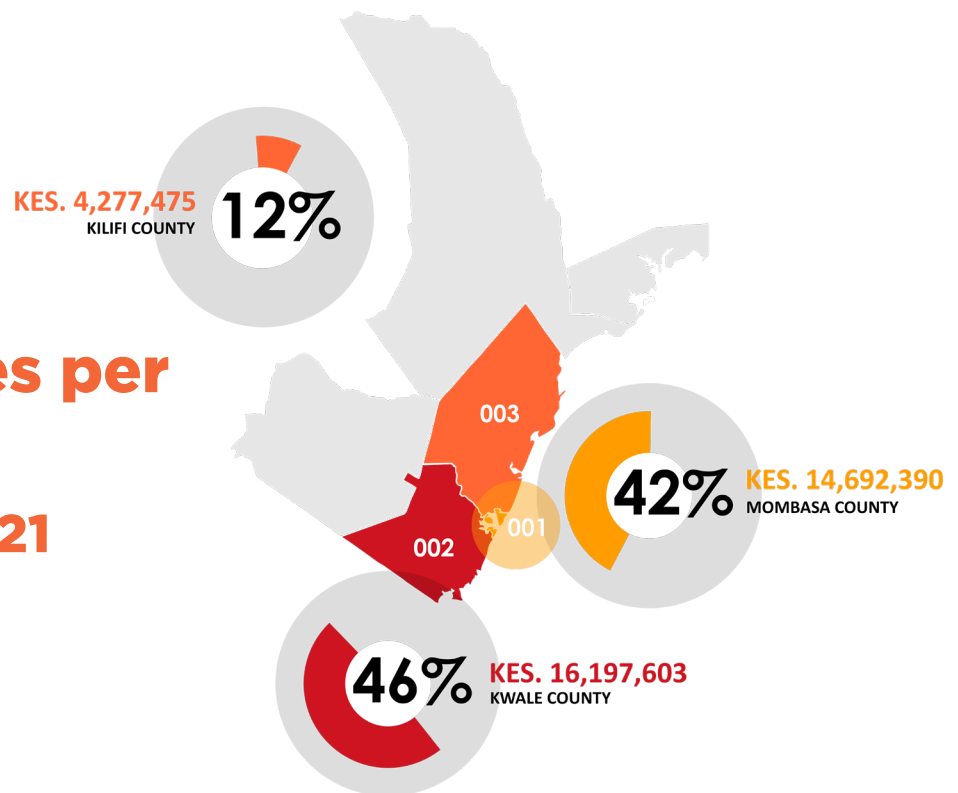


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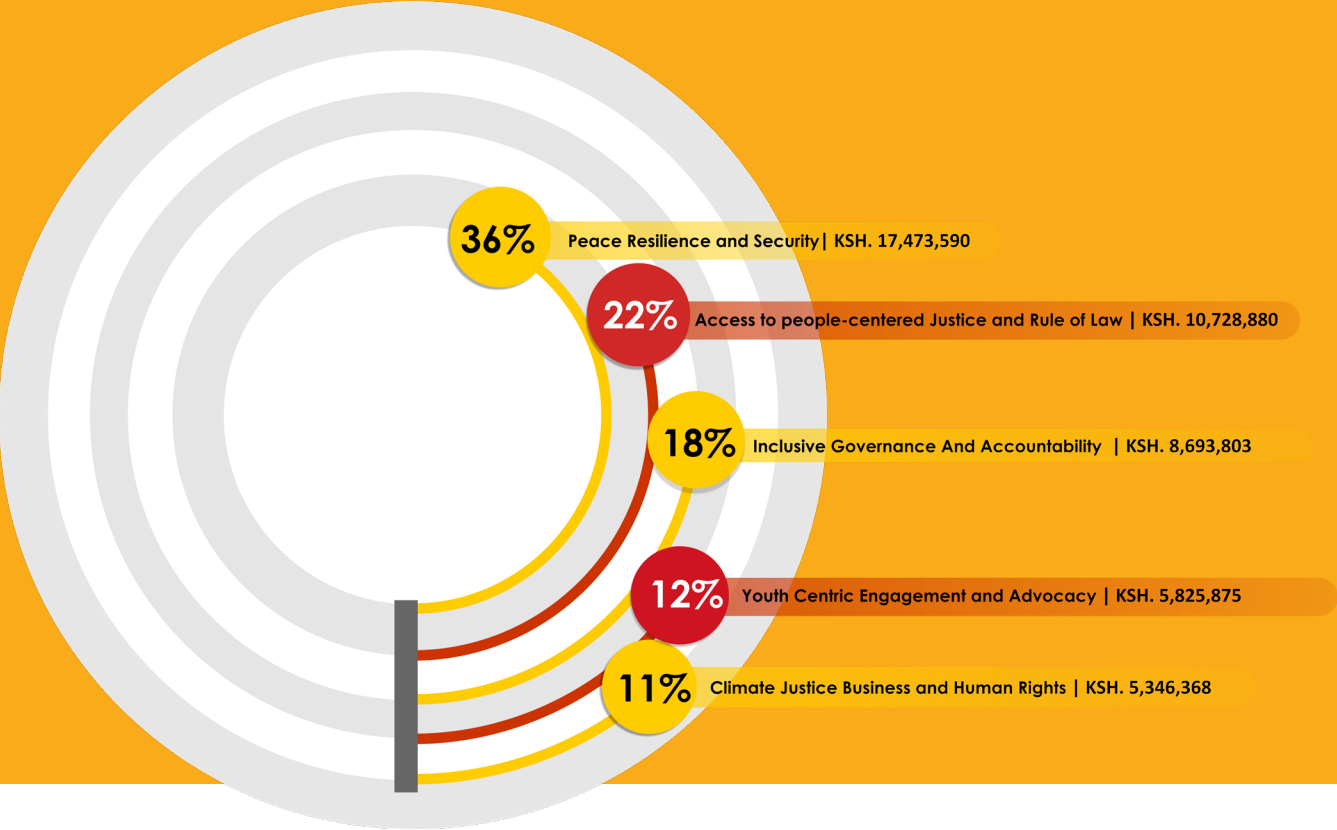
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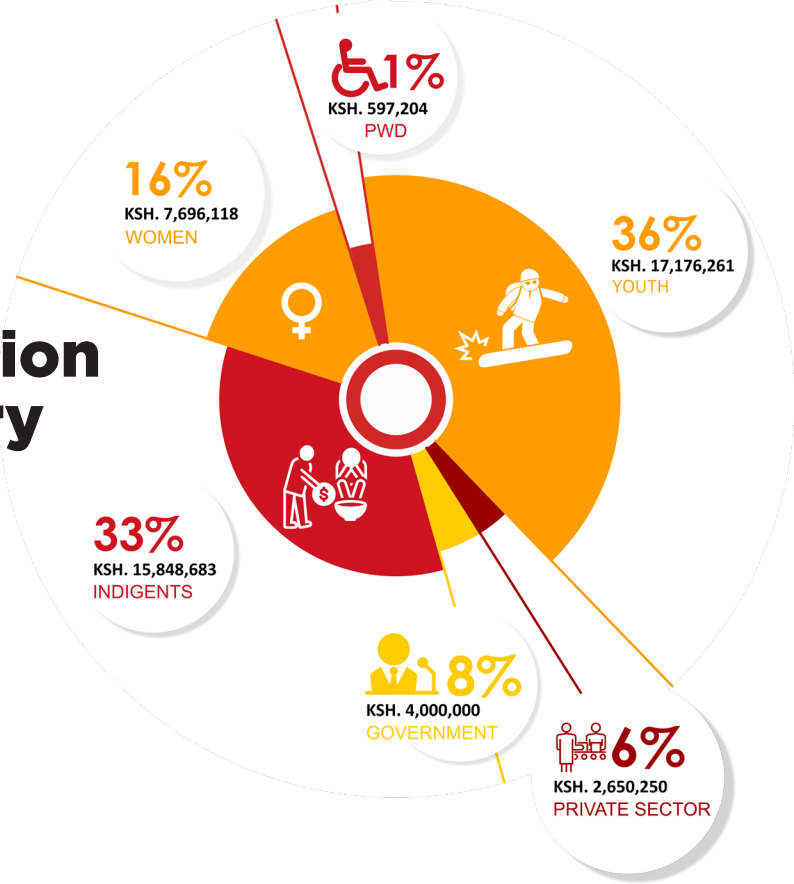




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# Our Achievements



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### Amplified Citizen Led Oversight and Accountability

Communities within Kwale, Mombasa, and Kilifi counties are increasingly reporting cases of gender-based violence, crime, and police misconduct. As a result of SEMA Clinics; an innovative approach conceived by HURIA to educate and empower communities on procedures of reporting concerns over police misconduct and human rights violations and abuses, Police stations and accountability institutions reported a **40% increase** in 2021 compared to 2020. The clinics targeted various police stations reaching out to **850 male** and **663 female** community members who got to interact with respective police officers and understand the mandate of the **Independent Police Oversight Authority (IPOA)** and **Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ)** in addressing police misconduct.

These engagements further provoked police-led community initiatives, where police officers continue to conduct community forums aimed at building trust, creating a friendly environment for reporting cases, and a platform for feedback on cases and insecurity concerns reported.



*"I used to fear the police, whenever I would see a police vehicle or even a police officer in uniform, I would run or find a place to hide or sometimes even change the route I was using. I have attended several community forums undertaken by HURIA where the police also came in and informed us of their duties, our responsibilities as community members, and how to report cases of a different kind at the police station. Together with other youth, we formed a youth group where we explored our acting skills. We approached HURIA and requested to apply our acting skills and perform skits on the topics of discussion. As a group, we developed skits that needed the participation of the police to pass the message. The police officers agreed, and we have been staging performances on gender-based violence and criminal-related scenes as they would have happened within our community. It has been amazing how we can perform the skits together with the police, who I now consider my friends. The fear is now gone, and I am confident to approach any police officer and report cases at the police station.*

**Dominic Tunje,**  
Youth in Chonyi Kilifi County







*Chief Guests following on a presentation during the Inter-County exchange on PCVE at Jacarnda Hotel in Kwale County.*

*From Left; Kwale County Commissioner - Gideon Oyagi, Kwale CEC - Public Service Administration - Sylvia Chidodo, HURIA Executive Director - Yusuf Lule, Kwale Governor H.E. Salim Mvurya, Coast Region, Regional Police Commander - Manase Musyoka, Coast Region, Regional Commissioner - John Elung'ata, NCTC - Head of Prevention - Njenga Miiri.*

## Sharpened the Efficacy of the Kwale County Action Plans on PCVE

Four years after pioneering the development of the first generation **County Action Plan** in the Country, HURIA continues to breathe life into the implementation of the **Kwale County Action Plan on PCVE**. This is through the refining of the County Engagement Forum (CEF) governance structure, supporting its monitoring and evaluation framework as well as bringing on board of the private sector as a key stakeholder in the CEF. These efforts were guided by recommendations from an assessment study conducted by HURIA that had sought to analyze the County Action Plan's efficiency, impact, and relevance in mitigating the challenges of violent extremism in the County. **Thirteen (13)** capacity-building and coordination sessions engaging members of the CEF were conducted as platforms for coordination, learning, and reflection.

Through the organization's support, the Kwale CEF now has a lean secretariat operating as its technical team. The secretariat composes of pillar heads nominated by the CEF and guided by a clear set of roles and responsibilities it developed. These roles include; Coordination of PCVE activities, Implementation of KCAP-PCVE, Monitoring and evaluation of the CAP implementations through the Fusion system, Mapping and Coordination of PCVE actors, and strengthening Linkages with NCTC.



*Human Rights Agenda (HURIA) is one of the lead partners in Prevention/Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE). They have been in the frontline, together with other key partners, in the creation, documentation, and implementation of the Kwale County Action Plan (CAP) on P/CVE. They have joined efforts with state and non-state actors to come up with strategies, objectives, and activities for preventing and countering violent extremism in Kwale County. This has been ongoing since 2017 until the realization of the Rapid CAP which they also took lead for its creation and documentation. Besides being the lead in the Kwale Rapid CAP realization, they are also the pillar head in the Education pillar and have gone an extra mile to support all the other pillars in the Implementation of their Key Activities. As law enforcement, we recognize and recommend HURIA as a great partner in supporting and implementing the Kwale CAP and also being in the front line in the fight against Violent Extremism. We have seen the organization sensitize and empower many members of the community and have created resilience in the prevention of VE. HURIA has also supported the CAP secretariat and the County Engagement Forum, from the convening of meetings, facilitation, and moderation. They have helped bring on board most actors and keep the house in order. They steer the follow-up of implementation and also monitor and evaluation of the CAP as a whole.*

**R.S Shunet-Assistant County  
Commissioner, Pongwe/Kikoneni-  
Lungalunga Subcounty**



*HURIA Exective Director welcoming Kwale Governor H.E. Salim Mvurya to the Inter-county Exchange on PCVE*





*HURIA Executing Director addressing the media during Governors round table, on Peace and Security at a Pre- 7th devolution conference event in Makueni County.*

## Escalated County Government Engagement in PCVE

Under the theme of “Delivering as one in preventing and countering violent extremism,” HURIA in collaboration with the County Government of Mombasa’s Directorate of Youth and Resilience convened the Inaugural Governors Roundtable on Peace and Security on the sidelines of the 7th Annual Devolution Conference on Makueni County. These efforts have brought to the fore non-traditional PCVE actors including the National Cohesion Integration Commission (NCIC), Kenya Council of Governors, and the Ministry of Devolution. The Governors Round table proposed the establishment of the **Kenya Counties Network for Peace and Security** anchored under the auspices of the Council of Governors. It is anticipated that the network will enhance the collective action of Governors and their local governments to address hate and extremism nationally and locally through the county action plans.





*HURIA understands the complexity of public policy. Their team adds an exciting and dynamic aspect to our process of negotiating adaptive solutions, especially with decision-makers across local, national, and global lines. HURIA remains at the front line of capacity-building local communities, which play an accountable and proactive role in dignifying lives. HURIA is our communities ambassador in our coalition of transformation.*

**Tendai Mtana,**  
Kilindini Coalition

## Supported Innovative Local-Led Strategies on Violence Prevention in Kwale County



In 2021, HURIA created a structured model to enhance the provision of psychosocial support to vulnerable communities in **Ramisi** and **Ng'ombeni** Ward. This is a community intervention model that brings together a pool of psychosocial support providers equipped with knowledge and skills to address community needs and vulnerabilities that could lead to violent extremism. The Ng'ombeni and Ramisi Community Teams will continue reaching out to and supporting youth in conflict with the law and their families, women victims of terror, former gang members, and out-of-school youth. The Community Teams are also expected to work closely with referral partners within government and civil society operating within various thematic areas, including; peer mentorship, psychosocial/trauma healing, faith-based, economic support, drug and rehabilitation, and employability to shrink the pool of radicalization and recruitment to violent extremism amongst communities.



*As a young mother, I was so frustrated and angry at every single thing and I didn't know how to manage the stress or deal with my anger. This led me to be a poor parent as I would scold and shout at my young baby because of things that were eating me up. But after undergoing the training I am glad that I can now really control my anger and manage myself even at the worst. There are specific moments where this program came in handy like GBV, Stress Management, and Parenting Education Module. These modules have helped me deal with situations that I couldn't deal with before. The training also helped me know that I was once a victim be of GBV and for a fact I cannot help see someone going through GBV and not say a thing about it. Recently I have assisted a relative who was going through the same by speaking out and letting the other family members be aware of the abuse that was going on. The victim was reluctant on taking another step to seek help but I made sure the other members of the family summoned both the husband and the victim for her safety and how to seek legal services. This program has expanded my knowledge on a lot of issues and it has become a stepping stone to much more participation in other projects that also deal with youths at risk of VE. I can proudly say that I am a peace ambassador in PCVE under the education pillar and also a mentor to my fellow youths thanks to the program.*

**Pesa Willy John,**

Community Team Member, Kombani – Matuga Subcounty







## Advanced grassroots women-led peace-building efforts

Throughout 2021, HURIA advanced the role of grassroots women in the prevention of crime and other forms of violence in Kwale County. Over 500 women engaged through Family CVE Clinics; a platform that provided capacity building on violence prevention sessions are now leading peace-building and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) efforts in their communities. **Sauti ya kina Mama**, a women-led network in Tiwi ward, Matuga sub-county, is one of the networks formed as a result of the family CVE Clinics. The network has reached out to **200+** women and youth in conflict with the law within areas considered as hot-spots of violence to offer psycho-social support, building their resilience to violent extremism and other forms of violence.





*"HURIA has empowered me as a woman living in Kwale where the biggest challenge is getting male and female members of the community to acknowledge your work. Through the various community forums that HURIA engaged me, they have given me skills to handle different community problems, I can now stand in front of people and speak to them on peace-building matters. When women within Matuga and Kwale as a whole get problems, they approach me for guidance and are optimistic about the advice I give them. There is a defilement case that was once brought to me of a 4-year-old defiled by a 25-year-old. The mother feared reporting the case at the police station and had no idea where to begin. I held the mother's hand and together we took the child to a government hospital for tests and treatment. I then accompanied the mother to the Police station where we reported the case, the suspect was arrested, taken to court, and is currently serving 30 years in jail. I was able to give this kind of support to the mother and child because I had been empowered with the right skills through the various training and forums conducted by HURIA within our community".*

**Mwanakombo Jerumani,**


Peace Committee Chairperson, Matuga, Kwale County



## **Reinforced the Role of Women in Peace and Security through localization of the Kenya National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security –UNSCR1325**

In collaboration with the Kwale County gender technical working group, HURIA localized the **Kenya National Action Plan** on women's peace and security. The Kwale County Action Plan on UNSCR1325 articulates contextual gender dynamics on peace and security and provides actionable steps to enhance women's participation and leadership. This plan further highlights the role of women in the prevention and countering of violent extremism, thus reinforcing efforts within the **Gender Pillar of the Kwale County Action Plan** on Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism.





*"HURIA has been very helpful at a personal level. Previously, I was dealing with personal and family issues on gender-based violence and now I can take control of my life and the people around me. Furthermore, HURIA has helped a family member who was a victim of violent extremism to overcome trauma and suicidal attempts on her life through the psychological support provided under the UN Women project. I now participate in the peace and security networks within my community. Thank you for bringing women to the forefront in peace and security decision-making processes. I can now confidently represent the views of women on various peace and security platforms."*

**Alice Karanja,**

Psychosocial Support Provider - Kwale County

## Sustained Youth-Led Activism and Mentorship through Micro-Granting



In our third year-round of mentorship and micro-granting, we supported **six (6)** youth groups in Kwale and Mombasa counties with each group receiving an average of **USD3000** to conduct **6-months** community interventions on peace and security. The groups conducted programs addressing electoral motivated hate speech, promoting youth participation in electoral processes, mediation for conflict resolution, music as a tool for prevention of gang violence, and youth access to employment opportunities.





*"I first interacted with HURIA during the Young Cities Youth Innovation lab held in 2020. During the training, we learned how to develop a high-impact campaign, and the team was very supportive throughout the training. The biggest takeaway for me was to be very specific about the goals of the project. I learned that we are contributing in our ways to achieving the bigger aim of a safe and developed community and that the impact of that small project, was very important. Through the training, I have continually been improving on the skill of grant management and stakeholder engagement. I am still learning so much through our weekly and monthly interactions. HURIA has helped a lot with connecting Kigoda Pwani with stakeholders from the county government. I have learned how to interact with government stakeholders, express my project goals, and call them to action. Having an organization like HURIA guide us in carrying out our various campaigns has boosted our confidence in our work as we are in a supportive environment."*

**Isabel Opondo,**  
Founder- Kigoda Pwani



## Improved Private Sector's response to Modern Slavery and other forms of human rights abuses.



In 2021, HURIA broadened its scope of human rights work to include addressing modern slavery risks within the private sector in Kwale and Mombasa counties. Through research and community awareness, HURIA brought to the fore modern slavery concerns across various industries. As a result, **eighty-five (85)** community members including members of the Civil Society Organizations are now alert to the threat of modern slavery and are better equipped to safeguard and protect their rights following a series of capacity-building workshops conducted. Further, HURIA supported Base Titanium Limited (BTL) and PAVI Cooperative to mitigate modern slavery risks within their operations and supply chains through capacity building and policy formulation. Our strategic partnership with BTL leveraged HURIA as a vanguard within the sector having been nominated as a permanent member of a Multi Stakeholder's Committee monitoring Bamburi Cement compliance to Human Rights within its community projects in Kwale County.





*We have engaged HURIA in dealing with Modern Slavery issues in our operations throughout the year 2021. After working with the organization earlier and realizing splendid results Base Titanium Limited was prompted to further engage them in research and policy formulation in modern slavery. The series of workshops facilitated by HURIA has on a large scale helped our beneficiaries to safeguard their rights and address injustices relating to modern slavery. Being a key actor in Access to Justice within Kwale Civil Society, HURIA has helped and supported many including individuals in enriching their knowledge and some even getting the much-needed justice. What I like the most about the organization is that they are accommodative, knowledgeable of their work, and extremely thorough when it comes to the implementation of programs.*

**Mwanahamisi M. Khamisi**

Acting Community Programmes Manager  
Base Titanium Limited



## Instigated Women-led Disaster Risk Reduction Efforts in Kilifi County



As a result of the severe drought and famine experienced within Kilifi County between 2020 to 2021, HURIA rejuvenated its efforts to address climate change and respond to the adverse effects caused by the drought. Our efforts to address this calamity specifically targeted vulnerable communities in Ganze and Magarini sub-counties. Our support reached out to **over 500 women**, youth, and PWDs who are now able to access government disaster risk management funds and undertake sustainable drought prevention strategies that include livestock and vegetable farming. Through support from UN Women, Kenya, HURIA provided micro-grants to **six (6) women-led groups** intending to build their resilience to climate change.

Amongst the beneficiaries, is Tumaini Revolution, a group of **15 women-led farmers** in Ganze who are undertaking a vegetable farming project which earns them an average profit of **KES.3, 600 per day**. Besides the profits contributing to the expansion and sustainability of their project, members have also been able to utilize their earnings to support their families' education through payment of school fees.





*"We are a group of women-led PWDs in Ganze that has been engaging in stone ballasting since 2019. We began with 20 members but due to the Covid-19 pandemic a few members left the group and we are now 15 members. In the year 2020, we started rearing local chicken but due to the drought season, we lost them making us resort to stone ballasting project. After DRR Clinic engagement through HURIA with the support of UN –Women we received training on strategies that help us to cope with climate shocks alongside agricultural training. Additionally, HURIA announced a call for a proposal for micro-grants support to women-led groups for agricultural projects which we decided to enroll in, and luckily we were among the groups which qualified. We proposed to support in rejuvenating our chicken rearing project whereby HURIA stocked us with 100 chicken, chicken feed, and chicken vaccination among other equipment which contributes to chicken rearing. Currently, we have sold 78 chickens at 400 each and the profit earned has been used to restock more chicken as well as in supporting our families in the provision of basic needs."*

**Nyevu Tinji**



## Supported Vulnerable Communities in Need of Legal Aid Services

Over the past year, our offices have continued to receive dozens of complaints and concerns from members of the public regarding violations and abuses of their fundamental rights. In 2021, HURIA assisted more than **213 communities** with different legal concerns to enable them to access justice. The support mainly targeted poor and vulnerable communities within **Mombasa and Kwale counties** who were faced with unmet legal concerns. These included **over 20 persons living with disability, and 54 persons held in lawful custody** who were offered support at the **community Legal Aid Center**, HURIA's main office in Mombasa as well as the Diani, Kwale offices. Our response to such complaints has been through rapid response, monitoring and documentation, drafting correspondences, mediation, petitioning duty bearers, referral, awareness creation, offering legal information and advice, and filing complaints in Courts. Communities seeking our legal aid support have brought to our attention the various concerns through; walk-in, free legal aid Calls, referrals, and social media platforms.







**Mwadungu Jego Bora,**  
Mwangulu (Kwale) Resident

*"I was referred by a friend to HURIA who receives and helps community members who have court cases and can't afford a lawyer. I appreciate the efforts that are being taken by HURIA in assisting the poor and vulnerable to access justice. I lodged a complaint of my cousin who was almost raped and the measures were taken quickly. At first, I was wondering if my Cousin could get justice. Upon lodging my complaint, an officer at the HURIA Diani Office accompanied me to make an official complaint at the Diani Police Station. The officer stood with me till the accused person was arrested and taken to Court. The accused is now on remand after failing to pay a bond of 200,000.*



## Enhanced Knowledge and Capacity of Duty Bearers on human rights and the Rule of Law

In responding to the insufficient knowledge on human rights by duty bearers and delivery of services by access to justice actors, HURIA contributed to their capacity building through training workshops on human rights, rule of law, and service delivery on their functions and mandate. The targeted actors included the Members of the County Assembly of Mombasa, County Court Staff, and the County Inspectorate Officers. Overall, in 2021 HURIA trained a total of **443 Inspectorate officers, 12 Members of the County Assembly, and 25 County Court staff.**

As a result of the training, there is a significant improvement in the contribution of the county assembly members on the legislative agenda as well as, on important matters at the floor of the county assembly concerning key human rights and constitutional requirements such as public participation. Moreover, the county court has also improved its service delivery and dispensing of judicial matters including petty offenses. The county courts no longer hold petty offenders and those whose offenses are not considered within the county legislation. Additionally, the improved knowledge on human rights on the part of the county inspectorate officers has attributed to the **reduction of human rights violations and complaints lodged against them** on human rights violations and has also seen HURIA support and address some of the human rights complaints that such officers face.



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*"HURIA has been very supportive in the training of County Inspectorate officers, so far they have helped us train 443 on issues around human rights and law enforcement and I see a great improvement in terms of service delivery and respect for the rule of law and protection of rights, especially for small traders operating within the county"*

**Ibrahim Basafar**

Deputy Director - Mombasa County  
Inspectorate Department

## Restored confidence of indigents to report and follow up on human rights concerns



The **Free Legal Aid Advisory Call Platforms (FLAACS)** has benefited more than **800 individual** members of communities within and outside Mombasa County. In 2021, the Call Platform assisted to resolve legal concerns of **over 517+ individuals both directly and indirectly**. The concerns and complaints received included; arbitrary arrests, harassment, and use of excessive force by law enforcement officers, particularly, during the enforcement of the COVID-19 regulations. Complaints against police stations mishandling persons in custody, including conniving with suspects to defeat justice on sensitive criminal cases were also reported and followed up to their conclusion. Other grievances on land and labour were also reported and documented. Our response to the concerns and complaints was through the provision of legal advice, rapidly responding through site and scene visits to address the concerns. The platform has enabled the easing of the distance between our offices and communities in need of our free legal aid services.





*"Before I was referred to your office, I had little hope for the injustices orchestrated by my employer. He had threatened me to go wherever I wanted. I had realized that he influenced many institutions where I had gone to seek help. He was abusing my employment rights, he had terminated my employment unfairly, I was being overworked, denied leave. He refused to pay me my pending balances. Through HURIA, I was enlightened of my employment rights. I am glad that you ensured he paid me adequately as a way of compensation for my claims.*

**John Kalume**

Kisauni Mombasa



## Deepened multi-sectoral stakeholder engagement on access to justice matters



MoU signing ceremony between HURIA and the County Assembly of Mombasa.

2021 saw HURIA widen its networks and partnerships with the **Judiciary and Office of Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP)** to promote people-centered justice and improve service delivery. Through these partnerships, we now have an established “**County Court, Court Users Committee**”. As a result of our interaction and engagement with the Judiciary (Mombasa Law Courts), the **County Assembly Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs**, and the **County Government of Mombasa**, we facilitated the review and audit of existing county legislation in compliance with human rights principles. The review exposed key weaknesses and gaps in the county legislations that consequently led to the amendment of archaic law and the formulation of new ones.



## Cultivated a culture of Recognizing and Appreciating Local Legal Aid Service Providers

In 2021, HURIA conceived the first-ever annual paralegal and pro-bono lawyers awards to recognize and appreciate community paralegals, lawyers, and judicial officers who have contributed immensely in advocating and championing the rights of vulnerable communities. HURIA awarded nominated individuals identified and considered by communities as having impacted positively on Access to Justice interventions. 14 paralegals, 2 lawyers, and 2 judicial officers drawn from the Coastal region were awarded. The events served as a conduit for human rights awareness and encouragement to individuals and actors to actively participate and engage in actions towards the promotion, protection, and realization of Human Rights.



*Commission of Administrative Justice - Coast Region, Regional Coordinator - Esha Mohamed awarding a community paralegal during the Coast Probono lawyers and paralegals Awards organised by HURIA*



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## Chapter

# Photo Story

### ***Inter-County Exchange in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism.***

*HURIA Programs Manager (2nd from left - standing), and the Programme Officer (5th from left - standing) together with Nakuru county delegation pose for a photo during the Inter-Counties exchange event organized by HURIA at Jacaranda hotel.*







### **Inter-County Exchange in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism.**

*HURIA Executive Director Mr. Yusuf Lule moderating a panel discussion on the sustainability of County Action Plans with PCVE security analysts and donors.*



### **STRENGTHENING POLICE EFFICIENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.**

*HURIA staff; Teddy Roberts moderating a section during a multi-stakeholders Electoral Accountability Forum; to analyze potential electoral violence indicators and develop a work model for enhancing proactive responses and accountability.*





### **Observing justice and respecting Human Rights in the line of duty**

*Above;*

*HURIA with Mombasa County Inspectorate Officers trained on Human Rights, Law Enforcement and Access to Justice by HURIA, in partnership with Office of the County Attorney - Mombasa County Government, Mombasa County Inspectorate Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.*

*Below;*

*H.E. Deputy Governor of Mombasa County Government with a delegation from European Union in Kenya, United Nations Development Programme - UNDP Embassy of the Netherlands inspect the Guard of Honour during their visit to Mombasa to officially Launch the HURIA Legal Aid Unit.*







**Above; Legal Aid Centre meeting the demand for access to justice**

European Union (EU) Ambassador H.E Katrina Hageman, accompanied by UNDP Amkeni WaKenya Delegation during a visit to the Legal Aid Centre that serves poor and vulnerable communities in Mombasa county and its environs.

**Below; COAST ANNUAL PARALEGAL AND PRO-BONO LAWYERS AWARDS, 2021.**

Mwanasha Gaserego of Tuwajali wajane gets recognition and award for promoting Access to Justice particularly for the poor and marginalized communities during the AWARDS CELEBRATIONS CEREMONY organized by HURIA.







**Above; YOUNG CITIES SHOWCASE MOMBASA**

HURIA partnered with the Institute for Strategic Dialogue - ISD and the Mombasa County Government to organize the Young Cities Showcase Event Mombasa Edition that brought together youth led groups from Mombasa County who have been conducting Governance, Peace and Security projects under the Young Cities Program.

**Below; LAUNCH OF YOUNG CITIES PROJECT PHASE 3.**

The Executive Director Mr. Yusuf Lule and the Senior Programs Officer Agnes Mwambila signing seedgrants contracts during 3rd Cohort of the program in 2021. 6 youth groups were supported by Young Cities; Lonamac Mombasa county, Acha gun shika mic, Angaza Mombasa, Kigoda Pwani, Peace Monitors and Haki Mashinani from Kwale.







**Above *STRENGTHENING POLICE EFFICIENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE COAST OF KENYA.***

*The British High Commissioner Miss Jane Marriott OBE listening to a National Government Official during her visit to Kijipwa police station in supporting collaboration between the police and communities in enhancing service delivery of police officers.*

**Below; *Women in Disaster Risk Reduction.***

*Launch of seed grant support where Women-Led groups received small grants to support farm strategies to cope with climate risks and shocks.*







**Above; HURIA Iftar Banquet**

*H.E Dr. William Kingi Deputy Governor, Mombasa County, having a chat with HURIA Executive Director during a memorable opportunity to feast and appreciate our staff, friends and partners during an Iftar Dinner organised by Human Rights Agenda.*

**Below; Employee of the Quater Sep. - Dec. 2021**

*Best Employee of the last Quarter 2021 Agnes Mwambila and the best Intern of the last Quarter of 2021 Zahra Lumumba.*







### **ISLAMIC LAW AND MEDIATION**

*Online Zoom webinar on the Application of Islamic Law and Mediation as an alternative means of settling disputes and questions relating to personal status, marriage, divorce and Inheritance. Professionals as well as community members had the opportunity to engage the Chief Kadhi and other experts in the concerned particular areas of law.*





**Recognizing key stakeholders' contribution in Access to Justice.**

Senior Resident Magistrate, Hon. Rita Amwayi receives a recognition gift from HURIA Executive Director for her support and immense contribution in the Access to Justice program.





**HURIA END OF YEAR PARTY & AWARDING OF BEST EMPLOYEES OF THE LAST QUARTER**







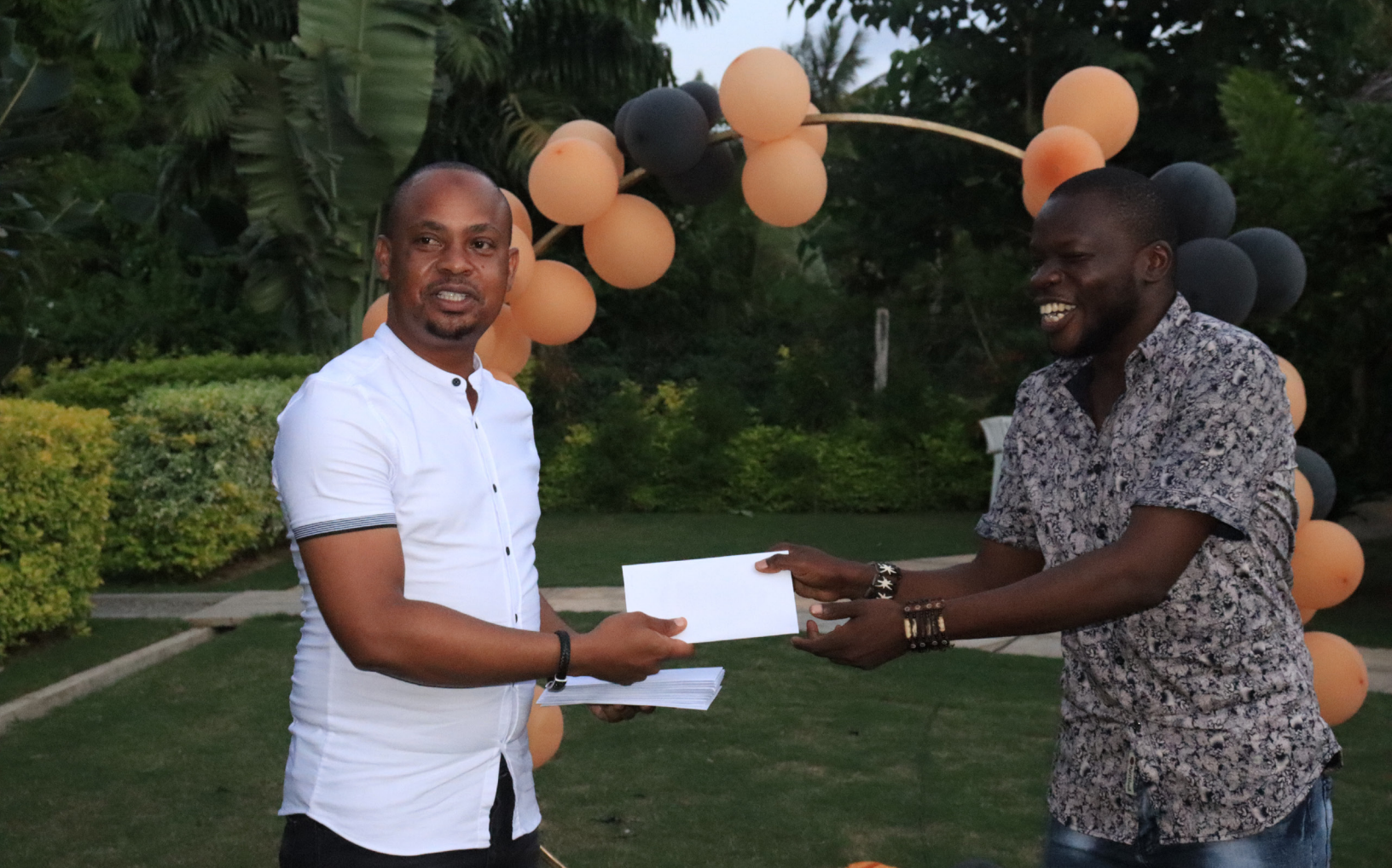
#### **FAREWELL PARTY**

*Mr. John Julius Mutimba Receives a send off gift from HURIA's Management Team after a decade of his service to the organization.*



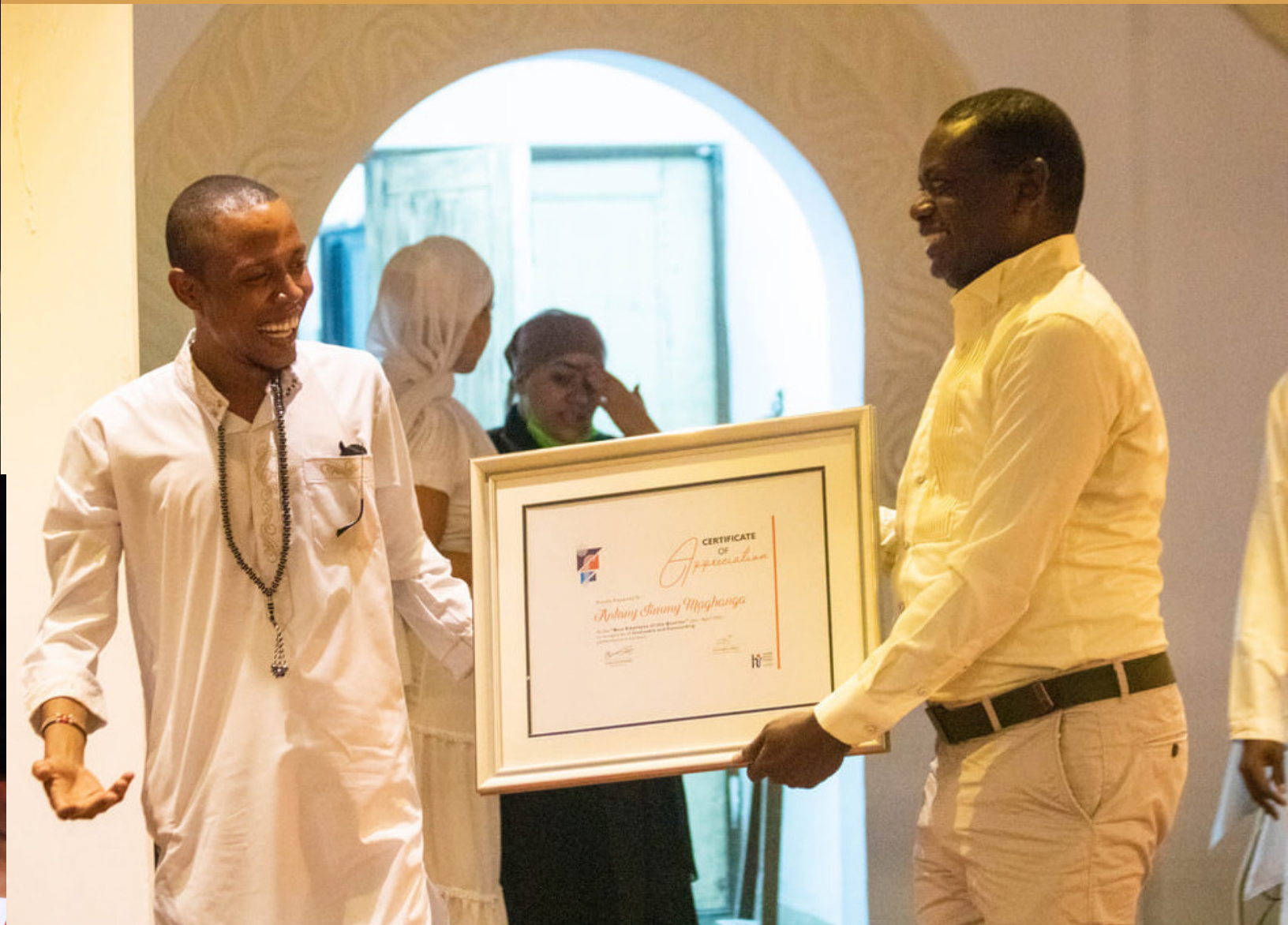
*Staff receiving end of year bonuses from the Executive Director.*







## BEST EMPLOYEE AWARD 2021



**ANTONY JIMMY MAGHANGA**

THE BEST EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER ( JAN - APRIL 2021 ) PERFORMANCE IN HIS WORK





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