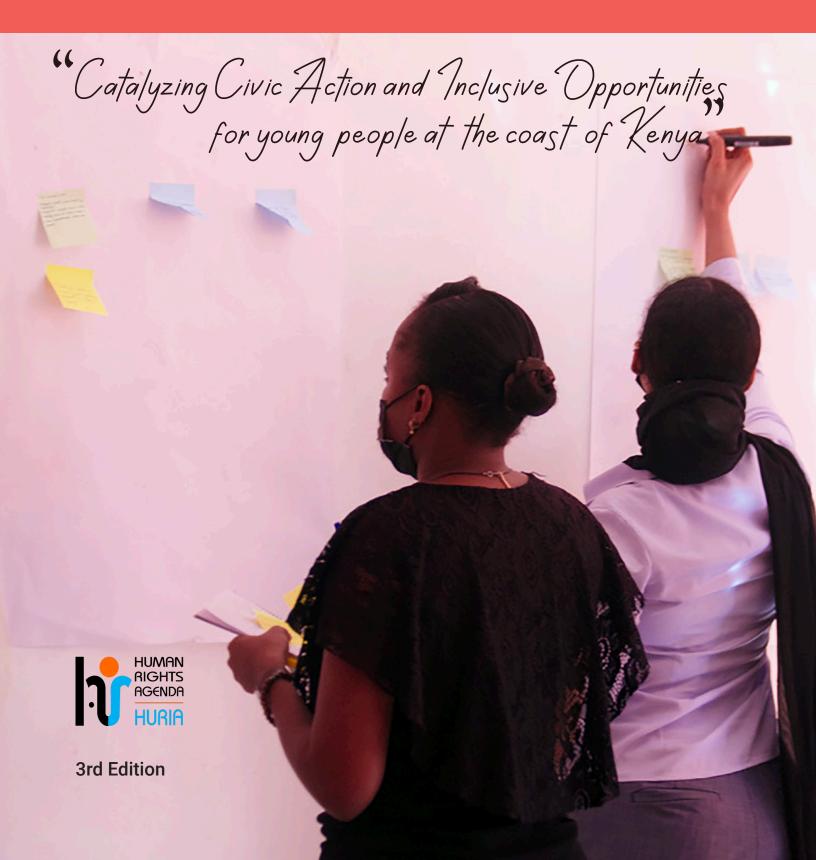
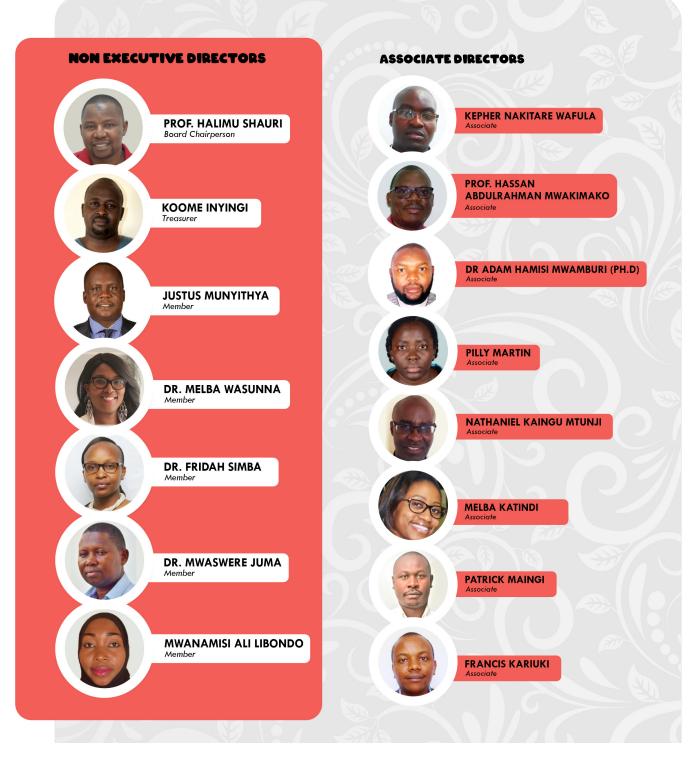
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OUR BOARDS OF DIRECTORS



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Associate Directors on the other hand, are co-opted professional members of the Advisory Committee to the Board. They voluntarily and collaboratively work to provide leadership and redirect organizational vision, where it's diffused or confused, in the establishment of policy and procedures to effectively deliver comprehensive services for HURIA.

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ASCINTE to our funding partners and friends,

Thank you for your generous donation to HURIA between 2018 to 2020. We are grateful for entrusting us over Kshs.88 million to continue strengthening the capacities of state and non-state actors including indigents, youth, women, and civil society organizations towards the realization of human rights and access to justice at the coast region of Kenya.

Your support has specifically helped us to further our mission through promotion of human rights as the foundation for access to justice, enhancement of police reforms and accountability, prevention and countering violent extremism, hate and polarization, as well as supporting inclusive governance and accountability in the counties of Mombasa, Kwale and Kilifi.

In early 2020, when the coronavirus pandemic struck around the world, presenting enormous challenges to health systems, and even threatening the survival of nonprofits like ours, your guidance and flexibility helped us to remain nimble and sustain delivery of our services to the poor and most vulnerable members of our communities. Because of support from the Amnesty International – Netherlands', we now have a Business Continuity Plan that helps us navigate around the emerging hurdles such as the current COVID-19 pandemic. We are particularly grateful for the support accorded to us by the Royal Danish Embassy during the COVID-19 pandemic period in helping to cushion the youth of Mombasa County against the socio-economic impact of the pandemic. Thanks to the embassy, we were able to nurture youth led entrepreneurial start-ups by providing 293+ young business owners with skills in developing business strategies, attracting investors, and leveraging social media for their business. These young entrepreneurs are now better skilled to survive the changing market and economy occasioned by the pandemic.

Because of Amnesty International-Netherlands and UNDPs support we have expanded our services to the poor and vulnerable communities by opening new offices in Diani, in Kwale county and established a legal aid center in partnership with the County government of Mombasa County serving an average of 10 persons in need of legal advice daily.

Your continued trust and belief in our work has earned us credibility and positioned our organization as a strong and dependable partner for state agencies, youth, and women. Because of support from the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD) and the Search For Common Ground (SFCG) -INUKA programme, we have been recognized as a dependable ally by state and county government actors having been recently nominated to the Mombasa, Kwale and Kilifi County Youth Sector Working Groups. Through these groups we will continue to influence and help in shaping youth policy and local law that support inclusive opportunities and civic action by young people.

Thanks to the **Royal Danish Embassy and Act!** youth and women have become champions for advancing their rights through meaningful engagements in their social, political, and economic issues in their localities. Specifically, we expanded youth civic space and interested more young people into human rights work. Your support helped us strengthen competencies of **young entrepreneurs and university students** in Mombasa County to access online work opportunities, develop business strategies, attract investors, and leverage social media for their business.

Because of the support we receive from the **Institute for Strategic Dialogue**, we now play a role as a **pass-through entity overseeing the disbursement and management of micro-grants to grassroot youth led organizations** in Kwale and Mombasa counties. Through your support, we continue to sustain local based activism through mentorship and training of youth led groups and activists in the region.

Through the **Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office's (FCDO's)** support in strengthening police reforms and accountability under the REINVENT programme, **2,855+** community members have been sensitized to advance for lawful agitation of change through organizing and participating in community-led interventions to prevent crime and violence. Currently, communities around **9** police stations in Kwale and Kilifi counties can now confidently report crime incidents and follow up with the police on their matters as a preferred method of dispute resolution under the criminal justice system. Thanks to FCDOs support, community-police relations continue to improve from **communities fleeing upon seeing police officers to situations where communities are now boldly engaging and demanding accountability from the police**.

Through generous support from the European Union and the UNDP's grantmaking facility Amkeni waKenya, we have eased the burden of accessing justice to 500+ indigents in Mombasa County and beyond by providing free legal aid advisory sessions through an established community legal aid center, free legal aid advisory call sessions and human rights and legal aid clinics. Through trainings and capacity building for over 443 county askaris, 20 + county court staff and 20+ members of the county assembly committee on justice and legal affairs, we have accentuated their recognition of the value of human rights in shaping policy, law, and practice in their day-to-day work. As illustrated by the work of the Mombasa County inspectorate, integration of human rights into their training curriculum, local law, policy, and practice has enhanced ethical enforcement of local laws making and response directly to local needs. Further, UNDP's financial support has helped in undertaking a review and audit of the existing Mombasa County legislations, policies and programs based on a human rights framework. Many thanks to you, justice actors in Mombasa continue to build consensus surrounding the existence of local access to justice

problems and how they can be addressed through legal and non-legal ways. Our lens of human rights has helped both the County government actors and their constituents to fully see the inter-connectedness of local issues and and the constituents they serve, accentuating the human values that motivate public service.

Knowing that we are in a time of financial instability because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, **your donation is extra special to us**. We still got a lot of work ahead of us, and your donation has made it that much easier to get things done and thrust us forward. With each donation we receive, we become all that much closer to our goal.

Thank you for making a difference through your compassion and generosity. Thank you for being part of our community. Together we are making a difference!

With deepest gratitude and warmest wishes

Chairperson, Board of Directors Human Rights Agenda | HURIA

Executive Director

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Executive Summ

This is the third edition of HURIA's abridged triennial report dubbed Footprints of Justice running for the period 2018 to 2020. The report gives highlights of key achievements recorded over three years of implementing 16+ projects in the three counties of Mombasa, Kwale and Kilifi. With a budget of slightly over Kshs.88 million, our work focussed on four thematic areas including access to justice, police reforms and accountability, inclusive governance, and accountability as well as prevention, and countering of violent extremism.



This report is themed: "Towards Catalyzing Civic Action and Inclusive Opportunities for young people at the coast of Kenya" to denote the significant investment amongst other things, we and our funding partners have made in three years towards advancing young people's participation in civic and political life, their economic empowerment and their role as peace and resilience builders. By design, our work prioritized 48% of the grants received towards creating a supportive eco-system for young creatives, entrepreneurs, and activists through training, mentorship, and micro-granting. We have helped teams of young people start new youth-led organizations to design and launch offline and online initiatives, through which they gain experience and contribute to positive social change. Through support from the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD) we delivered nine (9) seed grants to youth-led groups in Mombasa and Kwale and administered funds management for the county governments of Mombasa and Kwale as a pass-through entity.

Over and above, we spent **56%** of the three year's resources on improving access to justice for the poor and vulnerable persons including indigents and persons with disabilities while **25%** of the funds were spent towards preventing and countering violent extremism amongst at-risk youth and women. We have improved our research delivery capacity by undertaking **15 + research tasks** and sustained partnership with strategic actors in the national and county governments as well as the private sector. In this period, we also signed Memorandums of Understanding with the County Government and Assembly of Mombasa, University of Nairobi (UoN), Mombasa Campus, Mombasa Law Society (MLS), Coast Mediation Centre on matters Access to Justice amongst others.

We further spent **61%** of our resources for programming work in Kwale County followed by **33%** expenditure in Mombasa County while Kilifi County had **6%**. In lieu of the heavy programming in Kwale and Mombasa Counties, the organization opened satellite offices in Diani and a Legal Aid Center in Mombasa to improve its accessibility and easy coordination of its programmes work in the said counties.

In realizing our mission of strengthening the capabilities of actors, we spent **84.9%** of the funds received to train and empower non-state actors including civil society organizations, persons with disabilities, indigents, women and youth, families of victims of enforced disappearances and community resource persons amongst others. Additionally, **13.80%** was spent on building government actors including officers of national and county governments as well as law enforcement agencies. In sum, we trained and built the capacities of **2172+** state and non-state actors on Human Rights, Access to Justice, Peace, and Security as well as Inclusive Governance and Accountability.

To account for our work in the **last three years**, this report is divided into three sections. **Section one** provides a brief background of who we are and what we do, including a snap shot of facts about what we have achieved in the said period while **section two** provides important infographics of how much money we have received and how we have spent it to support our beneficiaries. **More importantly**, the last and final section gives important highlights of our key programmatic achievements over the last three years. Considering the wide variety of projects that we have embarked in the three years, we have also included testimonials from some of our donors, as well as some of the fantastic partners who contributed their time and effort in our work and what our work has meant to them and our beneficiaries.

We hope that this report will enliven your interest to continue supporting our agenda of strengthening capabilities and improving the lives of our people.

Thank you for taking time to read.











Strategic Direction

Strategic Objectives

Strategic Objective 1

To engage state and non- state actors in formulation, implementation of policies and legislations aimed at advancing human rights as articulated in the Constitution of Kenya (CoK) and other Human Rights Instruments.

Strategic Objective 2

Establish participatory monitoring and evaluation systems on programs and policies linked to economic, social and cultural rights, civil and political rights at County and Pwani levels by 2022.

Strategic Objective 3

To enhance the capabilities of the minority marginalized groups and local government institutions in promoting access to justice at the Coast by 2022.

Strategic Objective 4

To increase citizens involvement in the protection, monitoring and documentation of Human Rights Violations.

Strategic Objective 5

Enhance the institutional and resource mobilization capacity of HURIA to become a model and sustainable human rights organization in Kenya by 2022.





Advancing Community Rights through Evidence Based Advocacy

HURIA employs evidence-based advocacy in advancing community rights. This is done to lend credibility to our work by researching and documenting on the violations on human rights. The findings, consisting of empirical data and information are then articulated to our target audience, which include policy makers and non-state actors. This helps improve the responsiveness of state and non-state actors to protection and promotion of basic rights and fundamental freedoms.

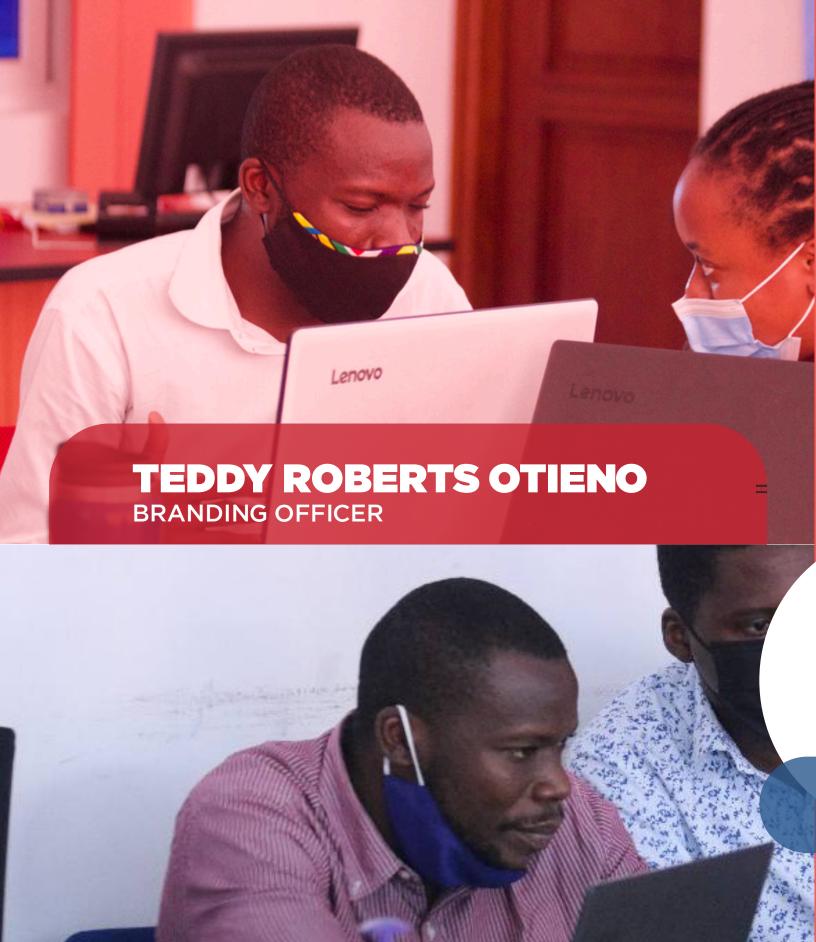
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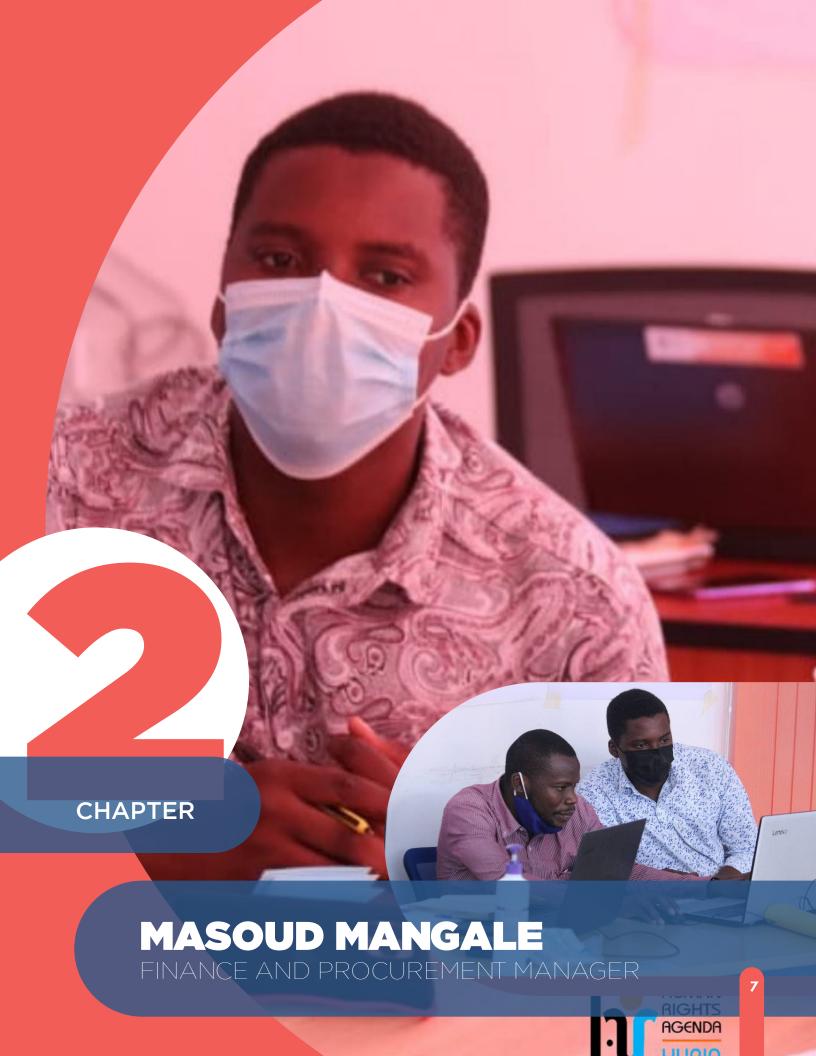
HURIA takes advantage of the existing trends in Information Technology, through the continuous and active use of Social media platforms. This is aimed at enhancing knowledge, creating awareness on key human right issues and promoting visibility to community struggles.

Sustaining Local Activism through Mentorship and Training

HURIA places high value on imparting knowledge on human rights activism. This is borne from the belief that knowledge on human rights creates a consciousness on the promotion, protection and respect for human rights. Education is done through forums, trainings, mentorship through the internship program and workshops using the Constitution of Kenya (CoK) as a main point of reference. This has served to generate a pool of seasoned human rights defenders with competent skills in advancing human rights and fundamental freedoms in the society.









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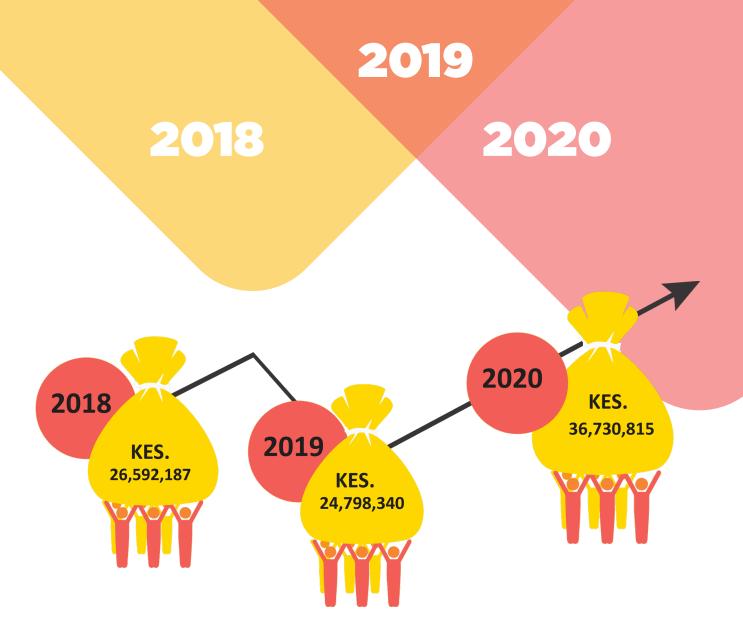
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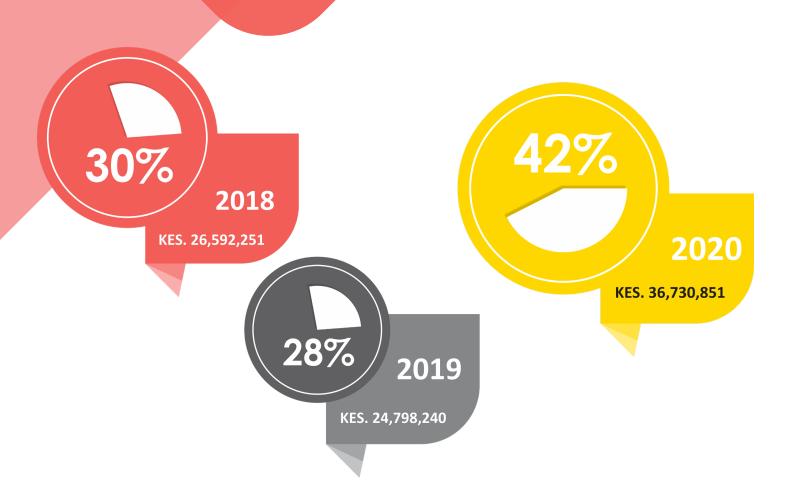
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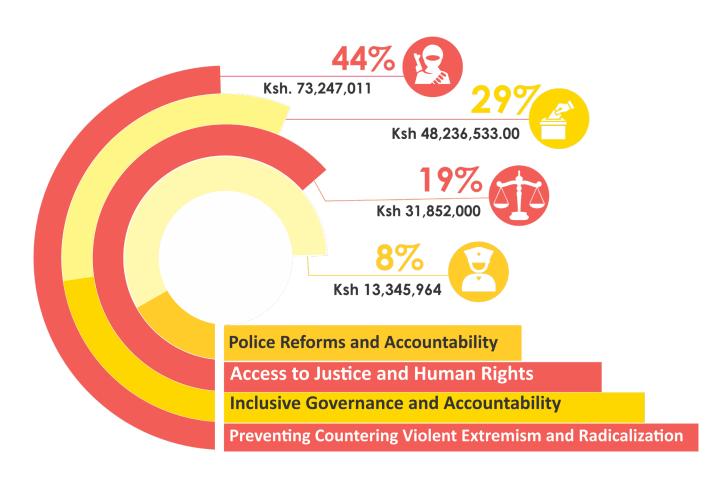


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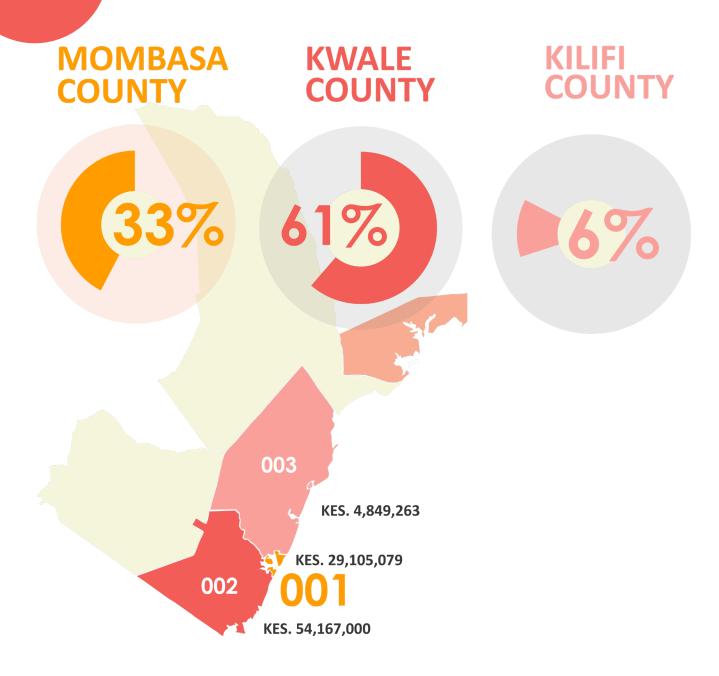
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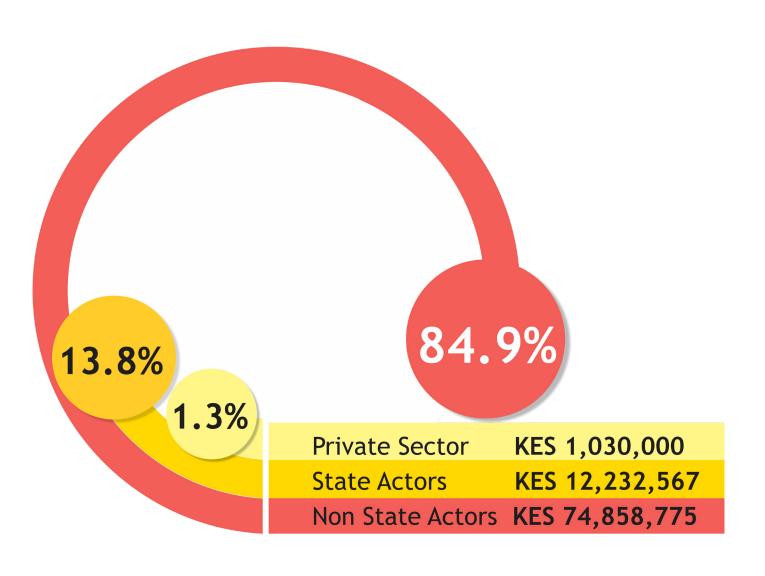


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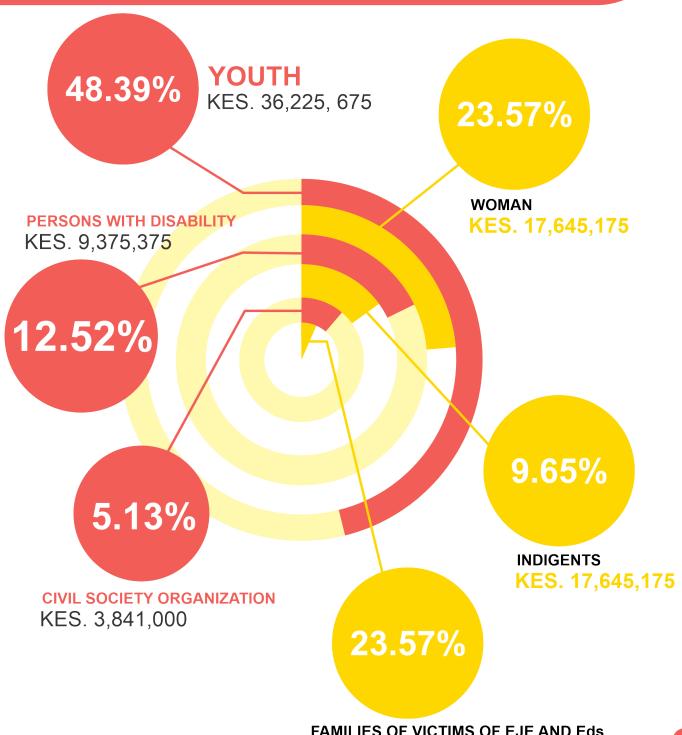


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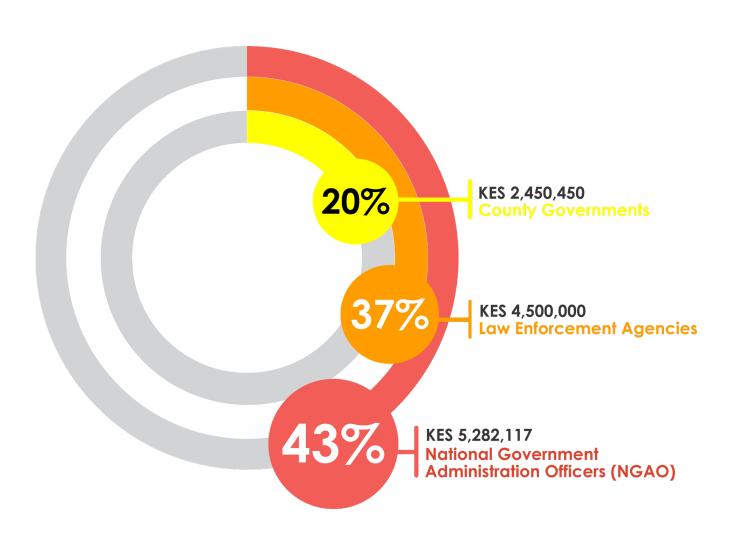


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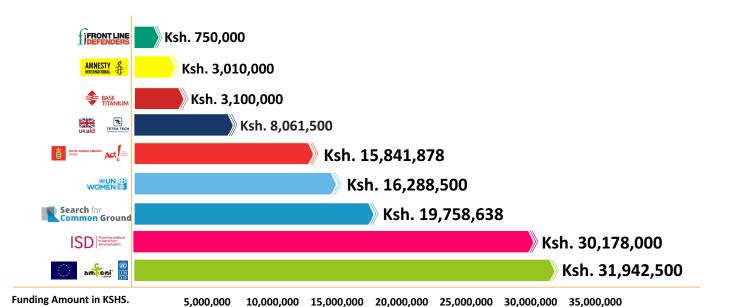
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BETTY SIDI MOHAMED

HUMAN RESOURCE AND ORGANIZATION CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER



of Key ACHIEVEMENTS





Expanded Youth Civic Space

...and their ability to demand the protection of their rights and fundamental freedoms

HURIA identified and worked with six (6) youth-led groups across Mombasa County to improve their ability to protect and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms. Twelve (12) young activists from Manyatta Youth Entertainment, Mombasa Leo CBO, Swahili Pot Hub, Alpha and Omega CBO, Uhaki na Usawa, and LONAMAC participated HURIA's inaugural program popularly dubbed as the "Human Rights Lab". Through the Human Rights Mentorship Program, youth activists built their skills in monitoring, documenting, and reporting on human rights abuses and violations in online and offline spaces through research, awareness, and advocacy campaigns. Additionally, HURIA linked the young activists to a group of Human Rights Mentors, civil society networks, community influencers, and government agencies thus exposing the young activists to varied knowledge and insights on the struggle for human rights and civil liberties in Kenya.

TESTIMONIAL FROM OUR PARTNER



HURIA is a trailblazer in managing youth programs by effectively matching responsiveness, to objectivity and outcomes. The organization implements its programs with exceptionally high level of leadership, teamwork, and purposefulness. They have a friendly and highly motivated team of staff who are disciplined, objective and responsive to any programmatic demands.

Willis Ombima Ayub Coast Regional Coordinator of Youth Affairs

State Department for Youth, Ministry of ICT, Innovation & Youth Affairs



Created Opportunities for Youth

to access alternative means of economic empowerment in support of their transition into meaningful employment and Entrepreneurial Opportunities

As a response to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on youth access to economic opportunities, HURIA designed interventions targeting young business owners to improve their ability to build up and sustain business ventures. HURIA conducted a series of virtual sessions co-facilitated by the Youth Empowerment Program Initiative (YEPI Africa) and the Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs (MIIYA) reaching out to over **240** business owners across Mombasa County. Through these virtual interventions, HURIA was able to provide a broad training program that strengthened the competencies of **243** young entrepreneurs in developing business strategies, attracting investors, and leveraging social media for their business. Further to this, HURIA partnered with the Ajira Digital Program to create an opportunity for **50** university youth in Mombasa County to access online work opportunities.

We provided a broad training program to strengthened the competencies of 243 young entrepreneurs

Enhanced Appreciation and

Ability of youth to engage in the development processes in their communities.

HURIA organized sensitization and dialogue forums across Kwale County aimed at improving the participation of youth in political processes. An online Survey conducted by HURIA identified issues limiting youth involvement in governance structures, with particular emphasis on knowledge and skill gaps as well as community perception and attitudes. These issues were discussed and raised during dialogue sessions co-facilitated by HURIA and Kwale County Government officials. These sessions cumulatively reached out to **545** youth who gained a better understanding of the existing structures and functions of the county government and how to engage in public participation platforms.

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TESTIMONIAL FROM OUR PARTNER



HURIA is an organization centered around the development of our communities through a human rights-based approach. The organization has over the years championed critical issues affecting the community and society at large. Through the Young cities project, supported by the Strong cities network, in partnership with the Mombasa County Government, the organization has trained over 200 young people across the Coastal counties, on Alternative narratives against radicalization, Active citizenship and Youth engagement in Governance processes.

The organization operates under the principle of "UBUNTU, I am, because we are". This has strengthened partnerships across the board, from state to non-state actors, vulnerable communities and the society as a whole.

Long Live HURIA!



Munira Hamisi Director

Resilience and Youth affairs - Office of the Governor Mombasa County Government





Built a Sustainable Model for Youth

Engagement at the Local Level

HURIA in partnership with the Institute of Strategic Dialogue has since 2019-2020 conducted youth-focused programs that have enhanced the role of young people in combatting violence, extremism, and polarization across Kwale and Mombasa Counties. In partnership with these respective county governments, the Young Cities Program has financially supported nine (9) youth-led organizations to deliver unique campaigns aimed at addressing varied issues in their communities. HURIA has supported these organizations by delivering a series of capacity-building workshops on project development, where youth were taken through a step-by-step guide to creating effective and sustainable projects, based on their context and skills as well as expertise in grants management and providing linkages with relevant state and non-state actors in conducting their programs.

TESTIMONIAL FROM OUR PARTNER



HURIA has robust networks, not only within the coast but in Kenya as a whole. Therefore, partnering with HURIA ensures Young Cities/Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD) can tap into the robust structures, and networks within the region. My favourite aspect of the organization is its staff. HURIA staff are dedicated to their work, which is excellent, but most of all, they are remarkable individuals, which aids the cementing of our partnership.



Anisa Harrasy
Young Cities and Sub Saharan Manager Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD)







WINNIE HACHI MUMBA

PROGRAMS MANAGER

Law Enforcement and Security Reforms

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In 2018 HURIA implemented the Jamii Thabiti program supported by the Department for International Development through Coffey International. The project focus was on enhancing peace and security within communities in Kwale and Kilifi through a community-based policing approach. In delivery of the program, several successes were witnessed. Key among them was the issue of disco matanga; a cultural practice normally held when a family loses a loved one. The practice had however deviated from its true meaning and taken on a form that propagated social evils in society. These evils include early pregnancies, drug abuse, school dropouts, infidelity and high cases of murder during the functions, just to mention but a few. However, HURIA through the support of Jamii Thabiti lobbied members of Kilifi County Assembly and members of community policing committees to come up with a solution to the practice. After several engagements and deliberations by the Members of Kilifi County Assembly, the County Secretary issued the ban notice on "disco Matanga" in 2016 which was later embraced and enforced by local administrators' in Kilifi County. As an alternative, village elders resorted to fundraising for the deceased by collecting small household contributions to cater for funeral costs. The ban on disco Matanga also received support from the national government where the ministry of interior and coordination of national government ordered an end to vigils past 11pm.



Since March 2020 HURIA has been implementing the REINVENT Programme that is supported by the Department for International Development in Kwale, Mombasa and Kilifi. Through the program HURIA rolled out an innovative approach to community policing and accountability forums called SEMA Clinic(s). These forums bring together community representatives within the jurisdiction of a particular police station, the station's leadership and a representation from the police oversight and accountability institutions, including the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA), Internal Affairs Unit (IAU), Commission for Administration of Justice (CAJ), and Kenya National Human Rights Commission (KNHRC). The objective of the forum is to provide an open space for the community to speak out about the state of policing services in their respective areas, allow for responses from the security agencies and provide the space to speak freely in the presence of the institutions.

Since March 2020, over **500** community security stakeholders have been engaged in six areas served by the six police stations. Drawing from SEMA clinics conducted over this period, respective OCSs and IPOA, IAU, CAJ, together with HURIA's response team, received a total of **11** rights violation cases committed by police officers on civilians. All are now active cases being pursued for further investigations by both IPOA and IAU. The SEMA clinics are supported by a complementary approach named Free Legal Aid Advisory Call Sessions (FLAACS) similarly run by HURIA. An anonymous toll-free line is provided to the public to report any form of violations by the security agencies. A response team made up of pro-bono lawyers provide requisite support to persons reporting incidences which include referrals, legal and counselling support. By the end of 2020, over **130** cases had been reported through the platform with **64%** new cases and the rest following up on the status of previously reported incidences and making enquires. Nearly **50%** of these cases had either been completely resolved or referred to various response mechanisms (IPOA, IAU and CAJ) and were in various stages of the justice chain.

TESTIMONIAL FROM OUR PARTNER



HURIA has been our trusted partner in the quest for improving effectiveness of the police and other security agencies' response to community safety and security. HURIA continues to impress with their innovative programmes. We have benefitted from cosupporting transformative ways of engaging communities for instance through the SEMA clinics and FLAACS. I am particularly impressed by HURIA's ability to break down the complex subject of Human Rights to a practical, easy-to-apply concept. The innovations have spurred sustainability and scalability of programme outcomes; very significant components of programme management. Their commitment to innovating new ways of engagement and delivery means they have their finger on the pulse of issues. The Simple approach to complex issues makes HURIA a favourite. HURIA have the ability to humanize solutions and staying power, they have remained consistent through the years and delivered sustainable results As long as community remains, HURIA's value and relevance remains!.

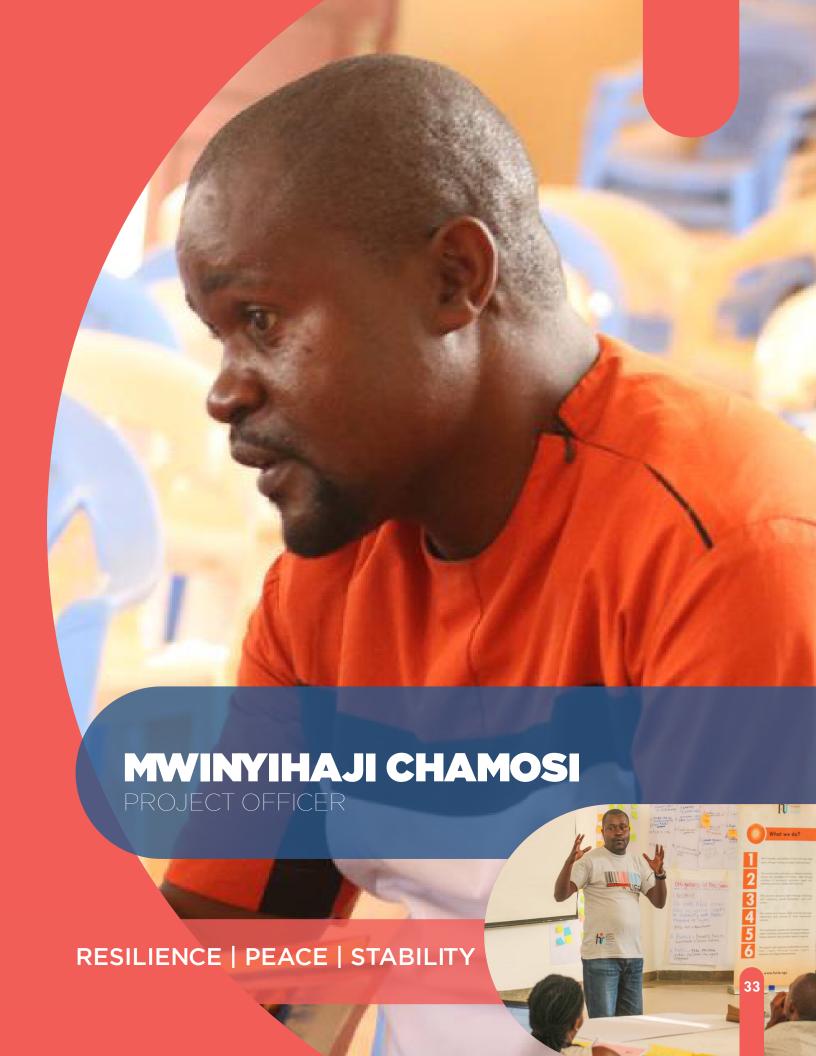


Jaki Mbogo

Chief of Party and Team Leader



Reducing Insecurity and Violent Extremism in Northern and Coastal Region (REINVENT)



Increased knowledge and understanding of CVE issues by law enforcement agencies and community policing committees

HURIA has built the capacity of local security actors to respond to emerging and evolving threats of VE and radicalization. Through training and capacity building, coordination meetings and participation in the Kwale county CVE Forum, HURIA has supported the strengthening of the Kwale county Action Plan's Law Enforcement and security pillars. Security actors targeted include community policing committees, County Security Intelligence Committees, the National Police Service, and the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government. HURIA has sensitized these offices on anti-terror laws, human rights guidelines, and principles, as well as the evolving context of VE in the region. This has improved understanding of the P/CVE scope of work in Kwale, and also strengthened synergistic relations between security actors and civil society organizations.





HURIA has worked to improve the ability of education institutions specifically secondary schools to recognize and respond to the early signs of radicalization and violent extremism. School interventions dubbed 'CVE Clinics' were conducted in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC). These efforts in schools were conducted through the Peace club platforms. These interventions have facilitated the creation and strengthening of the Peace club platforms in secondary schools, as safe spaces to discuss topical issues related to preventing radicalization and violent extremism. HURIA has engaged **15+** schools and spearheaded the formation of peace clubs across Kwale and Kilifi Counties.

Further to this, HURIA and the Secondary School Heads Association in Kwale jointly submitted a memorandum on the Prevention of Terrorism Amendment Bill (2018) to the senate standing committee on National security, defence, and foreign relations. The bill sought to promote the role of an educational institution administrators to carry out P/CVE efforts. HURIA's work in schools led to the compilation of a report dubbed 'Dismantling the rings of terror in schools. This report outlines the manifestation of radicalization in schools and gives recommendations to various stakeholders including the government and civil society actors to continue supporting peace education efforts in schools.

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Formulated Policies and Frameworks to Support CVE Work

HURIA has facilitated the development of policies and framework s that seek to support PCVE work at the County level. This includes a women's participation framework on preventing and countering violent extremism that provides an analysis of the gendered dynamics of radicalization, recruitment, disengagement, rehabilitation, and reintegration. Additionally, HURIA produced a pocket dictionary on definitions of terminologies, phrases, and vocabulary used in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism.

Strengthened coordination of the Kwale

County CVE Engagement Forum

HURIA is a member of the Kwale County Engagement Forum and its underlying Secretariat. The organization also leads the Education Pillar, which supports PCVE engagements in learning Institutions in Kwale County. Through these platforms, HURIA has fostered collaboration amongst CVE forums through supporting the convening of monthly and quarterly meetings. These joint forums created the opportunity for stakeholders to share best practices and lessons learned in addressing radicalization. These meetings have also culminated into improved synergistic relations between CSOs and security agencies including the ministry of interior, National police service, and National intelligence services through the county security intelligence





Kwale county CVE Forum's work has also garnered support from various development partners. The Institute of strategic dialogue nominated the Kwale county government to form part of the Strong cities network. The Strong Cities Network is the first-ever global network of local political leaders, policymakers, and practitioners united in building social cohesion and community resilience to counter violent extremism in all its forms. The network was launched at the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015, and currently comprises 130 cities from across all major global regions.

Assessed the Kwale County Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism

HURIA assessed the First Generation Kwale county action plan on preventing and countering violent extremism. The assessment focused on underscoring the effectiveness, impact, and relevance of the county action plan as a guiding tool to PCVE work in Kwale County. The report provides an analysis of the limitations and recommendations for improving the operationalization of county action plans on PCVE by state and non-state actors.

Improved understanding of students, teachers, and front-line actors in recognizing and responding to violent extremism

HURIA's efforts in sensitizing the community and frontline actors on early warning signs of radicalization and recruitment to VE groups, the organization initiated PCVE clinics targeting prisons in Kilifi, Mombasa and Kwale county. HURIA engaged prison officers who shared their experiences in handling inmates associated with VE and how correctional facilities operate. As a result of this collaboration there was enhanced prison wardens and warders' knowledge and understanding on mechanisms put in place in prisons in efforts of Countering Violent Extremism. One of the mechanisms that prisons have put in place is the "Al-Shabaab Patrols" within Malindi GK Prison. This security measure is undertaken on a weekly basis where prison officers directly engage in conversation with inmates on issues of VE to gauge their views as well as conducting of rounds within the facilities.

The above-mentioned mechanism was achieved after engagement of prison officers in Prison CVE Clinics. Prison officers agreed that their knowledge to detect signs of VE was enhanced and they are now able to identify such signs, which had previously manifested among inmates.



Improved Trust between victims of terror, CSOs and Government agencies (NCTC)

The relationship between victims of terror, CSOs and the government had deteriorated overtime due to mistrust, cases of enforced disappearances and killings of suspects of terror. To rebuild trust between CSOs and victims of terror, HURIA through UN Women created a platform where victims of terror were directly engaged in a "Women Entrepreneurship Baraza" to share and discuss challenges they face and ways of empowering themselves economically. One of the biggest achievements was the ability of victims of terror to openly share their experiences. HURIA created safe spaces and used a Human Rights Approach in the engagements and formed a "victims of terror support groups" in the three counties of implementation. "We have been engaged by different organization but none of them have had such a good approach like HURIA. Most of the organizations only care about our stories but not what happens afterwards. Apart from HURIA giving us safe spaces to share our stories, we also get an opportunity to learn on entrepreneurship opportunities that we can engage ourselves in after the cries" said one of the victims. The victims are now engaged in Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA), which is also used as a platform where they meet and provide psychosocial support to each other and have also reached out and engaged more victims in the support group.

UN Women has played a key role in the collaboration between HURIA, NCTC and victims of terror. Most of the victims of terror were afraid in engaging with NCTC. The involvement of NCTC from the onset of the project played a key role to achieve the set goal. As a result of this collaboration HURIA linked up one of the returnees with NCTC as a test to the revised amnesty program. The said beneficiary who was stigmatized by the community and came back HIV positive could not freely visit any hospital for medication. NCTC linked her up with one of the hospitals and is now on medication. This is a woman who is considered as a role model by a group of one hundred and thirty (130) female victims of terror. Faith in the NCTC is gradually being restored because we have more willing victims ready to be engaged with the program.



TESTIMONIAL FROM OUR PARTNER



HURIA is such a committed partner composed by a strong leadership and a team that carries out their mandate in a very passionate manner. Our partnership with HURIA is guided by mutual learning, perseverance, and respect, while we strive for a common aim: the equal enjoyment of fundamental rights and freedoms by each and every individual, without discrimination of any kind. We commend its latest achievements, high levels of self-reflection and self-learning, leading to an incredible growth path through which the organisation has gained its relevance and legitimacy in the Coastal region. Due to its outstanding rights-based approach as well as by critically engaging with a broad range of State and non-State actors, I truly believe that HURIA's existence is for the benefit of all in Kenya!"



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ACCESS TO PEOPLE CENTRED JUSTICE AND RULE OF LAW



Increased Communities' access to legal aid,

awareness and understanding of legal and court procedures

The County Legal Aid Centre launched on 10th March 2020, has so far helped improve access to justice by offering free legal assistance to very vulnerable communities and persons in dire need of essential legal services, advice and information. Being located behind the County Court Cells, the Legal Aid Centre has become easily accessible especially for persons arraigned in court. This has increase our beneficiary target to include individuals temporarily being held in court cells, fresh remandees and those brought to court for plea taking. The Legal Aid Centre is a key pillar in helping increase awareness and understanding of legal and court procedures to communities. The continued operationalization of the Legal Aid Centre will improve access to legal aid and information as well as, act as a key sustainability of the access to justice program.

Improved access to justice and service delivery by justice actors

Our influence and support in the formation of the Mombasa County Court, Court Users committee on 22nd January 2020 sparked stakeholders interest to address impending challenges and improve service delivery within the justice sector in the Mombasa County Court. With the representation of various stakeholders such as key county government departments, civil society, Local Administration officers, independent commissions and private sector groups on board, it has provided an opportunity to make the justice system more participatory and inclusive. This CUC has therefore, provided an avenue to address matters on access to justice while enhancing public participation and stakeholder engagement, including developing public understanding of court operations, as well as, promoting effective justice sector partnerships and advancing the application of Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms. Through intervention of this County Court Users Committee during the COVID-19 pandemic, the county court declined to issue heavy fines for persons arrested for not adhering to the COVID-19 directives and regulations, such as, observing the 7:pm-5am curfew and not putting on face masks in public places. HURIA continues to witness a strengthened feedback mechanisms and dialogue among stakeholders and court users that eventually leads to improves access to justice and service delivery by actors in the justice system.



Enhanced knowledge on human rights and improved adherence to respect for rule of law

The callous manner in which the County Inspectorate Officers performed their duties, particularly, arbitrary arrests and use of excessive force, was a great concern to the public and more so to the vulnerable individuals, mainly the street families, PWDs and women. Our Probono lawyers registered similar complaints through the daily Free Legal Aid Advisory Calls Sessions and the Human Rights Clinics. Between 14th and 28th February 2020 trainings on human rights and the enforcement of county legislations were conducted to the inspectorate officers. The trainings have so far helped to enhance the knowledge, awareness and understanding of respect for human rights. Moreover, they have helped to raise consciousness on the importance of protection of the specific rights of vulnerable groups and PWDs, this has seen a drastic reduction of complaints of human rights violation inflicted by officers. In similar vein, we continue to witness Increased adherence of inspectorate officers to rule of law and procedure.



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As one of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Civil Society Organization supported under the Programme for Legal Education and Aid Delivery (PLEAD) in Kenya, UNDP is pleased to partner with Human Rights Agenda (HURIA) in the advancement of human rights and strengthening capabilities of state and non-state actors, with the aim of enhancing the greater realization and equal enjoyment of fundamental human rights as enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya (2010). HURIA's focus on human rights as the foundation of legal aid and access to justice for vulnerable and poor communities in Mombasa County has been clearly demonstrated in the establishment and consequent support of the Legal Aid Centre through a partnership with Mombasa County government. HURIA continues to be a critical partner in access to justice providing much-needed pro-poor and people centered services including legal awareness, education and legal aid services through structured mechanisms and processes capable of supporting effective and efficient access to justice and legal aid for the poor. We look forward to our continued partnership with HURIA on promoting the accountable governance, peace, and security agenda in Kenya.



Walid Badawi

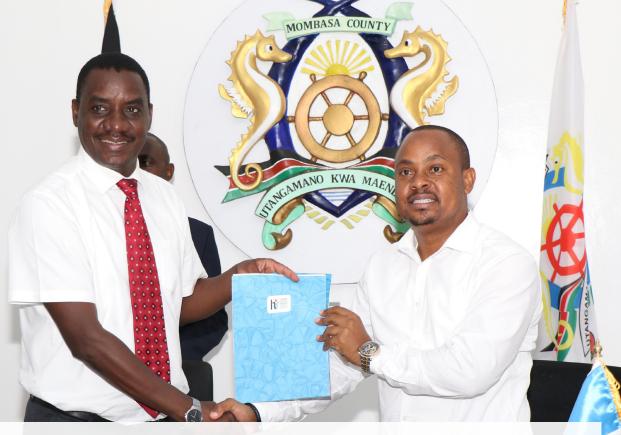
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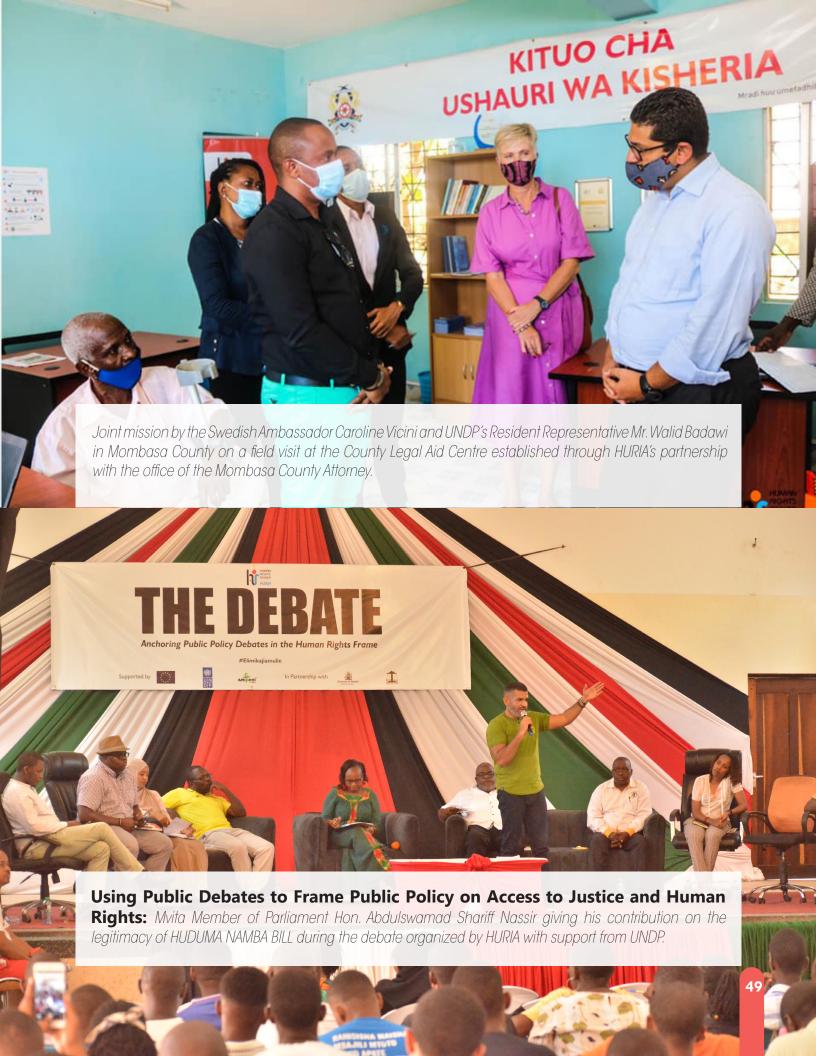


Building strategic partnership with key actors to Promote Access to Justice on public interest matters and infringement of rights and freedoms of Mombasa residents:

Above: Mombasa County Secretary Mr. Joab Tumbo and HURIA's Executive Director Mr. Yusuf Lule during the signing of an MOU between HURIA and the County Government of Mombasa.

Below: Speaker of the Mombasa County Assembly Hon. Aharub Khatri and HURIA's Executive Director Mr. Yusuf Lule signing an MOU as HURIA board member (far left) and members of County Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs witness.

















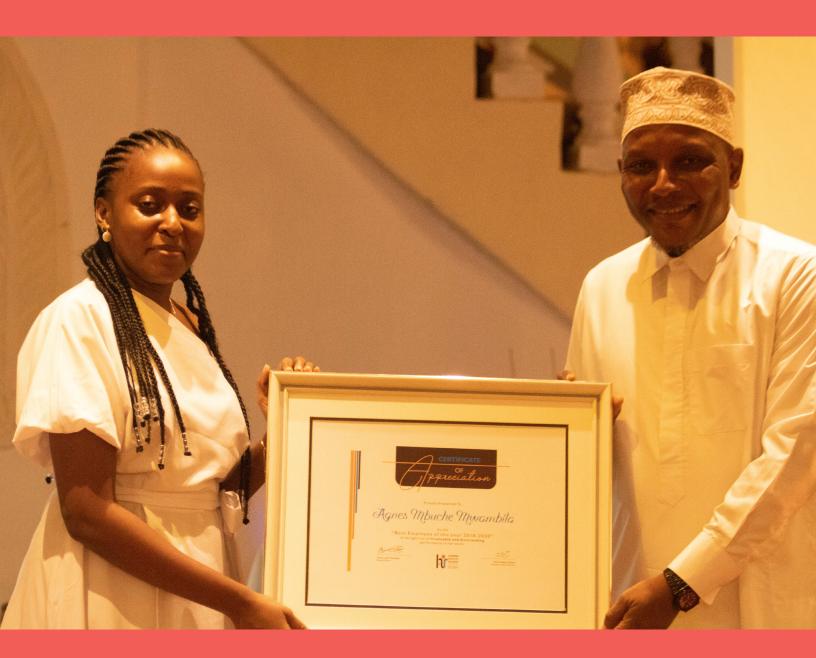




Deepening engagement between the Police and communities in Kilifi, Chasimba to reduce potentials for Electoral Security through police-led sensitization, to enhance proacctive response mechanism to avert violence at local levels.



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