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LEC COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION



VISION

A SOCIETY WHERE CHILDREN, WOMEN AND YOUTHS HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS AND FREE FROM FORMS OF VIOLATIONS

MISSION

LEC THRIVES TO CHAMPION THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN, WOMEN AND YOUTHS THUS ENSURING THEIR RIGHTS ARE REALIZED

Dear Friends,

Even though the year started with Kenya going through the Covid 19 pandemic, we are happy to note that LEC Community Organization was able to develop **RESILIENCE** to implement most of her activities for the year 2022 that was characterized with so many problems caused by the pandemic at a global level. The



LEAH NYALOBO, Founder and Executive Director

resilience taught us to adapt to the new emerging challenges. Due to the COVID 19 preventive measures advised by the government, we learnt to support each other from a distance due to the strict measures of social distancing, we did more with less resources and coped with constant uncertainty. We sincerely thank our partners who stood with us by supporting our emergency programme to respond to the harsh impacts of COVID 19 to LEC's communities both in Mathare slums, Busia and Kakamega rural places.

We are excited to share with you this report that demonstrates our work throughout the year. Through your support we have touched the lives of 10,953 across Mathare and Korogoshi slums, Busia and Kakamega rural areas. Together with you and other partners around the globe, we will continue to empowering our communities.

Thank you very much and be blessed.

Leah Nyalobo

Founder and Executive Director

PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED DURING THE YEAR

Emergency Response to COVID 19



Food distribution during COVID pandemic

As Covid-19 pandemic continued to spread across the countries and cities, Africa and particularly Kenya was greatly affected in the year 2020, 2021 and 2022 when the COVID wave spread very fast in the country. This changed peoples' way of life and their daily routine being disrupted. Schools, businesses and offices were closed down to avoid social distance as guided by the Ministry of Health. The government encouraged citizens to wear face masks, frequent hand washing and use of sanitizers to reduce the spread of the virus. Even

though, the pandemic affected individuals at global level, those living in informal settlements such as Mathare were most affected. This is because of the high overcrowding, high unemployment rate, food insecurity, poor drainage and sanitation, lack of access to clean water that exposed their vulnerability to the virus. Self isolation and social distancing was practically impossible. LEC had to work around the clock to respond to the humanitarian crises that had faced our community members. Through the support of our partners and well wishers we managed to support 200 households with food support, 300 households with



Hand washing point installed at Chief's place to serve community

clean water, 355 households with hygiene kits including liquid soap, tissue papers, sanitary towels, and face masks. 200 families were sensitized on measures to reduce the spread of COVID 19. Families' livelihoods were disrupted and LEC supported 20 women to revive their small scale businesses through business capital boost. 15 hand washing points were installed in common areas including chief's place, local dispensaries and at the common roads to enhance hygiene practices.

Education



Grade 8 pupils at LEC Community School

children attend school to not only unlock their potential but also protect them from violence, abuse and exploitation.

LEC also provided educational scholarships to 15 children in secondary schools. This included paying the school fees to these children who are vulnerable and would otherwise have dropped out of school exposing them to teenage pregnancies, child marriage and other forms of exploitations. The sponsorship programme provides school fees to these children throughout their 4 years in high school. Besides school fees, we provided leadership programme that exposes them to universities and other opportunities in life.

In 2021, 350 children had access to quality education through LEC's community school that provides pre primary education and primary education. As an organization, we strongly believe you can empower a community when you ensure its children go to school to get quality education but also ensure smooth transition from pre primary to primary, to secondary school then eventually to college or university. Through our community conversations with community members, we sensitize parents to ensure their



Sponsorship programme at LEC

Gender Based Violence



Mass Awareness campaign within the Mathare slums during 16 Days of Activism

As a result of effects of 2019 COVID pandemic, many families especially from the slum areas experienced violence due to disrupted livelihoods. Women and children were the most affected within communities. As LEC we intensified our efforts in preventing and responding to Gender Based Violence. During the year we continued to spread awareness, sensitized communities and addressed sexual and gender based

violence across Mathare and Korogsho slums. We merged efforts with other community based organizations and worked closely with local authority and the police to ensure the perpetrators face their actions. During the year, we created awareness and sensitized 4,556 members from the slum of Mathare and Korogsho, 217 cases on case management. 217 received basic counseling from the organization social worker, 12 were referred for specialized counseling and therapy to a local government health facility and 7 cases went to court with the support of our probonal lawyer who is also LEC's Board member. Rural areas were equally not spared with increased cases of Gender Based Violence. Our satellite offices in Busia received 87 cases while Kakamega office received 33 cases. Our social workers in partnership with local governments and other CSOs supported the survivors to have access to the required services. Busia office reached 1,244 community members with awareness raising and sensitization which was mainly done through churches, chief barazas and forums at schools we partnered with. In Kakamega, we reached out to 573 households with awareness raising and sensitization forums. 28 women were supported with seed capital start small scale businesses to enhance their resilience and also prevent them from further becoming victims of GBV



Community sensitization against Gender Based Violence in Korogsho slums

Child Protection programmes

Child protection activities form part of our core implementation focus within LEC Community Organization. Each year we support children to be their own advocates



Child Rights Club members undergoing training to be their own advocates in Busia County

through empowering them with knowledge and information to help them prevent and protect themselves from abuse and exploitation. During the year we sensitized 2,150 children on forms of abuse and preventive measures. Our strategy involved Child Rights Clubs comprising of 30 to 40 members per school. These children were taken through series of training thereby becoming ambassadors of children rights within their schools. We targeted 3 schools in Mathare slums, 1 school in Korogoshi, 5 schools in Busia and 3 schools in Kakamega area. 504 children who are members of child rights clubs were trained of forms of child abuse including sexual abuse, physical abuse,

child labour, child trafficking, corporal punishment, online sexual abuse and reporting channels within their communities when such abuse happen. These children eventually became child rights ambassadors and were able to sensitize other children creating awareness against child abuse within their schools and communities.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Being a slum area, Mathare slum is characterized by inadequate toilets and bathrooms and limited access to clean water increasing the vulnerability of community members to waterborne diseases. Lack of proper drainage system worsens the situation as sewer often mix with water meant for domestic use. During the year, LEC sensitized 623 community members on good hygiene practices. The communities members noted lack of toilets and bathrooms to be the leading factor to pollution of the common Nairobi water and poor drainage systems



Waste Management group within the slum of Mathare

that exposes them to waterborne diseases. LEC thereafter approached a partner who promised to renovate toilets and bathrooms to the community members. LEC also reached out to the local authority and presented community members challenges. As a sustainable way of managing waste within Mathare slums, LEC supported youths to form a waste management group that works with local authority and community members to ensure the wastes are well managed by the community members and the group is in charge of collection which helps them to manage wastes within the slum area but also create some income for the group sustainability.

Sports and Youths



Ongoing behavior change session with youths using Sports as a tool agent in Kakamega County

Our approach on Sports for Development project engages youths in team-based sports to teach teamwork, leadership, and most importantly used as a tool for behavior change. 150 youths participated in workshops on sexual and reproductive health, Waste Management, and gender based violence. Our sports programming acts as an avenue of inviting youth to participate in additional climate change activities such as waste recycling, cleaning of our natural resources such as rivers.

Conclusion

As we continue to empower our communities, we believe in participatory approach where all of our project beneficiaries, key stakeholders and communities are involved in our activities all through from design, implementation and feedback. We believe in partnerships within our communities to enable us reach and change the communities. We continue to urge you to continue partnering with us in reaching our ultimate goal.