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Special Interest Articles

Voter Education in Machakos County under the "Jukumu Letu"

Update on PBO **Bill 2012** progress

PEN Management Services & the new company (PMDC)

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PEN'S COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS



(Project officer during a policy and advocacy training);



Community members Baraza reading IEBC Brochure)

Project "Jukumu Letu"

Jukumu Letu (meaning 'Our responsibility') is a project focusing on Devolution & Voter Education during this electioneering period by encouraging the community to take action and vote in leaders who will work with them at the community level. This project supported by UNDP Amkeni Wakenya sensitizes communities that they can only do this by taking responsibility and voting for suitable leaders.

PEN's Machakos Team reaches out to communities through Community resource Persons (TOT's) who are sufficiently trained to effectively conduct Devolution & Vote

Education through Public Forums locally referred to as **Barazas**.

PEN acknowledges the great efforts of The Provincial Administrators & active participation of other Community leaders who have been most helpful in supporting the project to successfully reach a greater number of community members through mobilizing the community members to attend these Barazas. This project phase reached over 22,000 people directly and over 400,000 people indirectly through the IEC materials.

On our realization that the youth who are a key segment in the community are inadequately informed on the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya 2010

& the subsequent acts such as Elections Act 2011 & Political Parties Act 2011.

The project embarked on reaching out to them through Technical colleges & Secondary Schools (youths of 18 years and above). At the county level PEN has engaged with stakeholders in meetings and forums aimed at exploring all possible measures to ensure Free, Fair, Peaceful, & Democratic Elections

The Independence Electoral & Boundaries Commission (IEBC) trained PEN field Staff, equipping them with official educational materials i.e. Voter Education Curriculum, Voter Education Training Manual & Handbook on Elective Positions. This material has been pivotal in informing PEN's Voter Education Program



(Group work during a Civic Education at Katethya Secondary School)

CDTF Funded Projects to Kalama & Kyevaluki CBO's

PEN's Machakos Team continues to support both Kyevaluki & Kalama CBO's to implement two environmental projects focusing on provision of water, soil conservation, tree planting to improve vegetation cover and nature based enterprises. Implementation process for these two CBO's started in July & August 2012 respectively. Each receiving the first Budget allocations of six months, 20% community contribution for each project will be contributed.

PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANISATIONS BILL - 2012 (PBO) PROCESS UPDATE OCTOBER 2012

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The CSO Reference Group has been providing leadership in the initiative on review of the NGO Coordination ACT since 2009.

PEN continues to provide secretariat support for the CSO **Reference Group** which has mobilized, informed and consulted on the review of the current NGO Act and provided recommendations on the development of a new Bill.

This CSO driven process led to the development a Bill for CSOs engaged in public benefits activities, the **Public Benefits Organisations (PBO) Bill**.

The project which began in September 2009 is funded by USAID through **ACT!** (formerly Pact Kenya) with a smaller contribution from World Movement for Democracy (**WMD**).

The CSO Reference Group has two Co-Chairs and is supported by two Sub-groups, **Legal** and **Advocacy Committees**.

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Before the Bill is discussed by the whole sitting of Parliament, it had to go through many stages. This includes discussion by the Parliamentary Committee on Labour and Social welfare. Also various stakeholders and the general public have been requested to give input to the Bill as provided for by the constitution and the Parliamentary standing orders.

This **Public Benefit Organisations (PBO) Bill**

was submitted in December 2011 as private members Bill with the support of the parliamentary committee on Labour and Social Welfare.

The bill was published by parliament on 27th April 2012. It went through the 1st reading in parliament in 27th June 2012. The Bill will go through the second reading and through the Committee of the whole house before December the end of the current term of the national Assembly.



“Sikika Hasa” campaign

Since October 2010, **PEN in Partnership with PeaceNet Kenya and Oxfam GB** had been collaborating under Sikika Hasa campaign. The campaign is one of the Non State Actors (NSA-Net) support programme which was funded by the EU through the Government of Kenya and sought to build credible Civil Societies in Peace sector in key issues of governance through building their capacities to be better heard.

Good Governance Practices for Peace Building CSO Networks

a) *Training of Selected CSOs on the minimum standards.*

In collaboration with **Viwango**, PEN conducted trainings on the minimum CSO standards targeting all peace building networks under the SIKIKA HASA CAMPAIGN. Both soft and hard copies of the revised standards and codes of conduct have been circulated to all the networks and other CSOs in the country.

b) *Trained Peace Building Networks on transformational leadership:*

PEN in collaboration with Oxfam and Peacenet have trained selected leaders from peace building networks on transformational leadership.

The Sikika Hasa Project was completed by 7th September 2012. A new project concept in line with the SIKIKA HASA Campaign Project is being developed jointly by the three partners- Oxfam GB, PeaceNet and PEN.

PEN works with Organisations in a participatory manner to carry out organizational assessment and design organisational development plans.

PEN's organizational development model

ensures capacity building is undertaken through a participatory organizational assessment before designing and implementing a set of appropriate organizational development initiatives for partners with the agreement of all stakeholders.

PEN specializes in: Organizational Assessments, Good Governance, Leadership and Change, Strategy

and Planning, Team Building, Resource Mobilization, Financial and Human Resource Management.

PEN has recently been engaged to work with **Diakonia** in providing Governance Capacity Building work for some of their partners.

Monitoring & Evaluation work is also ongoing with **Africalia** partners namely; Kuruka Maisha, Slum TV, Mwelu Foundation and Hot Sun Foundation.

PEN Management Services

PEN also provides professional consultancy services offering the same range of offers and services to (fee paying) organizations as well as individuals. Some of the recent consultancies include; **Resource Mobilisation** strategy for Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium (KANCO) and SOS Children's Villages Kenya; **Strategy development** for Smart Citizen in Eldoret, Elizabeth Glaser Paediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF), Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD); **Board Governance** work with Independent Medico-Legal Unit (IMLU)



POVERTY ERADICATION NETWORK
Strengthening Citizens Participation

PEN's Vision:

"A society where all people have access to a life of dignity, devoid of absolute poverty"

PEN's Mission:

"To strengthen the capacity of civil society and not-for-profit organizations in Africa and contribute to the eradication of absolute poverty, through: organizational development, demonstration and dissemination of effective and sustainable poverty reduction strategies at all levels."

PEN Management and Development Consultants Limited (PMDC)

PEN has established a consulting arm called **PEN Management and Development Consultants Limited (PMDC)**.

The new Company will work with **businesses, government agencies and civil society** to achieve the impact and sustainability needed to make social change a reality.

PMDC envisions a society and economy in which government works with civil society and the private sector

to create positive social and environmental impact while generating economic value.

Purpose Statement:

PMDC is a mission-driven social enterprise, dedicated to advancing best practices and improving capacity in poverty reduction programmes, policy, philanthropy and corporate social investment, through consulting to values driven organisations.

Watch this space for more updates

PMDC Goals:

1. Sustainable financial support to Poverty Eradication Network (PEN) Kenyan NGO.
2. High quality consultancy which enables all actors improve their interventions to help positively transform society
3. Values driven organisations and actors across all sectors positively engage and foster collaboration for the transformation of society