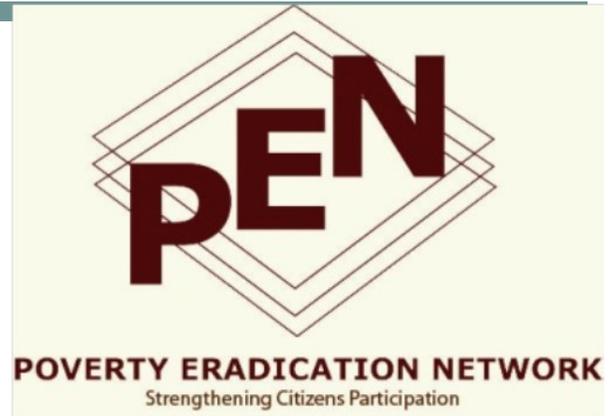


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NEWSLETTER



It is mid – 2017! It is that time to look back through the past months to take stock of our successes and learn from the challenges that we have faced. This issue informs us about the activities that PEN has been engaged in within the last few months.

Mutulani Water Project

The Water borehole drilling project in Mutulani, Makueni County whose fundraising through Global Giving began in 2013 finally saw the drilling take place. The residents who witnessed the drilling and test-pumping could not hide their joy when they saw the water flowing.

borehole was sank,



Some of the students at the borehole site when test pumping was being done

heaped praises on PEN and all the donors who contributed to the project. They were hopeful that the water would change their lives as they have already started planning on how best they will utilize this resource to better their lives.

PEN and the local community remain hopeful that more funds will be availed to complete the water project.

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Global Giving comment on the water project on Facebook: "This is awesome! Congratulations!"

Matt Muendo on the water project on Facebook: "This is great work of transforming lives of rural communities. Keep it up, @PEN".



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Poverty Eradication Network

CSO Leadership & Integrity Training

“CSO leaders’ capacity was enhanced on the issues of Leadership and Management of CSOs; Good Governance, Integrity and Ethics; and Board Development”.

The need to have a more vibrant Civil Society Organizations across the country led the Civil Society Organizations Reference Group Secretariat to conduct training on *Strengthening the Capacity of CSO Leaders in Kenya* for a selected team of CSO leaders.

The three-day training was held from 20th to 22nd June, 2017 at Thayu Farm Hotel, Tigoni, Kiambu County. 30 CSO leaders’ capacity was enhanced on the issues of *Leadership and Management of*

CSOs; Good Governance, Integrity and Ethics; and Board Development.

The leaders appreciated the training and undertook to ensure that they implement in their various organizations, and to pass the

knowledge to those who were not able to attend the training, what they learnt.



PEN 9th Staff Retreat

2017 presents an opportunity for PEN’s stakeholders to come together to develop a new strategy 2018-2020. The year 2017 being the bridging year between 2014/2016 and 2018/2020 strategy. And so to initiate the process, PEN staff converged at the 9th staff retreat in Mombasa for three days to (1) look at advancing PEN’s vision, (2) Re-look at the priority areas, (3) Address

PEN branding issues, and (4) strategies how to revitalize PMDC with main outcome being draft 2018/2020 strat-

egy to be shared with the Board of Directors.



M & E Exercise in Kakamega County by Diakonia

On 27th June 2017, the Diakonia team visited Kakamega County, where the CSOs benefited from the CSRG/PEN Democracy and Human Rights Program funded by the Embassy of Sweden through Diakonia.

The exercise targeted activities that included: Accountability forum with the duty bearers and beneficiaries; consultative meetings between the CSOs and the County Ex-

ecutives and Assembly; leadership and integrity training; and the NGOs exhibition week. Expected results were: improved working environment between the CSOs and the County Assembly and the County Executives; CSOs engagement in the County decision-making processes; CSOs providing some expertise to either the County Assembly or Executive; CSOs providing

input in any of the county policy papers; and the positive impact of the Kakamega NGO week.

The team met two duty bearers, Mr. Jacob Mumia, the County Director of Planning, and Ms. Ebby Khavai, the CEC Education. A Focused Group Discussion between CSOs and Diakonia team was also convened.

PEN Team expands

“PEN continues to work towards the growth and development of skills through its Volunteer and Internship programme”.

In June, PEN opened its doors to Ludivicus Omollo and David Mutinda.

Ludivicus joined as a Communication Officer (Volunteer) to support the Communication and Programme teams. He comes in for six months during which he will be supported by the Finance and Administration Manager.

David joined as an Assistant Accountant (Intern) to gain firsthand experiences from the finance team. He comes in for six months during which he will be guided by the Finance and Compliance Officer.

PEN continues to work towards the growth and development of skills

through the Volunteer and Internship programme. We remain fully committed to the involvement of volunteers and Interns in all aspects of the organization’s work.

Karibuni sana!

Gallery



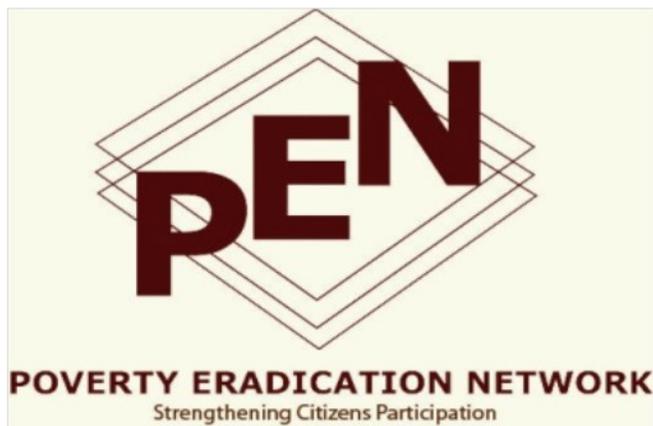
Some of the staff at the Staff retreat



Judith (left), Mary (right), and Joseph Mbithi, Mutulani Sec. School PTA Chair at the borehole site



Some of the Leadership and Integrity Training Participants in a group discussion.



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PEN MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS



PEN Management and Development Consultants Limited (PMDC) is the consulting arm of Poverty Eradication Network.

The Company works 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.

PMDC seeks to work with East African Corporate organizations to create and fine tune their CSR, Foundation and Philanthropy policies.

PMDC Value statements

People: Our services are customer focused.

Project: Our services are quality focused.

Principles: We apply ethical considerations to the type of work and whom we work with.

General approach

- Facilitate a participatory approach in the developmental process of society at large
- PMDC will utilize the specialized knowledge of civil society in Kenya by using PEN staff and associates.

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 organizations.

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 organizations and actors across all sectors positively engage and foster collaboration for the transformation of society.

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