and more regular engagements were encouraged at the event.

In other previous engagements, the CSO Network engaged the Governor, H.E Prof. Kivutha Kibwana, whom they agreed to work with, especially in the areas that require Civil Society representations. The Network agreed with the Governor on appointment of their members to various Boards with the Governor challenging them to enhance their vibrancy to remain relevant within the County.

**Makueni County CSOs Conference**

On 5th September 2018, the Makueni County CSO Network held a Conference with the objective of ‘Redefining the Network goals towards achieving a vibrant CSO Network that is able to establish objective relationship with the County Government.’ The Conference was graced by H.E Prof. Kivutha Kibwana, the Governor of Makueni County. Other guests and speakers included CEC Devolution-Hon Julius Kaloi, Director of Public Participation and Civic Education – Ms Zipporah Wambua and members of Makueni CSO Network. Improved

**Leadership and Integrity Training**

PEN, in collaboration with Civil Society Reference Group (CSRG), trained 41 CSO leaders in the area of leadership and integrity. This training happened in July 2018 at the Luke Hotel.

This was the fourth training on leadership and integrity that has cumulatively seen 142 CSO leaders trained since 2015. The training covered issues of Leadership and Management of CSOs; Good Governance, Integrity and Ethics; and, Board Development.
Coast Region Media Engagement

A meeting was convened to develop capacity of 30 journalists from Coast Region. The year 2017 and especially after the disputed elections of August 2017 witnessed a faster shrinking civic space, characterized by arbitrary deregistration of CSOs, cancellation of work permits for foreign CSOs leaders working with international CSOs, arbitrary arrests of journalists and bloggers, seizure of CSOs bank accounts and open threat to judiciary by the executive.

The training was the first and is to develop the media practitioners’ capacity so they can identify various manifestations of shrinking space and report on the same. This component is missing in the training curriculum and few of Kenyan journalists know how to identify and report on matters of civic space and role of CSOs in Kenya. We believe by training and engaging with journalists we will be able to build a common front in guarding the civil liberties.

Bungoma County CSO Exhibition Week

The Bungoma County CSOs Network held an Exhibition Week at the Bungoma KMTC Campus under the theme ‘Partnership for Sustainable Development’. The event saw various exhibitors from the CSOs share with the citizen and amongst themselves the activities that they carry out within their communities. The event was graced by the Deputy County Commissioner, Bungoma – Mr Silas Gatobu, the Chief Officer, Gender – Ms Sellah Mutsotsa, The Presiding Convenor, Civil Society Reference Group – Mr Suba Churchill and members of the Civil Society in Bungoma County.

Nyandarua County

As a result of previous engagements with PEN, members of the Nyandarua County CSO Network have held two meetings with the Speaker of the County Assembly and the County Secretary. These meetings were aimed at enhancing the engagement of the CSOs on issues of public participation in the County processes. Future meetings of these stakeholders have also been planned.

On 30th April, 2018, the CSOs Network held an engagement meeting with the County Public Service Board. The meeting was attended by 14 CSO leaders, 5 female and 9 male. The Board was represented by Ms. Eddah Wangaru, the Board’s Civic Education Programme Coordinator.

Ms. Wangaru emphasized the need for the CSOs to play a bigger role in the development within the County. She further noted that the Board has been given the mandate to liaise with the Civil Society in the County and that they are ready to work with the CSOs.
Global Giving Projects: Mutulani Community

The Mutulani Community still hopes to have a long-term solution to their water problems. Their expectations to equip the drilled borehole and to distribute water in Mutulani Primary and Secondary schools did not happen as planned as the Makueni County Government did not come through with the earlier commitment to support the project. PEN, the Mutulani community through MAWE CBO and the Schools have increased efforts to bring on board more partners to support the final phase of the current project of “Provide clean & safe water for 1500 women & children”

As a means of enabling the community, especially the two schools to benefit from the drilled borehole water, a new project, “Giving Children a Chance to Learn and Grow”, was approved by Global Giving. This project is intended to support the community of Mutulani Village in rural Kenya to achieve higher standards of hygiene and sanitation, reduce cases of school absenteeism and increase agricultural economic activities. This project, seeking to bring solutions that are emerging, originates from the previous project, ‘Improved Health for 1500 Women and Children in Kenya’, that aimed at providing water to the Mutulani community and schools. This new phase has been designed to build on the gains realized from the first phase and is expected to reach the neighboring communities. The Mutulani community and the schools have already commenced fundraising for the project through the school children.

To support these two projects, kindly follow the links below:
   M-Pesa Pay bill details: Pay Bill No.: 891300 / Account No.: GG15184
   M-Pesa Pay bill details: Pay Bill No.: 891300 / Account No.: GG32942

Kilifi County CSO Week

In September 2018, the Kilifi CSO Network organized the First Kilifi CSO Week at the Pwani University Resource Centre. Under the theme ‘Our Mandate, Our Struggles, Our Future’, the Week comprised of exhibitions and conference discussions around the theme of the event. The Conference was graced by the County Executive Committee members for Gender, Culture, Social Services and Sports, Ms Maureen Mwangovya and attended by members of various CSOs in Kilifi County.

Some of the participants who attended the CSO Week. Ms Maureen Mwangovya (in black and red dress), CEC Social Services, and Ms Judith Gondi from PEN on her left.
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