





# KILIFI CITIZENS FORUM

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GV5303: Support Quarterly meetings with Kilifi County Civil Society network members with an aim to link ActionAid Marafa LRP partners with different sector organizations within Kilifi County and to strengthen the voice of the civil society organizations (create synergies and linkages in advocating for GRPS and continuity of Partners work in Marafa Date: 22 – 04 - 2025	23	0	8	4	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	0
<b>ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION-</b> <i>Include activity code</i>	<b>NO. of people reached</b>											
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GV5304: Hold a round table meeting between ward accountability forum members, the project management committee member and the civil society Organizations representatives and the county department to strengthen the linkage and collaborations with an aim to promote the implementation of GRPS and hold the duty bearers accountable. Date: 23 – 05 - 2025	24	0	7	3	0	0	4	10	0	0	0	0



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## 1. Key outcomes realized this quarter.

**Some of the outcomes realized within this quarter including; -**

- a) Enhance engagement of the Kilifi County government for approval, enactment and implementation of county legislations and policies
- b) Marafa LRP partners enhances team work and collaboration with other Civil Society Organizations in Kilifi County in pushing for implementation and realization of Gender Responsive Public Services
- c) Community willingness to advocate for the reclaim the community irrigation scheme from land grabbers

## 2. Describe in detail the outcomes realized in the quarter.

### a) **Enhance engagement of the Kilifi County government for approval, enactment and implementation of county legislations and policies**

Kilifi Citizen Forum in collaboration with other Marafa LRP partners with support from ActionAid Kenya International pushed for approval, enactment and implementation of county legislations and policies. So far some of the legislations and policies which were approved by the county assembly and enacted include; -

- The Kilifi County Citizen Participation and Civic Education Act 2020
- The Kilifi County Citizen Participation and Civic Education regulations
- The Kilifi County Gender Based Violence Act 2023
- The Kilifi County Disaster Risk Management policy
- The Kilifi County Youth Development Policy
- The Kilifi County Land Policy
- The Kilifi County Equitable Fund Distribution Policy

### b) **Increased number of Civil Society Organizations pushing for realization of Gender Responsive Public Services**

Marafa Local Rights Programme partners enhanced team work and collaboration with other Civil Society Organizations in Kilifi County in pushing for implementation and realization of Gender Responsive Public Services. The partners have taken a leading role in mobilizing and organizing community members in Kilifi to engage the duty bearers especially the county departments related to Gender Responsive Public Services. Currently more community members visit the sub – county departmental offices to seek redress on Gender Responsive Public Services related community projects implementation gaps.



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This is because during the engagement at sub-county level it was realized that the subcounty officers have a lot of information regarding the implementation of community projects which they have not shared with the community.

**c) Community willingness to advocate for the reclaim the community irrigation scheme from land grabbers**

Kilifi Citizen Forum in collaboration with Garashi small scale Farmers and support from ActionAid Kenya International organized a meeting with the community around Alitete irrigation scheme to strategize and protest alleged ownership of Alitete irrigation scheme by a private developer. The Garashi small scale farmers volunteered information and recorded statements as a way to advocate for the reclaim of the irrigation project from land grabbers. A petition was drawn with the assistance of a probornal lawyer. The petition is yet to be filled with the senate assembly for action.

**3. How did the LRP/Project Contribute to these outcomes or influence the outcome?**

Kilifi Citizen Forum with support from ActionAid International Kenya mobilized and organized the local community ward accountability forums. Kilifi Citizen Forum also invited the Kilifi County heads of departments at sub-county level who shared information regarding the implementation status of community projects related to Gender Responsive Public Services supported through county budgets. The community members identified the implementation gaps and agreed to make follow ups with the relevant departments to ensure the gaps are addressed.

Kilifi Citizen Forum brought together the other Marafa Local Rights partners and shared with them more on the implementation status of community projects related to Gender Responsive Public Services supported through county budgets. The partners agreed to support the communities they work with in ensuring follow ups and addressing of the project's implementation gaps.

Kilifi Citizen Forum with support from ActionAid International Kenya mobilized and organized Civil Society Organizations and analyzed the Kilifi Equitable Fund Distribution Policy draft and the Kilifi Land policy draft. For both the two policy drafts, the Civil Society Organizations did and submitted a memorandum for each policy. The Kilifi Equitable Fund Distribution Policy has gone through the second reading and now in the committee level where the committee is doing their report for tabling in the county assembly. The civil societies are yet to see the approved policies analyze them to see if the proposed views were considered. Haki Yetu facilitated a meeting to analyze the Auditor General's report on how the Kilifi County performed.



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#### **4. Which duty bearers were key in meeting the outcomes for the quarter?**

The duty bearers who were key in these outcomes included the Sub-county agricultural, livestock and fisheries officers from the county department of Agriculture and Livestock, the sub-county water officers from the county department of water, the sub-county officers from the county department of devolution, the sub-county Health officers from the county department of Health, the sub-county education officers from the county department of education, the sub-county gender officers from the county department of gender, sports and social services.

During the subcounty meetings, the subcounty administrators presented the community projects implementation status report then the community members raised different implementation gaps where the subcounty heads of different county departments responded. For those which the subcounty heads of different county departments could not respond to were agreed to be escalated to the county level for responses and address.

#### **5. Which stakeholders were key in meeting the outcomes for the quarter?**

Community members who took an active part in engaging the County Executive Committee members and heads of different county departments, Civil society organizations network and individual Civil society organizations such as Malindi Rights Forum, Youth Activista Kilifi Chapter, Garashi Small Scale Formers, Haki Yetu, Sauti ya Wanawake Magarini and Fimbo youth initiative who have been in the for front in providing civic education on different aspects of human rights and community development. The probornal lawyer Mr. Zedikaya Adika provided legal advice towards drawing of a petition for the community to protest alleged ownership of Alitete irrigation scheme by a private developer

#### **6. Which collaborators were key in meeting the outcomes for the quarter? What did they do?**

Haki Yetu facilitated a meeting for civil society organizations in the governance thematic area to analyze the Auditor General's report on how the Kilifi County performed. The Garashi small scale farmers volunteered information and recorded statements which are to be used to institute a court case against the Alitete irrigation scheme land grabbers. The probornal lawyer Mr. Zedikaya Adika provided legal advice towards drawing of a petition to protest the land grabbing which is to be filled with the Kenyan senate assembly.

#### **7. How significant are these outcomes?**

The outcomes contribute to the realization of the rights of the young people and communities living in poverty and exclusion and also ensure a just and democratic governance for access to Gender Responsive Public Services and advancement of economic opportunities for young people.



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The outcomes are also significant because they are contributing to strengthening the capacity the community especially the young people and communities living in poverty and exclusion in taking active leading role in in engaging the duty bearers and demanding for revival and completion of the community project resulting to the provision of people's rights and value for money.

The complete projects supported through the Kilifi County government budget have increased the access to the Gender Responsive Public Services such as water, health services, education and land ownership at reasonable proximity and cost making the community enjoying their rights.

## **8. Means of verification: Attach any media files you might have which showcase or proof the outcomes**



**Mr. Mrima Mbangi make a point during the Kilifi Equitable Fund Distribution policy draft analysis**



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**The Kilifi Citizen Forum Chief Executive Officer Mr. Kashero Chinyaka leading a plenary discussion during the analysis of the Kilifi County land policy draft by the civil society organizations**



**The Chairman Kayafungo ward accountability committee lead a discussion on a site where an earth dam should be excavated**



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**Mr. Alex Mwangemi directs a question to the Magarini subcounty head of county Agricultural department on why the county government of Kilifi will always supply insufficient farm input and late than the planting season**



**The Ganze Subcounty administrator Mr. Boniface Nganga presenting the community projects implantation status report during the Ganze Subcounty meeting**



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## 9. What worked well this quarter?

- Team work among the Kilifi Citizen Forum members and other Marafa Local Rights Partners in executing the project activities
- Enhanced engagement of the duty bearers by community members on community projects related to Gender Responsive Public Services
- Enhanced collaboration between the Kilifi Citizen Forum, other civil society organizations and the duty bearers both at county and national level

## 10. What challenges did you encounter this quarter and how did you mitigate.

- Allocation of insufficient resources to some of the project activities to be undertaken which was addressed by realigning the budget.

## 11. What recommendation can you give for this quarter?

- The Kenyan Senate assembly should take quick action to assist in addressing the Alitete irrigation scheme land issue
- The county government should allocate funds to adjudicate the land where Alitete is located
- Need for more collaboration efforts on the undertaking the community activities
- Need for more civic education on different aspects of human rights and community development

## 12. Next steps for next quarter.

- GV5301: Conduct a social audit in Alitete irrigation scheme with an aim of initiating advocacy processes through Barazas to reclaim the community irrigation scheme from land grabbers.
- GV5302: Support 35 community wards meetings targeting 2 sub counties between ward accountability members, ward project management committees and Duty bearers at the ward level with an aim of creating linkages for future engagement and sharing of community priorities and implementations status. targeting 200 per ward
- GV5303: Support Quarterly meetings with Kilifi County Civil Society network members with an aim to link ActionAid Marafa LRP partners with different sector organizations within Kilifi County and to strengthen the voice of the civil society organizations (create synergies and linkages in advocating for GRPS and continuity of Partners work in Marafa LRP after phase out)



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- GV5304: Hold a round table meeting between ward accountability forum members, the project management committee member and the civil society Organizations representatives and the county department to strengthen the linkage and collaborations with an aim to promote the implementation of GRPS and hold the duty bearers accountable
- GV4201 -Equipping Kilifi youth hub with youth friendly materials and capacity building the young people on Youth hub management.