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## Bridging Ethno-Political Divides in Lamu County for Inclusive Peace and Reconciliation and efficient prevention of violent extremism



Aims to decrease violent extremism, political and natural resource-based conflicts in Kenya. The engagement takes place in a context of inequality and marginalization driven conflicts in parts of Kenya where there is competition surrounding ethnicity, politics, and access to natural resources. These factors form a variety of conflict drivers which the engagement will address through a cross-cutting approach that involves national, county and local administrations on the one hand and local communities



# In Partnership with Act: A Successful Start-Up Forum for Phase II of the RPS Program



## Collaboration and Synergy: Maximizing Impact Through Partnership

At Kiunga Youth Bunge Initiative, we recognize the immense value of working collaboratively with diverse partners. By joining forces with the County Security and Intelligence Committee, County Government, and non-state actors, we harness shared resources and synchronized efforts to maximize the impact of our project. Together, we are committed to creating innovative solutions and fostering a resilient and secure Lamu County.

## Empowering Women and Youth: The Key to Lasting Change

We firmly believe that empowering women and youth is crucial for creating lasting change in our community. In our programming, we are dedicated to providing inclusive opportunities for their active involvement. By equipping them with the necessary skills, knowledge, and platforms, we amplify their impact, fostering greater resilience in the face of climate change and security challenges.

### Engaging the County Engagement Forum: Shaping the Future Together

Community engagement is at the heart of our approach. We understand the significance of involving the Lamu County Engagement Forum in the successful implementation of the Lamu County Action Plan on Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE). We actively seek their input, providing a space for open dialogue and the sharing of experiences. Together, we will shape the implementation process and drive impactful outcomes.







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# TRANSFORMING CONFLICT: EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES IN WITU, MKUNUMBI, AND HINDI WARD



In collaboration with Act Change Transform (ACT!) and with the generous support of the Embassy of Denmark in Kenya and Somalia, the Kiunga Youth Bunge Initiative (KYBI) is thrilled to announce the initiation of a transformative series of conflict sensitization and awareness sessions. These sessions are strategically designed to enhance the capacity of influential community members residing in conflict hotspot areas, specifically Witu, Mkunumbi, and Hindi Ward.



## ADDRESSING DIVERSE CONFLICT TRIGGERS

These conflict-prone areas often experience disputes arising from various factors, including land disputes that can quickly escalate into clashes between farmers and herders, as well as resource-related conflicts. KYBI recognizes that these conflicts have the potential to contribute to the spread of violent extremism, as ideologically driven narratives often exploit local grievances.

## EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH AWARENESS

Through these awareness sessions, KYBI aims to empower community members to identify the various forms of conflict prevalent in their respective areas and develop frameworks for resolving them. By fostering a deeper understanding of the root causes and dynamics of conflict, we pave the way for sustainable peace and harmony.





## Collaboration for Effective Conflict Resolution

KYBI is committed to connecting trained community influencers with criminal justice stakeholders. This connection will enable them to collaborate with structures that employ alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. By working closely with these stakeholders, we aim to create a more effective and efficient approach to conflict resolution, ultimately reducing tension within the community when compared to formal justice systems.

## Inclusive Approach: Empowering Women and Youth

- In line with the principles of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 2250, KYBI is giving particular attention to the inclusion of women and youth in our conflict transformation efforts. This approach ensures that a gender-responsive perspective is incorporated into the resolution of community conflicts, aligning with international efforts to address the unique needs and contributions of these demographics.



We are excited about the positive impact these awareness sessions will have on the communities of Witu, Mkunumbi, and Hindi Ward. Together, we can foster a more harmonious and resilient future.





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# Empowering Communities for Peace and Harmony



## JOINT PLANNING MEETING: A STEP TOWARDS PEACE

In our relentless pursuit of peace and harmony within our community, we recently organized a joint planning meeting in Hindi, Kibaoni, and Witu ward. The primary objectives of this meeting were to review Conflict Transformation Approaches and develop effective sensitization techniques.

## MAPPING HOTSPOT AREAS FOR LASTING SOLUTIONS

Our dedicated participants, including passionate community members and stakeholders, embarked on a crucial mission—to map hotspot areas within our community. They diligently identified key locations where conflicts tend to occur frequently. This invaluable information equips us with the insight needed to address underlying issues more effectively, moving us closer to sustainable peace.

## GRATITUDE TO THE EMBASSY OF DENMARK

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Embassy of Denmark in Kenya and Somalia for their generous support. Their belief in our mission has been instrumental in enabling us to take these important steps towards positive change.



## EMPOWERING THROUGH KNOWLEDGE CASCADING

The meeting served as an empowering platform for creating action plans aimed at cascading knowledge throughout the community. At KYBI, we believe that knowledge is power. Therefore, we are committed to sharing valuable information, skills, and techniques related to conflict transformation with even more community members. Together, we can make a profound difference in our community and promote a peaceful and harmonious society.





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# BUILDING BRIDGES FOR PEACE – BRIDGING COMMUNITIES, BRIDGING LIVES

## Empowering Agents of Change: Training TOTs in Conflict Transformation

Our recent outreach session was a testament to our commitment to empower dedicated individuals as Trainers of Trainers (TOTs) in conflict transformation sensitization and awareness. These TOTs are now equipped to cascade their knowledge throughout the community, igniting a ripple effect of understanding and peace.



## Uniting Farmers and Herders for a Common Goal

The session brought together farmers and herders, recognizing the urgent need to mitigate conflicts between these vital community members. With the residents of Kakathe at the forefront, we identified key issues causing strife in our community:







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# Bridging Communities, Fostering Harmony

## BUILDING BRIDGES IN KWASASI: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

In our ongoing commitment to fostering unity and peace, KYBI recently organized a bridge-building outreach session in the Kwasasi area. This session was particularly significant as it brought together the headers community from Ijara and Masalani Areas, addressing critical security challenges and the profound impact of climate change in Lamu County.



## COLLABORATION FOR POSITIVE CHANGE: MAPPING THE WAY FORWARD

In the spirit of collaboration, we worked closely with Area Chief Jamal and trained Trainers of Trainers (TOTs) to map the region and explore effective solutions during a Joint Planning session. Together, we identified actionable steps towards a more peaceful and harmonious community:

## REGISTRATION OF HEADERS FROM OUTSIDE LAMU COUNTY:

To ensure transparency and accountability, we are taking steps to register headers from outside Lamu County. This will help us keep track of their activities and foster cooperation.





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# SHARING REPORTS WITH ADMINISTRATION AND SECURITY ACTORS:



WE ARE COMMITTED TO ENHANCING SECURITY MEASURES BY PROMPTLY SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY WITH LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES. BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN ADDRESS POTENTIAL CHALLENGES MORE EFFECTIVELY.

## Community Engagement and Outreach

Regular visits by the headers farmers committee will play a pivotal role in ensuring peace prevails. We are organizing outreach sessions to promote understanding and harmony within the community.

## Be Part of the Positive Change

We invite you to join us in our mission to build bridges of understanding and peace. Your support, whether through spreading the word, volunteering, or advocating for sustainable solutions, is vital to our success. Let us work hand in hand towards lasting peace, sustainable solutions, and a brighter future for all in Lamu County. Together, we can make a significant difference.







# BRIDGING DIVIDES, CULTIVATING PEACE

## BRIDGING DIVIDES IN WIDHO, MKUNUMBI WARD: A JOURNEY TO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

Our recent endeavor was an inspiring journey towards promoting harmony between headers and farmers in Widho, Mkunumbi Ward. Together, we embarked on a mission to bridge the gap and address conflicts that have been a longstanding concern in our community.



## ACHIEVING TOGETHER, GROWING TOGETHER

With great enthusiasm, we achieved the following objectives during our bridge-building outreach session:

- 1. Establishing a Dedicated Peace Committee:** This committee will play an active role in addressing and mitigating emerging issues before they escalate, ensuring a peaceful environment for everyone in our community.



# Fostering

FOR A SPIRIT OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE



Through collaborative efforts, we have sowed the seeds of understanding, respect, and empathy between headers and farmers. This collaboration lays the foundation for a brighter future for all.

## Promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

We introduced the concept of ADR as an effective tool to peacefully resolve conflicts, ensuring that disputes can be addressed in a constructive manner.

## Unblocking Cattle Pathways:

An important milestone was the unblocking of cattle pathways that had been previously obstructed by farmers. Now, headers can freely move their livestock, contributing to the prosperity of both parties involved.



## Establishing Valuable Collaborations:

We have forged a valuable relationship with our esteemed security actors, including the area Officer in Charge of the Station (OCS). This collaboration will enhance information sharing and cooperation, ensuring a safer and more secure community for all.





# CELEBRATING A MOMENTOUS SUB COUNTY ADVOCACY MEETING IN HINDI WARD, LAMU COUNTY

## UNIFYING FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

The Sub County Advocacy Meeting brought together key stakeholders from various domains, including county and national government actors, esteemed civil society organizations, and influential community influencers. Our collective aim was to holistically address critical issues that have been affecting our community

**Addressing Conflict:** We tackled the pressing issue stemming from the influx of headers from neighboring counties, which has sparked conflict in our region.

**Enhancing Security:** We discussed and strategized on addressing security challenges head-on, ensuring the safety and well-being of our community members.

**Climate Change and Pasture Scarcity:** The profound effects of climate change leading to scarcity of pasture were also a significant point of discussion.



## A MEETING FILLED WITH PURPOSE AND COMMITMENT

The enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment displayed by all participants filled the meeting with an electric sense of purpose. We express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every individual and organization that contributed to the success of this event. Your support has set us on an inspiring path toward a stronger, safer, and more sustainable Lamu County.

### Continuing the Journey Together

Our journey toward positive change continues, and we invite you to join us in this transformative mission. Your involvement, whether through advocacy, volunteering, or sharing your expertise, is invaluable in creating a better future for Lamu County.







# “ SUB COUNTY ADVOCACY MEETING: A COLLECTIVE EFFORT FOR CHANGE

In the face of escalating terror incidents in Mkunumbi ward, Juhudi, and Salama areas, we recognized the urgent need to come together. Loss of lives, property, and the displacement of residents are challenges we can no longer ignore. Therefore, we organized a Sub County Advocacy meeting that brought together representatives from the Judiciary, Security agencies, Administration, and community leaders to discuss viable solutions.



## Embracing Climate-Resilient Approaches

The influx of headers to Lamu County due to climate change effects has led to conflicts with farmers who share the same land and resources. During the meeting, we explored the promotion of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) for Conflict Resolution to find justice for both sides and foster harmony in the community. Together, we are striving to balance the needs of all stakeholders while embracing climate-resilient approaches.

## Empowering Our Voice for a Safer Environment

The meeting highlighted the pivotal role of timely information sharing in thwarting planned attacks. The Officer in Charge of Kibaoni Police Station emphasized the significance of community involvement in maintaining security. Let's stand together, communicate effectively, and cooperate to ensure a safer environment for everyone.



## Public Participation Matters

We discussed the process of public participation in detail. Creating awareness, involving stakeholders, organizing physical meetings, and implementing feedback mechanisms are key steps to drive meaningful change. Let's participate actively and make a difference in our community





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# FOSTERING RESILIENCE, PEACE, AND HARMONY IN MIKONDONI AREA



- **ADDRESSING FARMER CONCERNS:** WE SOUGHT TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS RAISED BY FARMERS REGARDING THE ARROGANT BEHAVIOR OF HEADERS AND THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THEIR CATTLE TO FARMLANDS.
- **PROMOTING CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS:** WE AIMED TO PROMOTE CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND MEDIATION SKILLS AMONG COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ENABLING THEM TO RESOLVE DISPUTES PEACEFULLY.
- **STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION:** WE AIMED TO STRENGTHEN THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN HEADERS AND FARMERS THROUGH OPEN DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING. BY FOSTERING OPEN COMMUNICATION, WE BELIEVE WE CAN OVERCOME CHALLENGES AND WORK TOWARDS A FUTURE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

## UNIFYING COMMUNITIES: FARMERS AND HEADERS

THE HEART OF THIS SESSION WAS THE COMING TOGETHER OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH THE FARMER AND HEADERS COMMUNITIES. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED LOCAL FARMERS, HEADERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CATTLE CARE, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE. THIS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT REFLECTS OUR COMMITMENT TO BUILDING UNDERSTANDING AND HARMONY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.

OBJECTIVES: BRIDGING DIVIDES AND BUILDING BRIDGES



## INSPIRING GATHERINGS, CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS

THE SESSION WAS INDEED AN INSPIRING GATHERING, FILLED WITH CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS AND A SHARED COMMITMENT TO BUILDING UNDERSTANDING AND HARMONY IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT SHOWCASED THE POWER OF DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION IN OVERCOMING CHALLENGES AND NURTURING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL.





# BUILDING BRIDGES FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY



## PROPOSED WAY FORWARD: BUILDING UNDERSTANDING AND HARMONY

The proposed Way Forward includes:

- 1. Photo Identification for Cattle:**  
Implementing a system for proper identification of cattle to address issues related to cattle influx and ownership disputes.
- 2. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR):** Encouraging ADR mechanisms to resolve conflicts peacefully and justly.
- 3. Water Reserve Areas:** Establishing designated areas for cattle to access drinking water, promoting the well-being of both farmers and headers.
- 4. Clear Land Governance Policies:**  
Ensuring transparent and fair land practices through clear policies and a thorough land audit.

## UNIFYING COMMUNITIES: HEADERS AND FARMERS

The heart of this session was the coming together of key stakeholders from the headers community and farmers in the Witu Ward area. We recognized the need to address longstanding conflicts and find lasting solutions that benefit everyone.

## ADDRESSING CRITICAL ISSUES AND BUILDING A WAY FORWARD

During the session, critical issues were raised by the headers community, including land grabbing, injustices by the police, and the influx of cattle without proper identification. The community, with a shared commitment to harmony and progress, has devised a comprehensive "Way Forward" to address these challenges and build a brighter future together.







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# BUILDING BRIDGES, SOWING PEACE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW



## Land Matters: A Shared Need and a Solution in Sight

### Majembeni: Where Bridges Are Built, Peace Blossoms

In our ongoing commitment to fostering harmony and stability in our community, we recently hosted a Bridge Building Outreach Session in Majembeni. This session brought together headers and farmers, building upon the insights and challenges that emerged during a previous session in Witho.

The heart of the matter lay in the shared need for land, both for grazing and farming purposes. Through productive engagements, community leaders and experts, including Hon. Tashrifa Abubakar from the Department of Lands, Physical Planning, Urban Development, Energy, Water, and Natural Resources, along with Rashid N. Mwachondo and Zephania Mwadime, physical planners for the Department, shed light on the county government's swift actions to address land issues and provide solutions for the people of Lamu County.

### Empowering the Community: A Commitment to Prosperity

Our commitment to community empowerment remains steadfast. Under the able leadership of H.E. Issa Timamy, the county government is dedicated to delivering on its manifesto, fostering a peaceful community where its people can thrive and flourish.





## EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE CHANGE IN WITU

We were truly honored to welcome Hon. Tashrif Abubakar, C.E.C.M. of the Department of Lands, Physical Planning, Urban Development, Energy, Water, and Natural Resources, Infrastructure, and Public Works. Her presence was a testament to the importance of the mission at hand.



## ROOTED IN COLLABORATION: ADDRESSING LAND ISSUES

The heart of this initiative was rooted in two previous outreach sessions – one engaging the farmers' community at Kakathe and the other connecting with the herders' community in Witu Township. Land issues emerged as a significant concern, prompting us to extend an invitation to Hon. Tashrif Abubakar to join us in addressing these pressing matters.



# BRINGING Key Stakeholders Together

The gathering brought together esteemed chiefs, key community leaders from the farming and herding sectors, and Hon. Tashrifa Abubakar herself. This collaborative effort sought to mend conflicts that had strained relationships, while also granting Hon. Tashrifa Abubakar invaluable insight into the challenges faced by Witu ward, particularly concerning land issues and resource sharing conflicts.



## A Testament to Collaboration and Vision

This outreach session was a testament to the power of collaboration, dialogue, and a shared vision for a stronger, harmonious community. We extend our deepest gratitude to all who participated, and we're excited for the positive changes that lie ahead.



## Insights from Hon. Tashrifa Abubakar

During this pivotal session, Hon. Tashrifa Abubakar shared profound insights. She highlighted the County Government's dedicated aim to reclaim all public utilities, with 75 title deeds already secured to ensure these valuable resources are protected. The urgency of safeguarding the MOA Area, a vital water catchment region coursing through Tana River County, was emphasized. The threats of human activity and encroachment were made starkly clear, underlining the need for immediate action.

## CONFRONTING CHALLENGES AND BUILDING SOLUTIONS

A critical challenge that surfaced was the disturbing trend of land grabbing, particularly along grazing corridors. Hon. Tashrifa Abubakar underlined the significance of leaving land allocation decisions to her department for effective planning, thereby promoting transparency and preventing undue influence. The Pangani area emerged as a beacon of hope, set to benefit from a meticulous surveying process. In this endeavor, community interests will reign supreme, as Hon. Tashrifa Abubakar urged the formation of a committee that serves the collective well-being rather than self-interest.





# BRIDGING FOR PEACE AND UNITY IN WIDHO

## A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY



### A Bold Stride for Understanding and Harmony

In the wake of recent acts of terrorism that have left their mark on our community, we took a bold stride forward, determined to foster understanding, harmony, and peaceful coexistence. Our session united a diverse tapestry of stakeholders – representatives from administration, security agencies, Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), community members, women, youth, and local leaders.

### Confronting Challenges Through Candid Conversations

As we confronted challenges head-on, candid conversations bridged the gap between headers and farmers, and beyond. The focus on "Conservation for a Sustainable Future" highlighted the significance of environmental preservation. Mr. Hilary from KWS eloquently emphasized how together, we can champion the cause of our environment, combat climate change, and sow the seeds of a more sustainable future.

### Sharing Knowledge, Ensuring Security

The theme of "Sharing Knowledge, Ensuring Security" resonated profoundly, with security agencies underscoring the mighty impact of information exchange in safeguarding our collective well-being. A resounding call for community watch and collaborative efforts echoed, as Area OCS commended the vigilance of the headers' community and urged continued communication.

### Healing and Trust Building

"Healing and Trust Building" emerged as a poignant focus, acknowledging the hurt and mistrust among our community members. Our leaders affirmed the importance of more forums and activities that foster trust, healing, and understanding, nurturing the seeds of a renewed unity.

### Youth Empowerment and a Brighter Future

"Youth Empowerment" took center stage, with engagement initiatives like football promising to pave the way for a brighter future. These activities will cultivate strong relationships, mutual respect, and shared aspirations among our young leaders.

### Involving Our Leaders for Unity

Lastly, "Involving Our Leaders" was a cornerstone of our discussions. Active participation by political leaders will discourage any potential incitement and reinforce our united stance against divisive agendas.





In the battle against Terrorism, our focus must stay razor-sharp on the true adversary. While darkness may lurk, I believe #PeaceStartsWithMe.

Together, we bear the mantle of collective responsibility to thwart violent extremism and combat terrorism. Let's stand united as each other's guardians, for routine is security's cunning foe.

#CounterTerrorism  
#UnitedAgainstExtremism"

Salesio Njeru  
*OCS Kibaoni*





Mr. Kalmei, a Somali community elder, unveils a chilling truth: the terrorist agenda seeks to sow division among us. But here's our response: we're rewriting the narrative!

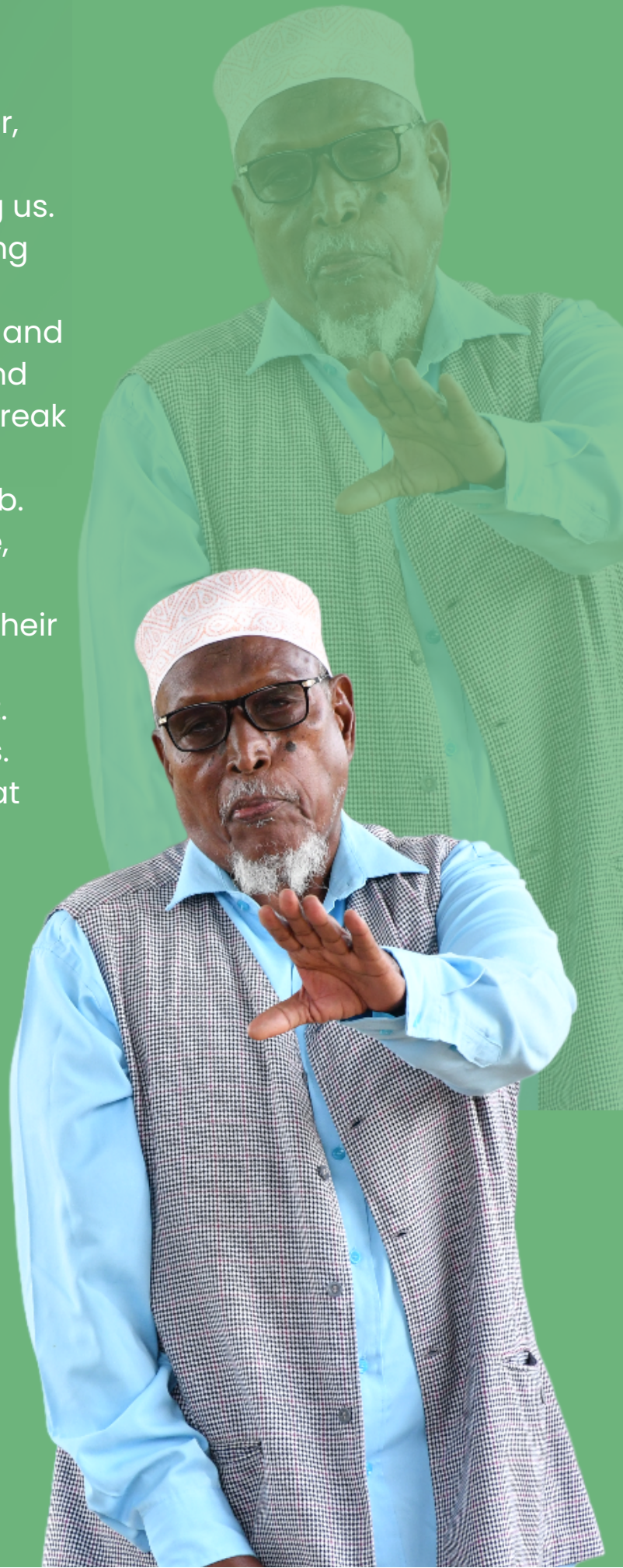
Let's debunk their plan to pit religion and ethnicity against each other. We stand united against hate, determined to break free from their grip.

– Tensions rise, but we won't succumb. We're silencing the drums of revenge, replacing them with dialogue and understanding. Together, we thwart their sinister agenda.

– Our community won't be torn apart. We're bridging gaps, not fueling wars. Let's prove them wrong and show that unity triumphs over hatred.

[#TogetherStrong](#) [#NoToDivision](#)  
[#CommunityUnity](#)

Mzee Kalmei  
*Somali Community Leader*







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Conservation isn't just a choice, it's our duty. The government's Poaching Act stands as a powerful reminder: from poacher to community, the Law will prevail. Let's unite to protect our environment, for the reality of climate change impacts us all."

[#conservationmatters](#)

[#ClimateActionNow](#)

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Mr. Hilary,  
KWS







# Koreni Village: A Shining Example of Peaceful Coexistence

Koreni Village stands tall as a shining example of peaceful coexistence, particularly in addressing the often-challenging issues between farmers and herders. At the heart of our gathering was the aspiration to understand and emulate Koreni's effective approach, paving the way for shared prosperity and unity.

## Learning from Koreni's Experience

With the primary objective of promoting peaceful coexistence, we engaged in candid conversations, learning valuable insights from Koreni's experience. The success stories and lessons from Koreni Village will now serve as guiding lights for neighboring areas facing similar challenges. Together, we aim to create a ripple effect of understanding and collaboration, cultivating an environment where conflicts are met with solutions and differences are embraced.



## A Brighter Future for All

This initiative is not just about Koreni Village or our community alone; it's about creating a brighter future for all. Through unity, dialogue, and the spirit of togetherness, we can overcome obstacles and forge a path toward lasting peace and prosperity.



# JOINT COMMUNITY ACTIVITY (JCA) FOSTERING PEACE AND COLLABORATION IN WIDHO MANYATTA



## Building Bridges Amidst Challenges

In the wake of recent unsettling events around Juhudi and Salama, the Joint Community Activity (JCA) brought together an array of dedicated stakeholders, all committed to fostering harmony and unity in the region. The JCA aimed to address tensions and establish a strong foundation for cooperation between the farmers and herders in the area.

## A Collective Voice for Peace

The discussions were vibrant and insightful, with participants engaging in meaningful dialogues to identify common ground and ways to enhance understanding. The diverse perspectives shared by community members laid the foundation for lasting peace and collaboration.

## Our Commitment to Peace

This event was a testament to the power of collective action and collaboration. We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to making this Joint Community Activity a resounding success. Together, we are forging a path towards a more harmonious and united Widho Manyatta.







## BRIDGING DIVIDES, FOSTERING UNITY: A REMARKABLE JOINT COMMUNITY ACTIVITY IN MAVUNO AREA, PANGANI

### A BEACON OF HOPE FOR HARMONY AND COEXISTENCE



This gathering served as a beacon of hope, uniting herders and farmers in the spirit of shared humanity. It witnessed the convergence of vital stakeholders, including the indomitable Mr. Henry Okach, Area Assistant County Commissioner (ACC), Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs, Nyumba Kumi members, Elders, representatives of the Peace committee, compassionate members of the Red Cross Society, and, most importantly, our community members.

### TOGETHER WE RISE, TOGETHER WE THRIVE



This event in Mavuno Area is not just a gathering; it's a testament to our collective spirit, resilience, and unwavering commitment to a future marked by peace. We stand at the crossroads of transformation, where unity conquers division and understanding triumphs over conflict.





# STRENGTHENING UNITY AND SECURITY IN NDAMBWE COMMUNITY, MKUNUMBI WARD



OUR MISSION: STRENGTHENING  
UNITY AND SECURITY HAND IN  
HAND

Our mission can be summarized in a single powerful statement: When we stand together, there's no challenge we can't conquer! The event brought our Ndambwe community together with the aim of strengthening unity and security in our beloved region.

## OBJECTIVES THAT IGNITED OUR PASSION

The event was driven by specific objectives that ignited our passion and commitment to a safer, more united community:

- 1. Tackling Security Challenges:** Together, we explored innovative ways to make Mkunumbi Ward a safer haven for all residents. Safety is a collective responsibility, and we were determined to find solutions together.
- 2. Empowering Nyumba Kumi & Village Elders:** We recognized the invaluable role played by our Nyumba Kumi leaders and village elders in maintaining peace and security. Our discussions focused on ways to uplift and support these community heroes in their vital roles.



**3. Celebrating Diversity & Unity:** Unity is our superpower! We took time to rejoice in the beauty of our diverse community and brainstormed ways to strengthen the bonds that make us stronger together.

**4. Solutions for the Win:** Putting on our thinking caps, we collectively generated creative solutions to tackle our security challenges head-on. These solutions will form the blueprint for a safer and more secure Mkunumbi Ward.





## Uniting for a Safer Lamu County: The Sub County Advocacy Meeting at Mpeketoni

The primary goal of this meeting was to strengthen collaboration among key stakeholders in our beloved Lamu County. We recognized the growing security challenges, particularly in areas like Witu and Mkunumbi ward, and united our efforts to confront and tackle these issues head-on.



### Key Highlights of the Meeting

**Addressing Security Challenges:** We engaged in meaningful discussions to devise strategies aimed at enhancing security throughout Lamu County. Together, we are determined to make our communities safer for everyone. Security is not a solitary endeavor but a collective responsibility, and we are committed to finding effective solutions.



**Fostering Collaboration:** Collaboration is the key to success. The Administration, Judiciary, and security actors came together to align their efforts and resources, ensuring a more coordinated and responsive approach to security threats. By working together, we can achieve greater results and ensure the safety and well-being of our community.





# UNITING FOR PEACE, SECURITY, AND GOVERNANCE: THE COUNTY- LEVEL FORUM IN MOKOWE

## Our Primary Objective: Addressing Pressing Security Challenges

The primary objective of this forum was to address pressing security challenges in our beloved Lamu County. We recognized the importance of advocating for devolution and empowering our community to play a more active role in mitigating attacks and ensuring lasting peace and security.

## Forging a Path Towards a More Secure Lamu County

Together, we are forging a path towards a more secure, united, and thriving Lamu County for all its residents. Our commitment to peace, security, and governance is unwavering, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to make our county a safer place to call home.

- 1. Effective Platform for Stakeholders:** We provided a platform where stakeholders from various sectors could come together, share insights, and collectively address critical security concerns. Collaboration is our strength, and by working together, we can achieve more significant results.
- 2. Community Involvement is Key:** We emphasized the pivotal role of our community in creating a safer Lamu County. Trust, unity, and economic empowerment are the cornerstones of our journey towards lasting security. Our community members are at the heart of our efforts, and their involvement is crucial.
- 3. Proactive Measures for Peace:** We recognized the evolving nature of security threats and the necessity of taking proactive steps to maintain peace and stability in our region. By staying ahead of the challenges, we can better protect our community and ensure a secure future.





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