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The Message From Our Executive Director

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Empowering Women Mediators in Lamu County: UN Women's Tujadiliane Program Making a Difference

Incredible strides being made in women empowerment and conflict resolution in Lamu County, all thanks to the unwavering support of UN Women under the Tujadiliane Program. At the Kiunga Youth Bunge Initiative, we are immensely proud to be part of this transformative journey. Our organization has been working tirelessly to empower women mediators in our community, and with the generous funding provided by UN Women, we have been able to expand our initiatives and impact even more lives. Through various skill-building workshops, community engagements, and advocacy efforts, we have witnessed remarkable transformations among the women mediators we work with.

Under the Tujadiliane Program, we have been able to provide comprehensive training and support to women in Lamu County. These programs encompass a wide range of areas especially in leadership. Through these initiatives, women have gained confidence, skills, and knowledge that empower them to take charge of their lives and contribute meaningfully to their communities. We have seen women becoming active participants in decision-making processes.

Additionally, our efforts to train and support local mediators have been incredibly successful. These dedicated individuals have played a pivotal role in resolving disputes and conflicts within our community. With the skills acquired through the Tujadiliane Program, these mediators have become instrumental in fostering dialogue, understanding, and reconciliation among conflicting parties. Their work has contributed significantly to building a more harmonious and peaceful Lamu County.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to UN Women for their continuous support and belief in our mission. The Tujadiliane Program has not only transformed the lives of individual women mediators but has also created a ripple effect of positive change throughout our community. We also extend our appreciation to the dedicated team of trainers, volunteers, and community members who have tirelessly worked towards the success of these initiatives.

As we move forward, we remain committed to our mission of empowering women and strengthening the mediation efforts in Lamu County. With the ongoing support from UN Women and the collective determination of our community, we are confident that we will continue to make significant strides in promoting gender equality, peace, and harmony. Once again, thank you for your unwavering support. Together, we are creating a more just, equal, and peaceful society for everyone.

Dkt. Noor Dahir

Executive Director
Kiunga Youth Bunge Initiative

The Message From Our Programs Manager

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Empowering Women Mediators for Lasting Peace

Inspiring progress we have made in our efforts to empower women mediators in Lamu County under the thematic area of peace and security, made possible by the generous funding from UN Women through the Tujadiliane Program. At the Kiunga Youth Bunge Initiative, we have been dedicated to promoting peace and security within our community, and empowering women as mediators has been at the heart of our mission.

With the support of UN Women, our organization has been able to provide specialized training and mentorship programs tailored to empower women as effective mediators. These women, with their innate empathy, patience, and wisdom, have proven to be invaluable assets in resolving disputes and conflicts within our community. Through rigorous training sessions, workshops, and real-life case simulations, these mediators have gained practical skills, confidence, and a deep understanding of conflict resolution processes. The impact of these empowered women mediators has been significant. They have been actively involved in mediating various disputes, ranging from family conflicts to community disagreements. Their ability to facilitate dialogue, promote understanding, and find peaceful resolutions has not only transformed individual lives but has also contributed to the overall social fabric of Lamu County. By fostering a culture of dialogue and reconciliation, these women mediators are paving the way for lasting peace and harmony in our region.

We are immensely grateful to UN Women for their unwavering support and belief in the potential of women mediators. The funding provided through the Tujadiliane Program has not only enabled us to train and empower these remarkable women but has also created a ripple effect of positive change within our community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to UN Women for their commitment to promoting gender equality, peace, and security in Lamu County.

As we continue our journey in empowering women mediators, we are filled with optimism about the future. We are committed to expanding our programs, reaching more women, and creating a network of skilled and empowered mediators who can contribute to a more peaceful and secure Lamu County. We are also eager to explore new partnerships and collaborations to further enhance our impact and create a safer environment for everyone. In closing, I want to express my gratitude to our dedicated team, the women mediators, and our community members for their continuous support and enthusiasm. Together, we are building a future where women play a vital role in creating lasting peace and security in our beloved Lamu County.

Dkt. Mathenge Ndungu

Programs manager
Kiunga Youth Bunge Initiative

“Celebrating Peace and Harmony in Bora Imani Village

a momentous milestone achieved in Bora Imani Village. Under the TUJADILIANE PROGRAM, generously funded by UN Women, we hosted our inaugural Community Dialogue Circle, bringing together remarkable local women mediators and community leaders who are wholeheartedly dedicated to fostering positive change in our community.

Embracing Diversity as a Treasure: Uniting Bora Imani Village

Nestled in the heart of Lamu, Bora Imani Village stands as a testament to the beauty of diversity. Our community is rich in culture, tradition, and heritage, and it is precisely this diversity that we treasure and celebrate. Embracing this richness, we stand united to bridge divides, find common ground, and pave the path to harmony between farmers and pastoralists.



Symbol of Hope and Cooperation: Bora Imani Dialogue Circle

The Bora Imani Dialogue Circle symbolizes hope, cooperation, and the unwavering spirit of coming together for a greater purpose. In this circle, passionate individuals from all walks of life gathered to share their experiences, wisdom, and aspirations. Through open dialogue, understanding, and compassion, we embarked on a journey to forge a path towards lasting peace.



A Call for Lasting Peace: Together for Peace

As we commemorate the International Day of Peace, let us reaffirm our commitment to fostering peace and harmony in Bora Imani Village. Let us stand together, hand in hand, as a beacon of hope for others to follow. Together for peace, we can create a world where understanding triumphs over ignorance, compassion overcomes indifference, and love prevails over hatred.

We express our deepest gratitude to UN Women for their unwavering support through the TUJADILIANE PROGRAM. Your generosity has allowed us to take this significant step towards a more peaceful and harmonious community.

In closing, let us carry the spirit of the Bora Imani Dialogue Circle with us, embracing diversity, understanding, and compassion in our daily lives. Together, we can create a world where every voice is heard, every story is valued, and every heart beats in harmony.



BEING THE CHANGE-MAKERS AND PEACEMAKERS

At the heart of our endeavor is the belief that change begins within our own community. We are the change-makers, the peacemakers, and the guardians of a brighter, more harmonious future. By nurturing a spirit of inclusivity and empathy, we are building bridges that connect us all, regardless of our backgrounds or beliefs.

BRIDGING DIVIDES AND CULTIVATING PEACE: OUR JOURNEY THROUGH COMMUNITY DIALOGUES



the collaborative efforts of UN Women and our dedicated local women mediators. In the heart of pressing issues such as land boundaries ('mipaka'), human-wildlife conflicts, and farmer-herder disputes, we embarked on a transformative journey towards resolution and understanding.

Empowering Communities Through Dialogue

In partnership with UN Women and with the invaluable support of our local women mediators, we facilitated community dialogues that transcended boundaries and fostered dialogue between conflicting parties. These structured sessions, enriched by participatory exercises, empowered both women mediators and community leaders from opposing sides to explore the depths of their disputes. Together, they delved into the roots of these challenges, seeking mutually acceptable win-win solutions.



DOCUMENTING INSIGHTS, BUILDING OWNERSHIP

The insights gained, agreements reached, and key takeaways from these dialogues were meticulously documented. This documentation not only serves as a testament to the progress made but also cultivates a profound sense of collective ownership among the community members. It is this shared responsibility that forms the bedrock of our pursuit of lasting conflict resolutions.

STRIVING FOR PEACE, ONE CONVERSATION AT A TIME

At the heart of our initiative lies the belief that sustainable peace is attainable through open communication and understanding. By addressing the intricate issues of land boundaries, human-wildlife conflicts, and farmer-herder disputes, we are not merely resolving disputes; we are building bridges between communities and nurturing an environment of harmony.

A JOURNEY TOWARDS LASTING PEACE

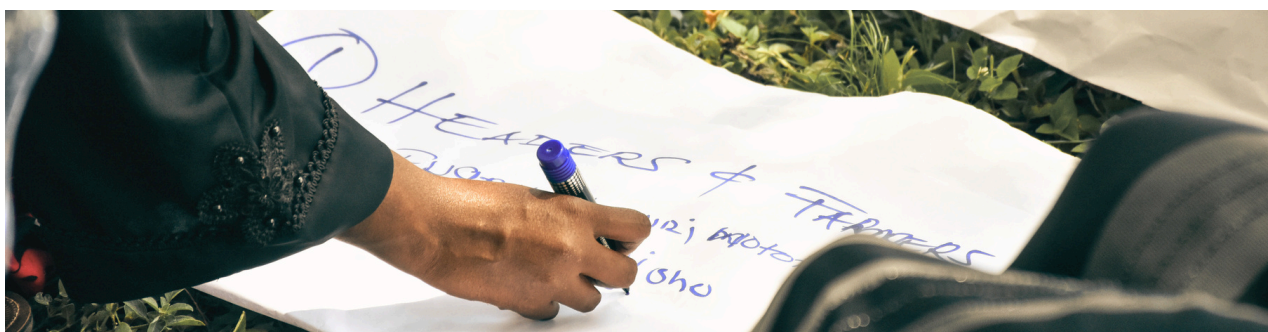


Peace is not a lofty ideal but an achievable reality. By addressing complex issues such as land boundaries, human-wildlife conflicts, and farmer-herder disputes, we are not merely resolving conflicts; we are building bridges of understanding and cooperation. These dialogues are not isolated events but part of an ongoing journey toward a future where communities thrive in harmony.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS, ENCOURAGING ENGAGEMENT

We invite you to join us in celebrating the success of these community dialogues. Your support has been instrumental in making this initiative a reality. We also encourage you to engage further: attend our events, participate in our discussions, and contribute to this ongoing dialogue. Your involvement strengthens the fabric of our communities and paves the way for a more peaceful world.

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MEDIATING PEACE



In our relentless quest for harmony, our empowered Women Mediators, trained under the TUJADILIANE Program generously funded by UN Women, played a pivotal role in mediating a critical conflict between Headers and Farmers. This impactful endeavor showcased the effectiveness of Alternative Dispute Resolution, a method that is not only efficient but also cost-effective. Through their comprehensive training, our mediators adeptly resolved community issues, ensuring that justice was dispensed at the grassroots level.

By actively engaging in ADR, we are not just resolving conflicts; we are cultivating a culture of understanding and reducing animosity among community members. This approach is instrumental in nurturing peaceful coexistence among us, laying the foundation for a stronger, more harmonious Lamu community.



GRATITUDE FOR COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed community leaders, including Hon. Tashrifa Abubakar - CECM for Lands, Shee Kupi - Director for Disaster Management and Peace Building at Lamu County Government, our dedicated Area Chief, Assistant Chief, and Nyumba Kumi Elders. Their unwavering support and active participation underscore the collective commitment to fostering unity and resolving conflicts in a constructive manner. It is through their collaboration that we continue to make strides in building a peaceful Lamu.

As we celebrate this significant achievement, let's acknowledge the power of dialogue, understanding, and collaboration. Together, we are creating a community where differences are resolved amicably, where justice prevails, and where unity thrives. Your support has made this journey possible, and we are deeply grateful for your continued belief in our mission..



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"In the tapestry of our community, peace is the thread that binds us all together. Without it, our county's progress stalls, and the essential projects and services we strive for face hurdles. Economically, the impact is profound. In times of discord, opportunistic enemies find their way in, disrupting our harmony.

Amidst this, it's our women and children who bear the heaviest burden. As a united Lamu, we recognize these challenges and stand firm. Under the leadership of H.E. Issa Timamy, our County Government is steadfast in its commitment to fostering peaceful coexistence between Headers and Farmers. We are meticulously planning, especially in the implementation of spatial plans, to ensure a future where unity triumphs over division. Let's embrace peace, coexist harmoniously, and fortify Lamu's future together."

#PeacefulCoexistence

#UnityInLamu #BuildingOurFutureTogether

Hon. Tashrita Abubakar

C.E.C.M. Department of Lands, Physical Planning,
Urban Development, Energy, Water and Natural
Resources, Infrastructure and Public Works



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"In the face of challenges, Lamu County has shown remarkable resilience, particularly in matters of security. Our strength lies not in internal discord, but in our unity against a common adversary. Let us channel our collective energy and determination towards a greater battle: fighting against the forces that seek to sabotage Lamu County as a whole. Together, we are stronger. Let unity be our shield and determination our sword in this fight for the future of Lamu."

#UnitedAgainstSabotage
#LamuStrong #CommunityUnity

Shee Kupi

Director Disaster management
and Peace Building
Lamu County



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"The journey to justice is often marked by high costs, rough terrain, and tough challenges. Embracing Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) paves a smoother path, where justice is not only swift but also affordable. Let us honor our elders, the guardians of peace in our community, for their wisdom lights the way toward harmony and resolution. In respecting our past, we shape a more just and peaceful future for all."

#JusticeThroughADR
#RespectOurElders
#HarmonyInCommunity

OCS

Mokowe Police Station



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"In embracing humility and respect, we find the true essence of peace. As beings created in the Image of God, we bear the responsibility to honor the divinity within each other. Our superiority lies not in power but in compassion, making us custodians of peace. Let us, as brothers and sisters, uphold this sacred duty, for in our mutual respect, we nurture harmony and understanding."

#RespectBringsPeace
#BrothersKeeper
#DivineHarmony

Mama Teresia

Secretary farmer and Header Committee





THE POWER OF MEDIATION:

Bridging Divides, Fostering Unity

The transformative power of mediation illuminated our community, bridging gaps, and fostering a spirit of unity. We are thrilled to announce that this year alone, 49 cases related to conflicts between herders and farmers have been successfully resolved through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). This achievement stands as a testament to the dedication and hard work of our community members.

Celebrating the Courage of Women Leaders

What makes this accomplishment even more remarkable is that these mediations were led by strong, courageous women. These extraordinary women, breaking barriers and challenging cultural norms, have played a pivotal role in promoting peace and harmony in our beloved Lamu County. Their leadership not only resolves conflicts but also inspires change, setting an example for generations to come.



BEYOND NUMBERS: CREATING A SAFER, MORE COHESIVE COMMUNITY



The impact of these efforts resonates far beyond mere statistics – it creates a safer, more cohesive community where understanding and respect flourish. Our community members, especially our women leaders, have demonstrated tireless commitment to building a peaceful future for all. Their dedication enriches the fabric of our society, making Lamu County a beacon of hope and harmony.

Gratitude for Support and Collaboration

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to UN Women and everyone involved in making this transformative change possible. Your support has not only resolved conflicts but has also empowered our community members, providing them with the tools and knowledge to create lasting peace. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our community members, one mediation at a time.

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"In Lamu, harmony has been our way of life, transcending religion and tribe for generations. Politicians may attempt to divide us, but we stand united against such divisive agendas. Together, as the resilient people of Lamu County, let's refuse to be divided along religious or ethnic lines. Our shared security challenges can only be overcome when we unite as one community. Embrace one another, respect our diversity, and let it be the force that unites us. In unity, we find strength."

**#LamuUnity
#StrengthInDiversity
#ResilientCommunity
#TogetherWeStand**

Mzee Mwanura

ADR Member Hindi Ward



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As parents, it's our duty to safeguard our children's future. The alarming rise in early pregnancies among school-going girls in Hindi Ward reminds us of the importance of vigilance. Let's monitor their activities, guide them wisely, and be aware of their friendships. By fostering open communication and offering guidance, we can protect them from the risks of radicalization, crime, and early pregnancies. Together, let's create a safe environment where our children can thrive and achieve their dreams."

#ParentalResponsibility

#ChildSafety

#EmpowerOurYouth

#CommunityAwareness

Hon. Anab Mohamed

Mediator Hindi Ward



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In a single year, our community resolved countless disputes, de-congesting our conflicts with over 49 cases solved through ADR, led primarily by our skilled women mediators. Thanks to UN Women and KYBI, this initiative has transformed our community, promoting peace and unity. Together, we've proven that understanding and harmony prevail with the right efforts. Gratitude fills our hearts for the positive change we've achieved."

#CommunityUnity
#ADRSuccess
#EmpoweredMediators
#UNWomenImpact
#KYBIProud

Jamal Kea
Chief Hindi Ward





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