



## ANNUAL REPORT 2019





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## 1. Who are we?

Kitui Development Centre (KDC) was registered in December 2001 as a local Non-profit making organization under the NGO coordination act of 1990. It's a capacity building organization which helps the community to help themselves. KDC is involved in rural development activities which are geared towards poverty reduction. It plays a significant role in the socio-economic development of the project area since its services targets and benefits the poor and vulnerable communities.

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## 2. Organizational Governance

Kitui Development Centre has seven voluntary Board of Directors with different skills and expertise. The BOD provides the policy of the organization while the program coordinator and other project officers facilitate the day to day running of the activities. The directors have four meetings in a year and one of the meetings is an AGM. The organizational coordination office is located at Kitui town with satellite offices in Ikanga for the support of kitui south and Miambani for part of kitui central and kitui east respectively. At the community level, KDC works with community facilitators (CFs) and community health volunteers who are selected by the community through a participatory process.

KDC Books of accounts are audited annually by certified public accountants and the audited reports are shared among the partners. The projects are appraised annually by both the implementing partners and the project beneficiaries in a participatory manner and their books of accounts are audited on quarterly basis by the project officers and the community facilitators.

## 3. Our purpose

### Our Goal:

To contribute to sustainable positive changes in the living standards of 200,000 vulnerable people through implementing programs in food security and agribusiness, child protection,



environment and climate change, community health and nutrition, and social capital development by 2020.

### **OUR Vision:**

KDC envisions determined, prosperous and self-reliant communities in Kenya

### **OUR Mission:**

KDC's mission is to improve the living standards of vulnerable communities through mobilization of resources, sharing of experiences, developing people's institutions and finding practical and viable solutions.

### **OUR STRATEGIC PILLARS**

KDC focuses on five thematic areas as per the strategic plan 2015-2020 .

- Food Security and Agri-business (FSA)
- Child Protection (CP)
- Environmental Conservation and Climate Change (ECC)
- Community Health and Nutrition (CHN)
- Community Social-Capital Development (CSD)

#### **4. KDC approaches and operation areas**

The KDC's overall approach and operational strategy in working with and in communities is founded around five key pillars.

#### **5. Our intervention strategy.**

#### **Community Needs Assessment:**

KDC is a capacity building organization and most important of principle is to understand community needs and priorities as an entry strategy. The organization staffs interact with communities to gather information on community needs and priorities. Local knowledge is important in doing community and facilitates planning from the known to the un known. Three categories are then developed together with the community.

- What the community will do alone
- What the community will do with KDC
- What needs outside support

#### **Developing Community Institutions:**

The foundation of KDC's work with communities is heavily shaped by the organizations commitment and ability to build local beneficiary institutions through the group-model. Strong local institutions are able to continue with initiatives started with support of KDC long after the projects have closed or after funding lapse. KDC works towards not only establishing CIGs or SHGs but endeavors to develop beneficiary-led / owned apex organizations some of which evolve to private-sector oriented social business enterprise.



### **Capacity Building:**

A key pillar of KDC's work since inception has been investing heavily in building capacities among communities, beneficiaries and stakeholders. Alongside institutional building, KDC ensures that its staff and beneficiaries acquire technical sector skills required to deliver evidenced results and at scale.

### **Promotion of Cottage Industries:**

KDC develops its community interventions with the end in mind. In all its nature based and business development work, the organization seeks to ensure that the interventions lead to development of cottage industries separate from the normal work of the KDC. KDC is keen to ensure that enterprises can stand alone with minimal support from the organization in the medium to long term.

### **Integrated Service Delivery:**

KDC seeks to ensure that the package of services delivered to its beneficiaries are well combined to such that the households are able to develop higher levels of resilience by diversifying interventions options and sources of livelihoods. At the organization level, KDC ensures that service delivery goes hand in hand with policy advocacy and capacity building.

### **Building Partnerships:**

KDC believes firmly that its success is much dependent, not only on its work, but the involvement of others. As such, the organization is keen to establish and build strong partnerships with various stakeholders and partners. Such relations are built with strategic partners, peer agencies, media, research and academic institutions. These institutions add value to KDCs work in the short, medium to long term.

### **KDC objectives**

The following objectives are used to achieve the respective thematic programs:

- To improve food security and livelihoods situation of vulnerable communities
- To increase vulnerable communities incomes from commercialized agricultural and livestock value chains
- To improve the livelihoods and protection environment of vulnerable children and their families
- To increase vulnerable communities resilience to negative effects of climate change.
- To build capacity of communities to conserve and protect the environment.
- To improve the health and nutrition status of women, children and their families



- To build vulnerable communities capacity to generate, manage and sustain incomes from alternative livelihood options

## 6. Program activities, target beneficiaries per project area

### CSDP Ikanga

Community Self Development To Support Children And Youth Through Peoples Institutions.

**Project Purpose:** Promoting sustainable Community Self Development for care and support of children and youth through people's institution among 2040 poor women and their families.

**Overall Objective:** To promote socio, economic and political empowerment of the poor women to care and support their families in Ikanga division by May 2020.

### Activities and achievements for the year 2019.

| ACTIVITY   | TAR<br>GET | ACHIEVEMENTS   |
|--|------------|--|
| <b>Improved knowledge and adoption of the SHG approach</b> |            |  |
| New SHG book writers training.                             | 40         | 66 new SHG book writer have been imparted knowledge on the SHG records and record keeping.   |
| Formation of CLAs  | 2          | 24 SHGs assessed and qualified to join the 3 CLA. CLA office bearers selected and introductions done.  |
| CLA members Training/Refresher                             | 2          | 36 SHG members and 2 CFs trained on the CLA concept  |
| Training of CLAs book writers and reps                     | 2          | 4 CLA book writers,4 CLA representatives and 2 CFs 4 trained   |
| Training of CLAs and CFs on federation concept             | 12         | 12 CFs and 12 CLA main book writers introduced to federation concept   |
| Training on animal husbandry.                              | 65         | 68 members trained on animal care and management.  |
| Training on fruit tree planting/ orchard management,       | 532        | 532 SHG Members were trained on fruit tree planting, disease control and management.   |
| Placement of attaches                                      |            | 5 attaches of three different institutions of higher learning were placed at the project site and completed well their attachment with enhanced world view.<br>Placement of attaches |

### Key Activities of the year.

- CLA training on linkages was one of the best activities in the SHG implementation area where the CLA members after mapping the area and understanding the scope of there





reach were able to engage the government officers for trainings. The county government through the office of the ward administrator was able to repair and rehabilitation some access roads using the county tractors .

- 80% of the Communities benefitted by trainings offered by the line ministry. This includes cervical cancer screening, family planning and water purification among others.
- Fruit tree planting and management through the ministry of Agriculture and facilitated by KDC to 532 SHG members has led to increased number of knowledge on the trees planting and multiplication of the trees planted in the community. The demonstration centre's are acting as the study centre's for all the members of the community.
- The community which hardly had information about the best climate adaptable fruit trees and there ability to grow in the area has been trained and its now championing for fruit production
- CFs monthly meetings has enabled the CFs to learn from each other and identify capacity gaps which comes as cross cutting issues to form the training need. This has helped them in transfer of knowledge between the CFs.
- CFs rotational meetings and exchange visits has enhanced the sharing of experiences which in turn strengthens the SHGs understanding and challenges their way of doing things.

**Project targets against the cumulative totals as at Dec 2019.**

|   | TARGET BY MAY 2020 | Cumulative totals Up to DEC 2019 |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total number of Functioning SHGs  | 120                | 143                              |
| No. of SHG members  | 2040               | 2604                             |
| No. of children   | 10200              | 8320                             |
| Total number of functioning CLAs  | 10                 | 12                               |
| Total savings of SHGs   | 5,893,497          |                                  |
| Total capital of SHGs (from savings, fines, loan interest, bank interest, IGA profit, other income) | 15,705,400 ;       |                                  |



|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Total amount of loans given to members | 68,205,500 |
| Total loan repayment                   | 64,550,380 |

## Case study Ikanga

### CLA Our New Pride

The formation of the SHGs in Ikanga – Kathungu sublocation was challenging due to the past experience of micro finance depleting the community resources. In 2016 March, the community finally cooperated and agreed to form the groups. The revolution of Kshs 20 as a contribution by members was not seen as something that could change life for better. 9 SHGs were formed. After training for a period of 6 months, the SHGs were assessed and later strengthened on the weak areas; three months later they formed UVUANYO CLA in Dec 2016.

The formation of the Cluster Level Association has led to the increase in the number of the SHGs. the CLA was trained on wise investment which has been a source of motivation to the community, leaders and the neighboring community in the need for the formation of the groups.

UVUANYO CLA started with contribution of Kshs 200 from individual SHGs giving a total of Kshs 1800 per month. 6 months later the CLA started the business of buying food stuffs now that the area has been receiving low rains and no harvest. The demand for the food stuffs was high leading to increase in quantity every month. The CLA invested Kshs 133,000 in purchase of Public address System (PAS) which was very rare to get during the community social events and if available was at a very high price of Kshs 5,000. The move led to lowering the price of hire to Kshs 2500 per member hence high demand.

After a smooth run with the PAS and the business of food stuffs; the CLA and SHG members realized that they had a hard time in the renting of the PAS because they had to look for where they could get a rental tent and chairs to rent together, the members agreed to purchase a tent and chairs to be renting out together. This was made possible with the profit from the investment thus bought tents at Kshs 90,000 and chairs Kshs.60, 000. The community has appreciated the SHG and CLA for the services and this has enabled the CLA to have a smooth run in addressing their roles. Currently the CLA has a capital of Kshs 187,000 and the SHGs are giving out loans up to Kshs 40,000 and more SHGs and have formed and a new CLA named Maendeleo with 9 SHGs.

## CFCDP Miambani

Child Focused Community Development Project





**Project Goal:** To contribute to realization and fulfillment of rights for all children in Miambani Division

**Overall Objective:** To improve the wellbeing of the target 3,876 women in SHGA households in Miambani Division.

### **Major Activities Planned For Year 2019**

Activities to achieve the sub-objective of building sustainable and strong PIs in Miambani by the end of the project (Sub-objective 1)

1. Formation of 27 SHGs and 2 CLAs and training on SHG concept and CLA concept respectively
2. Training of 108 new SHG Book writers and representatives and 8 new CLA book writers and representatives on record keeping and reporting
3. Strengthening of SHGs and CLAs.

Activities to achieve the sub-objective of building community resilience to safeguards children rights (sub-objective 2)

1. Training CLAs on children's group concept and training 12 CFs and 2 CLAs on children rights
2. Train 3 Children groups on children rights, identification of CR violations.
3. Support 3 CG's to hold child rights forums within the community to discuss on child rights issues affecting them e.g. children debates, plays/skits and presentations.

Activities to achieve the sub-objective of enhancing community acceptance and functionality of Child Ambassadors Model (CAM) (sub-objective 3)

1. Training/refresher training for 2 CLAs 12 CFs on CAM
2. Staffs and CFs exposure on CAM peer learning
3. Updating of Children Ambassador files

Activities to achieve the sub-objective of People's institution to implement child focus community initiatives towards improving the well-being of children in the community (sub-objective 4)

1. Reintegrate affected children (boys and girls by drug, defilement and early marriage to schools and skills trainings. (Community Based Training)
2. Training SHG representatives on kitchen garden
3. Support 5 schools with plastic tanks and one school with a water pump generator.

### **Achievements from the Planned Activities**

Achievements under sub-objective of building sustainable and strong PIs in Miambani by the end of the project (Sub-objective 1)

1. 27 more new SHGs and 2 more CLAs were formed and strengthened.



2. All the new SHGs and CLAs acquired knowledge on SHG and CLA concept respectively. The skills and knowledge are to improve their lives
3. 108 SHGs' book writers / representatives and 8 CLA's book writers and representatives have improved skills/knowledge on record keeping and reporting training on the same.
4. Three CLAs were strengthened on gaps identified through assessment and reports
5. Through KENCHIC company SHG members acquired knowledge on new technology of keeping the improved kienyeji (local) breed of poultry as they grow faster and cope well with climate in the region. It is expected that SHG members will increase their household income through this

Achievements under the sub-objective of building community resilience to safeguards children rights (sub-objective 2)

1. CLA members from one CLA, CF and 5 CG committee members had their skills enhanced through refresher training on CG concept. They are using the knowledge to strengthen CGs
2. Three CGs and Children Ambassadors (CAM) were trained on children rights. Their understanding of children rights, how the rights are violated and reporting on the same was enhanced
3. Instead of exposure visit for CGs, Intergroup children activities was organised where all children including CAM had an opportunity to interact, compete in some games like football, athletics. This has built the confidence of children in expressing themselves and participation.

Achievements under the sub-objective of enhancing community acceptance and functionality of Child Ambassadors Model (CAM) (sub-objective 3)

1. Two new CLAs were sensitized on CAM and a refresher training for 9 CFs on the same was conducted. The CLAs and CFs have facilitated awareness on the same to SHGs and CLAs and led acceptance of the CAM
2. 195 CAM files were updated, while 20 children were replaced and information shared with KNH (total of 215 children).

Achievements under the sub-objective of People's institution implement child focus community initiatives towards improving the well-being of children in the community (**sub-objective 4**)

14 youths (10 Female and 4 Male) were identified by CLA together with CBT committee and SHG members for skills training support. 12 of the youths completed the course while 2 did not. (10 of the females were taking saloon course, two males were taking carpentry and 2 male taking welding

SHGs and CLAs identified 4 schools who were supplied with water (5,000 litres capacity each) and one school received a water pump generator. These were community needs and were



meant to benefit every child within the community. The schools are; Kiviu pri., Mukuku pri, Ngotoni pri., Mutukya pri., and Ndithi Sec. Schools. The generator was for Mutula boarding primary school.

**Planned vs Achieved Activities and Statistical information**

| Target Groups   | Planned                 | Achieved |
|---|-------------------------|----------|
| No. of SHGs   | 178                     | 151      |
| No. of SHG members  | 3,026                   | 2,554    |
| No. of children of SHG members                                | 12,104                  | 8,064    |
| No. of CLAs   | 13                      | 11       |
| Total Children Groups   | 3                       | 3        |
| Number of CBTs trained (Dressmaking, hairdressing, carpentry) | 13 (12 Females, 1 male) |          |
| Total savings of all SHG members                              | 8,166,825               |          |
| Loans Issued (cumulative)                                     | 44,917,540              |          |
| Loans repaid (cumulative)                                     | 39,352,370              |          |



The above photo is a major activity with the CLAs were introduced to tree planting and eventually established a demonstration farm for peer learning.

IKANGA



Above is a section of the UVUANYO SHG members during the official launch of their Public Address System which was a priority to the community and the SHGs who felt the need and this is an investment which is physical . A replica of the same is at muuo(makele CLA)

PHOTO 1 MIAMBANI



PHOTO 2 MIAMBANI



## 7. The Partners

### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Special recognition goes to our partners – kindernohtilfe and CTU for their continuous financial and technical support in the two project sites (miambani and ikanga)



- African development group- Virginia and st. Paul memorial church for always being their when ever we call them to support. (Cost sharing of the vehicle, support of the water project )
- BOD of directors. For their support which included technical advice on resource mobilization.
- KDC project staff for their commitment as change agents in development

11. Conclusions: INSPIRE ACTION-talk about needs and the most beneficial ways to help