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FORMIDABLE PARTNERSHIPS: Empowering Youth for Sustainable Aquaculture Markets and Job Creation Programme



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HIGHLIGHTS

Youth in Sustainable Aquaculture (YISA) Project by Mastercard Foundation



Top Right: Mr. Francis Kadiri, a seasoned Gender & Governance Expert facilitating training sessions for Local Implementing Partners. Ms. Mercy Ogwel & Ms. Jacinta Wangari have been enriching the sessions with their proficiency in Gender Action Learning Systems and Social Inclusion.

ENAF has been training Local Implementing Partners from Busia, Homa Bay, Kakamega, Kisumu and Siaya Counties on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) and Gender Action Learning System (GALS).

These capacity-strengthening sessions have equipped LIPS with the knowledge and tools necessary to recognize and address gender inequalities and social exclusion in Aquaculture; targeting young women and men, Persons with Disability (PWDs) and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). These efforts will tackle lived realities that young women experience, in a bid to expand their voice and agency.

Empowering Youth in Sustainable Aquaculture Markets and Job Creation Programme - simply known as **Youth in Sustainable Aquaculture (YISA)** - is a partnership between Mastercard Foundation and a consortium of Implementing Partners that include: *Farm Africa* as the lead partner, *Echo Network Africa Foundation*, *Lattice Africa*, *Hydro Victoria Farms Limited*, *AquaRech*, *Living Wood Consultants* and *Ramogi Institute of Advanced Technology (RIAT)*.



The project seeks to enhance resilient livelihoods through innovative aquaculture practices to enable work opportunities for young women and men.

Its goal is to facilitate **42,075 inclusive, meaningful and dignified employment opportunities** for Young People, Persons with Disability (PWDs) and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

ENAF is tasked to support Consortium Partners and all Value Chain Actors tackle systemic challenges to address gender gaps and promote gender equality - and fundamentally transform the social structures that perpetuate gender inequalities - thus creating a sustainable and inclusive aquaculture and mariculture ecosystem that unlocks the full potential of entrepreneurship and employment.



Girl Excel



Distribution of feminine hygiene packs to school-going girls in the five counties

It was encouraging to see representation not only from the youth, but also male champions - boys and teachers who are of the male gender.

These activities were conducted in collaboration with seven Local Implementing Partners (LIPs) along with the Local Administration; Sub-County Education Officers; Nurses and Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Teachers.



Male Champions supporting Girl - Child endeavours



Kuza Jamii - Economic Inclusion Programme

Echo Network Africa Foundation is honoured to be a consortium partner in the Kuza Jamii Economic Inclusion Programme by Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO).

The consortium - through BOMA - hosted the British High Commissioner to Kenya H.E. Neil Wigan in Wajir, who visited local businesses launched via the project that is being implemented across eight counties.



Kuza Jamii aims to support **17,000 households** and transform the lives of **102,000 individuals** living in extreme poverty. Partners alongside ENAF are: BOMA as the lead; Village Enterprise; Smart Regional Consultants; Generation for Change & Development (GENCAD International) and CHASP Advisory.



The eight counties where this initiative is making a tangible difference by enabling families to launch businesses and support themselves are: *Marsabit, Samburu, Turkana, Wajir, Mandera, Garissa, Isiolo and Tana River.*

Financial Literacy & Social Inclusion Training



ENAF President/CEO Dr. Jennifer Riria and Mrs. Ann Nderitu - Registrar of Political Parties addressing PCEA Woman's Guild Muguga Parish members.

On 29th August 2024, ENAF's Financial Inclusion Programme Centre in partnership with the Democracy Trust Fund (DTF) held a financial literacy and social inclusion training at Leilani Gardens, Kikuyu Kenya.

With immense support from Jitegemee Trust Ltd, Hanns Seidal Foundation, Women Enterprise Fund (WEF) - Kenya and the PCEA Woman's Guild, **over 200 women** were taken through valuable content on group dynamics, accessing government funds, why women leadership matters and a highly interactive session on Gen-Z's and young people's future.

Certificates of Participation were issued at the tail-end of the full-day workshop by the Chairperson - ENAF Board of Directors - Dr. Nyambura Koigi.



Ms. Gloria Ndekei - Executive Director of KEPSA Foundation - facilitates an informative session on Managing Groups for Sustainability and Profitability

Women Leadership, Political Participation and Governance



Leveraging on the previous work, Bungoma has invited ENAF to partner in supporting the County Gender Department which continues to be under-resourced, yet serving majority of the marginalized groups, namely:

- ❖ Women
- ❖ Persons with Disability (PWDs)
- ❖ The Youth &
- ❖ Children.

ENAF through the Democracy Trust Fund has been recognized and continues to be acknowledged as a key actor in creating an enabling environment for women participation in leadership and decision making processes in Kenya; particularly in Bungoma County.

In a Governors-Partner meeting held in Bungoma County, Hon. Jennipher Mbatiany - the only female Deputy Governor since the inception of Devolution - recognized the work implemented by DTF in the past one year.

She specifically lauded the launch of the inaugural Women Manifesto as a championing tool which continues to shape advocacy work in the county.

With support from UN Women, DTF through ENAF shall implement follow-up activities in the remaining part of the year; as a build-up of, and value addition to the previously implemented projects in Bungoma and Vihiga.



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The Jennifer Riria Hub is an ultra-modern, state-of-the-art facility developed by Echo Network Africa Foundation. Its design is inspired by the strength, character and gait of the African Woman. The JR Hub is located in the heart of Nakuru City, at the junction of Tom Mboya and Kipchoge Keino Roads. It is strategically positioned to provide a serene environment for its clientele.

The JR Hub is the perfect and hustle-free place for shopping, business, dining, banking and hosting indoor and outdoor events. Key features include: good access-roads, 24-hour CCTV surveillance, ample parking space, sufficient water supply, elevator access to all floors, easy access and exit to the mall and ample, clean sanitary facilities.

We are currently looking for an Anchor Tenant. Other spaces available *TO LET* include: food court spaces, banking hall and speciality stores. Don't be left out!

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