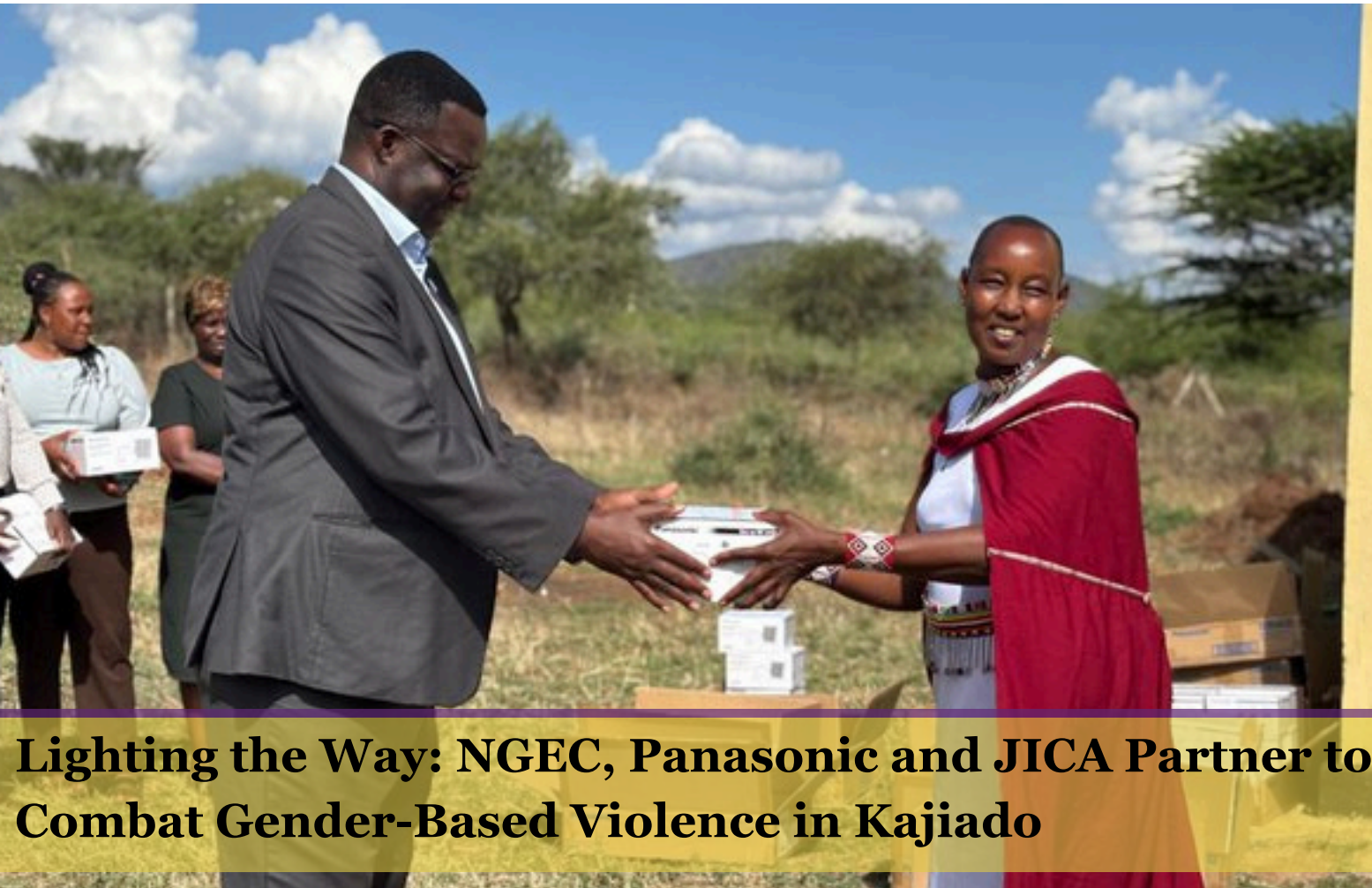




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In a significant step towards empowering women and addressing the rampant issue of gender-based violence (GBV), the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC), Panasonic Holdings Corporation, in partnership with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), recently paid a courtesy visit to Kenya to launch the pioneering “Light Up the Future Project.”

This innovative initiative aims to improve the response of county governments to GBV and create a more supportive environment for women, with a specific focus on eradicating violence in local communities.

The “Light Up the Future Project” takes an empowering approach, recognizing that access to energy plays a pivotal role in improving the safety, security, and well-being of women in rural areas.

During the pilot phase of the initiative, Orinie Village, located in Kajiado County, received a generous donation of 100 solar lanterns from Panasonic.

These lanterns are set to illuminate not only the homes but also the lives of the women living in the village, providing them with crucial resources to combat GBV and improve their overall living conditions.

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A Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

As we mark the 4th edition of the Equality Bulletin, we stand united with the world in commemorating the annual **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**, running from November 25 to December 10, 2024. This campaign remains a vital reminder of the shared responsibility between right holders and duty bearers in preventing and responding to gender-based violence (GBV) and all forms of violence against women and girls

This year's campaign takes place against the backdrop of a deeply disturbing surge in femicide cases in Kenya. These tragic incidents highlight the urgent need for collective action to confront the structural, social, and cultural norms that perpetuate violence against women. It is a stark call for all sectors—government, civil society, private sector, and individuals—to step up efforts in ensuring the dignity, safety, and equality of every woman and girl in our society.

The National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC) remains committed to championing this cause through policy advocacy, public awareness, and accountability mechanisms. We urge all Kenyans to join us in rejecting violence and fostering an environment where all individuals can live free from fear and harm. Together, we can build a society where equality, justice, and humanity prevail.

Let us act now to end GBV.

Purity Ngina, PhD

Chief Executive Officer

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Kilifi County Takes a Bold Stand Against Gender-Based Violence with New 2024-2028 Policy

Kilifi County, Kenya – The Malindi Regional Office proudly participated in a significant event to mark the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV), a global initiative aimed at raising awareness and combating the widespread issue of violence against women and girls. This year, Kilifi County hosted a series of events in collaboration with national stakeholders, non-state actors, and the local government, focusing on addressing GBV in all its forms.



Malindi Regional Head, Ms. Beatrice Zhige, addressing the audience during the commemoration of the 16 Days

The highlight of the day's proceedings was the launch of the Kilifi County Anti-Gender-Based Violence Policy (2024-2028), a strategic and comprehensive framework designed to tackle GBV in the region. This landmark policy aims to eradicate violence through a multi-pronged approach, including prevention strategies, survivor support systems, and robust accountability mechanisms.

The Kilifi County Government, with the support of national and local organizations, emphasized the importance of a multisectoral response to GBV. "Together, we can create safe, inclusive spaces for everyone," said a spokesperson from the County Government.

"This policy marks a major step toward ensuring that survivors receive the support they need while fostering an environment where perpetrators are held accountable."

The Anti-GBV Policy (2024-2028) is a testament to the commitment of Kilifi County in addressing the root causes of GBV, promoting gender equality, and offering hope and healing to survivors.

The policy emphasizes a collaborative approach, engaging various sectors such as healthcare, law enforcement, education, and community-based organizations to create lasting change.

During the event, stakeholders from various sectors pledged their unwavering commitment to eradicating GBV and ensuring the safety of women and girls in the county. The launch of the policy serves as a call to action for all communities to work together in ending GBV and upholding the dignity and rights of every individual.

As part of the 16 Days of Activism, various educational activities, advocacy campaigns, and survivor-centered workshops were organized to engage the public, raise awareness, and encourage reporting of GBV incidents.

United Against Gender-Based Violence

Kilifi County is not standing alone in this fight. National and international organizations have commended the county's efforts in adopting a comprehensive policy to tackle GBV. In a joint statement, several stakeholders expressed their collective determination to continue the fight against GBV, emphasizing that the time for action is now.

The event in Kilifi was a powerful reminder of the importance of community involvement in addressing issues of violence and inequality. Through collaborative efforts, the region is making strides toward a safer, more inclusive society.



As the 16 Days of Activism campaign continues, the call to action remains clear: unite to end GBV, support survivors, and build a future where everyone, regardless of gender, can live free from violence.



Isiolo Kicks Off 16 Days of Activism with Powerful Stand Against Gender-Based Violence

In a vibrant display of solidarity and commitment, the Isiolo Regional Team, in partnership with the Isiolo County Government and key development partners, successfully marked the commencement of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

The globally recognized campaign, running from November 25th to December 10th, underscores the urgent need to end violence against women, children, and other vulnerable groups.

This year's event, held at the Isiolo County Stadium, brought together a diverse audience comprising local leaders, civil society organizations, community members, and advocates for gender equality. It was graced by the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC) Commissioner Caroline Lentumpuru, who passionately reiterated the importance of collective action in addressing the systemic roots of GBV.

In her keynote address, Commissioner Lentumpuru emphasized, *"Ending gender-based violence requires a united front. Every individual, organization, and government institution must play their role in fostering a society where everyone—regardless of gender—can live free from violence, discrimination, and fear."*

A Call to Action

The Isiolo County Government leadership echoed this sentiment, unveiling a comprehensive plan to bolster GBV response mechanisms. This includes strengthening local referral systems, increasing funding for safe shelters, and enhancing training for law enforcement on survivor-centered approaches.

During the event, survivors shared poignant testimonies, shedding light on the devastating impact of GBV while demonstrating resilience and hope.

Their stories served as a powerful reminder of the importance of breaking the silence around violence and seeking justice for survivors.



Commissioner Lentumpuru leads the commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Isiolo

Development Partners Step In

Development partners, including international NGOs and local grassroots organizations, showcased their ongoing efforts to combat GBV through programs focused on education, economic empowerment, and mental health support.

Their collaborative initiatives with county authorities have already seen notable successes, such as increased reporting of GBV cases and improved access to support services.

Empowering the Community

Traditional leaders and youth groups also took center stage, highlighting the crucial role of cultural shifts in addressing harmful practices and attitudes. A youth representative urged the crowd to embrace technology and social media as tools for advocacy, saying, "We must use every platform available to amplify the voices of survivors and demand accountability from perpetrators."

The event concluded with a symbolic march through the streets of Isiolo town, with participants holding banners bearing messages of hope, resilience, and zero tolerance for GBV. The atmosphere was one of determination and unity, reflecting a community ready to confront this pervasive issue head-on.

Sustained Commitment

As the 16 Days of Activism continue, the Isiolo Regional Team and its partners have planned a series of activities, including workshops, legal aid clinics, and media campaigns, aimed at fostering long-term change.

This year's theme, "Unite! Activism to End Violence Against Women and Girls," resonates deeply with Isiolo's ongoing efforts to create a safer, more inclusive society.

Commissioner Lentumpuru summed up the spirit of the day with a hopeful message: "This is not just a campaign; it is a movement. Together, we can end gender-based violence and ensure a brighter, equitable future for all."



A group of women joyfully participate in a vibrant performance to commemorate the 16 Days

A Vision for the Future

Isiolo County's proactive approach serves as a model for other regions striving to tackle GBV. By fostering partnerships, amplifying survivor voices, and promoting awareness, the county is paving the way for a society where equality and safety are not just aspirations but lived realities.

As the campaign unfolds, the people of Isiolo remain steadfast in their resolve: to stand united against GBV and champion the rights of every individual to live with dignity and respect.

Inclusive Kenya: A Path to a Stronger Nation for All

In a historic gathering this week, the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC), under the leadership of Commissioner Caroline Lentupuru, MBS, HSC, hosted an insightful roundtable discussion aimed at developing a National Framework for the Inclusion of Marginalized Communities. The meeting brought together key stakeholders from various sectors to discuss strategies for amplifying inclusion, integrating diverse perspectives, and ensuring equitable opportunities for Kenya's most vulnerable populations.

The roundtable discussions focused on how best to ensure that marginalized communities, including women, youth, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and other minority groups, receive the support and representation they deserve. With input from community leaders, civil society organizations, and government officials, the conversations were designed to set the groundwork for policies that will foster an inclusive society for all Kenyans.



Stakeholders engage in a roundtable discussion focused on developing a National Framework for the Inclusion of Marginalized Communities

"We are building a stronger Kenya when we ensure that no one is left behind," said Commissioner Caroline Lentupuru in her opening remarks. "This framework will serve as a blueprint for an inclusive Kenya, where all citizens, regardless of their background or status, have access to opportunities and the tools needed for a brighter future."



Commissioner Caroline Lentupuru engages stakeholders during a roundtable discussion

The presence of Hon. Josphat Lowoi Lodeya, Director of the Minority and Marginalized Communities Affairs Unit, further underscored the commitment to collaboration. Hon. Lodeya highlighted the importance of aligning efforts across various government and civil society sectors to ensure that policies uplift and empower marginalized communities.

"Only through collective action can we truly address the issues faced by our most vulnerable populations. Our work today will lay the foundation for meaningful change," Hon. Lodeya stated.



Hon. Josphat Lowoi Lodeya, Director of the Minority and Marginalized Communities Affairs Unit

The discussions not only emphasized the need for inclusive policies but also focused on practical solutions. Stakeholders identified areas such as education, healthcare, and employment where marginalized groups still face barriers to access and opportunity.

Key proposals included targeted programs for skill development, expanding social protection services, and strengthening legal frameworks to protect the rights of marginalized communities.

The creation of this National Framework comes at a crucial time in Kenya's journey towards true equity and inclusion. The framework's development will be an ongoing, collaborative process, with contributions from all corners of society, ensuring that diverse voices are heard and represented.

As Kenya continues to grow and develop, it is clear that the future lies in inclusivity. With the input from these strategic discussions, the country is one step closer to achieving the vision of a united and prosperous nation, where every Kenyan has the opportunity to thrive.

Together, we are building a more inclusive Kenya, where every voice is valued, and every citizen has the chance to contribute to a brighter future.

Safeguarding Athletes: A Co-Creation Workshop for Safer Training Camps



NGEK Kisumu Region Lead, Davis Okeyo, makes a presentation during a workshop

In a pivotal move to tackle Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) within athletics, a collaborative workshop is underway in the North Rift region, bringing together key stakeholders to develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and guidelines for safeguarding athletes in training camps.

This initiative seeks to foster safe, supportive environments for athletes and coaches, empowering them to pursue their passions while being protected from harmful practices.

The workshop, which features participants from a diverse range of sectors, is being attended by representatives from national ministries, county governments, Athletics Kenya, coaches, athletes, team managers, and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) such as the Centre for Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance (CEDGG).

The goal is to co-create actionable measures that prevent, detect, and respond to cases of GBV and SEA in athletics training camps, particularly in the North Rift, a region renowned for producing top-tier athletes.

Safeguarding athletes, especially in high-pressure training environments, is more critical than ever. As athletics continue to grow in prominence both locally and internationally, the safety of athletes must remain a central concern. This initiative aligns with global efforts to ensure that sport is a safe space for all, irrespective of gender, background, or circumstance.

The co-creation process emphasizes the importance of working together to establish comprehensive SOPs that address not only prevention and detection but also effective responses in the face of violations.

Through these collaborative efforts, the goal is to build a framework that will be scalable across all training camps in the region and eventually nationwide.

This framework will empower athletic bodies, coaches, and athletes to take collective responsibility for creating environments of dignity and respect.

"Safeguarding in sports isn't just about protecting athletes from harm; it's about fostering an environment where they can thrive," said Davis Okeyo. "Our collective work here is setting the stage for a future where athletes can train and compete without fear of violence or exploitation."

The workshop represents a crucial step towards ensuring that athletics, a sport known for promoting discipline, strength, and teamwork, upholds the same values in protecting its participants from GBV and SEA.

As more stakeholders join the cause, there is hope for a future where all athletes can enjoy their careers in environments of equality, dignity, and respect.

Kitui Sets Bold Course for 2024 #16DaysOfActivism Against Gender-Based Violence



Stakeholders from Kitui West pose for a group photo during a consultative meeting

In a powerful show of unity and commitment, the Kitui Regional Office joined the first planning meeting for the 2024

#16DaysOfActivism

Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV), marking the start of an ambitious campaign to confront and eliminate GBV in the region.

Led by the Deputy County Commissioner, the meeting saw a diverse group of stakeholders from Kitui West come together to chart a course for the 16-day global campaign.

Key discussions revolved around fostering partnerships and crafting initiatives aimed at addressing the root causes of GBV, providing support to survivors, and raising public awareness on the need for systemic change. The collaborative effort highlighted the importance of community-driven solutions and the need for continued education, advocacy, and resource mobilization.

"This initiative is not just about raising awareness; it's about making tangible, lasting changes to protect our women, children, and vulnerable groups," said the Deputy County Commissioner.

Shining a Light on Gender Equality: Panasonic and JICA Partner to Combat GBV in Rural Kenya

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A Beacon of Hope for Orinie Village



Thomas Koyier, EBS Ag. Chairperson, hands over solar lanterns to a beneficiary

In a transformative step towards gender equality and the fight against gender-based violence (GBV), the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC), Panasonic Holdings Corporation, in partnership with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), has launched the “Light Up the Future Project.” This innovative initiative aims to empower women, tackle GBV, and improve the responses of county governments to these pressing issues, beginning with a pilot phase in Orinie Village, Kajiado County.

The collaboration, rooted in the belief that access to basic resources like light can make a significant difference in communities, has already yielded a remarkable donation from Panasonic: 100 solar lanterns.

These lanterns will provide critical lighting to households in Orinie Village, where many women face the added burden of insecurity due to a lack of reliable lighting after dark. The initiative comes as part of a broader effort to create GBV-free villages and promote safety for women and girls in rural areas.

The solar lanterns are more than just a tool for illumination—they represent hope and opportunity for the women of Orinie Village, who often find themselves vulnerable after sundown.

In the absence of proper lighting, many women are restricted from freely moving around or participating in community activities, which further deepens their marginalization and risks of abuse. By providing clean, renewable lighting solutions, Panasonic is helping to break down these barriers, ensuring that women can be active participants in their communities, even after nightfall.

“We believe that empowering women and ensuring their safety is fundamental to creating a sustainable, just society,” said a Panasonic representative during a courtesy visit to the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC). “By providing these solar lanterns, we hope to not only brighten homes but also shed light on the importance of women’s empowerment and GBV prevention.”

The pilot phase of the project is centered around the creation of GBV-free villages, with Orinie Village acting as the first beneficiary. This initiative is designed to offer much-needed relief to women who have long suffered in the shadows of violence, offering them the support they need to thrive and build safer, more resilient communities.



Commissioner Caroline Lentupuru, MBS, HSC, presents solar lanterns

A Strategic Partnership for Long-Term Change

The collaboration with JICA further enhances the project’s reach and impact, bringing together the expertise of both organizations to build a comprehensive response to GBV at the local government level.

The project is aimed at helping county governments develop and implement policies that not only address GBV but also provide sustainable solutions to support survivors.

“The ‘Light Up the Future Project’ is more than just a solar-powered initiative,” said Koyier, EBS, Ag. Chairperson.

“It is a holistic approach to addressing the systemic challenges women face, by creating safer environments and fostering active community involvement in ending GBV.

As the project progresses, the goal is to expand its scope beyond Orinie Village to other communities across Kenya, ultimately creating a network of villages that are free from gender-based violence. By supporting county governments and working closely with local leaders, the initiative is expected to drive long-term change, improving both the safety and well-being of women and girls in Kenya.

Looking ahead, the “Light Up the Future Project” represents a bold vision for empowering women across Kenya, particularly in rural and marginalized areas. With Panasonic’s contribution of solar lanterns and the support of JICA, the project is poised to light the way forward for many more communities.

The National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC), which also hosted the delegation, commended the initiative for its alignment with the commission’s goals of reducing inequality and eliminating GBV. As part of its mission, NGEC will continue to support and amplify such efforts, working closely with both local and international partners to ensure that gender equality becomes a reality for all Kenyans.

For now, the women of Orinie Village, Kajiado, can look forward to brighter evenings, safer homes, and, most importantly, a future free from violence. As the pilot phase continues to unfold, there is hope that other villages and counties will benefit from this vital initiative, lighting up not just homes but the path to equality for generations to come.

NGEC Welcomes Gambian Delegation for Pioneering Study Visit on Gender Equality and Inclusion



The Gambian Delegation joins Ag. Chairperson Thomas Okoth Koyier, EBS, for a group photo during their visit

In a significant step towards strengthening regional partnerships, the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC) recently hosted a high-level delegation from the Republic of The Gambia. The delegation, comprising Select Members of Parliament and representatives from the Civil Society Organization Gender Platform (CSO-Gender Platform) from both Kenya and Gambia, engaged in an enlightening study visit aimed at advancing gender equality and inclusion in Africa.

The delegation was led by Hon. Fatoumatta Njai, a prominent Gambian politician, who expressed her commitment to establishing a National Gender and Equality Commission in Gambia. In her remarks, she shared, “It would be a privilege to contribute to the creation of a National Gender and Equality Commission in our tenure, with the goal of advancing the equality agenda in Gambia.” This statement underscored the Gambian government's intent to adopt Kenya's proven model of gender equality advocacy.

Throughout the visit, the Gambian delegation participated in a series of dialogues, workshops, and site visits that explored Kenya's innovative strategies in gender inclusion, policy development, and advocacy. Discussions delved into Kenya's progress and challenges in areas such as the implementation of the two-thirds gender rule, which mandates equitable representation in decision-making, and the country's ongoing efforts to improve gender parity across all sectors.

Thomas Koyier, the Acting Chairperson of NGECKENYA, shared his reflections on Kenya's commitment to inclusivity. “Our Constitution anchors inclusivity, with special attention to gender and marginalized groups. This exchange lays a strong foundation for building inclusivity across borders,” he said, emphasizing the role of collaboration in creating long-lasting change in gender equality.



Hon. Fatoumatta Njai, leader of the Gambian Delegation

The delegation also had the opportunity to engage with local organizations such as the Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE), gaining valuable insights into efforts to address gender-based violence, promote women in leadership, and offer psychosocial support to victims of gender inequality.

Dr. Purity Ngina, CEO of NGECKENYA, underscored the importance of a collective approach to achieving gender equality. “Achieving gender equality requires collective action and inclusive leadership at all levels,” Dr. Ngina stated, reinforcing the need for all stakeholders to work together toward lasting solutions.

The visit was part of the EU-funded CODE Project, which seeks to foster regional collaboration and knowledge exchange on gender mainstreaming and advocacy. The Gambian delegation left Kenya with a wealth of practical insights on implementing gender-inclusive policies, with a view to strengthening the advocacy and legislative frameworks back home.

In turn, the engagement reinforced the importance of African nations working together to achieve gender equality across the continent.

NGECKENYA's role in promoting gender equality extends beyond Kenya's borders, as it strives to create an inclusive society through global partnerships. This study visit exemplifies the transformative potential of knowledge-sharing and collaboration in overcoming the persistent gender disparities that continue to affect communities across Africa.

As both Kenya and The Gambia continue their journey toward gender equality, NGECKENYA's leadership in fostering cross-border collaboration demonstrates that when nations unite and share best practices, significant strides can be made in the pursuit of equality and inclusion for all.

CEO Dr. Purity Ngina Calls for Accelerated Gender Diversity in Corporate Kenya

On the evening of November 22, 2024, corporate Kenya gathered at the Carnivore Simba Saloon in Nairobi for the prestigious Women on Boards Network (WOBN) Awards.

The event celebrated transformative leadership and progress in diversity and inclusivity within the nation's corporate governance landscape. Among the keynote speakers was Dr. Purity Ngina, the CEO of the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC), who delivered a compelling address on advancing gender parity in boardrooms.

Dr. Ngina began by commending the WOBN for its steadfast commitment to nurturing women leaders over the years, describing the evening as a celebration of "leadership, excellence, and transformative impact." She underscored the criticality of such forums in reminding stakeholders of their shared responsibility to ensure corporate spaces reflect Kenya's diversity.



CEO Dr. Purity Ngina together with the President's Advisor on Women's Rights Ms. Harriette Chiggai during the WOBN Awards

Drawing from NGEC's recently published Gender Representation on Boards of Companies Listed on the Nairobi Securities Exchange Audit Report 2023, Dr. Ngina outlined the state of gender equity in boardrooms.

"Women now occupy 36% of board seats in listed companies, a marked improvement from previous years," she said.

However, she highlighted the persistent gaps, noting that women held only 16% of board chair positions and remained significantly underrepresented in industries like energy and manufacturing.



NGEC CEO Dr. Purity Ngina delivers a key note speech during the Women on Boards Network Awards Ceremony at the Carnivore, Nairobi

"This report underscores that while we are on the right trajectory, the pace of change must accelerate," Dr. Ngina asserted, calling on public, private, and civil society actors to recommit to gender mainstreaming and inclusivity.

The keynote emphasized that gender-balanced boards are more than a moral imperative—they are a strategic necessity. Dr. Ngina referenced global studies that demonstrate how diverse boards outperform homogeneous ones through enhanced innovation, decision-making, and corporate reputation.

"Our Constitution, Employment Act, and Companies Act provide a strong legal foundation for inclusivity," she noted, "but laws alone are insufficient without leaders—like those we honor tonight—ensuring compliance and championing inclusivity."

Dr. Ngina positioned NGEC as both an advocate and an accountability custodian. Through audits such as the NSE Report, NGEC provides empirical data to track progress on constitutional thresholds for gender representation. Beyond monitoring, the Commission spearheads initiatives to equip women with leadership skills, aligning its efforts with WOBN's mission of nurturing board-ready women.

"We are committed to breaking systemic barriers and fostering inclusive policies to ensure women's participation in leadership is not just symbolic but impactful," she stated.

In her address, Dr. Ngina challenged the audience to embed inclusivity in their organizational DNA. She outlined key actions, including implementing gender-responsive policies, mentoring young women leaders, and fostering inclusive workplace cultures.

To men, she extended an invitation to allyship: "Gender parity is not a women's issue; it is a societal issue that requires all of us to act."

She further urged organizations to transcend tokenism, emphasizing that diversity is about meaningful representation, not quotas.

Isiolo Unites Against SGBV: Transformative Workshop Empowers Law Enforcement and Communities

Isiolo, Kenya — In a bid to combat the persistent challenge of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), the Isiolo Regional Office, in collaboration with the Merti Integrated Development Program (MID-P) under the Girl Generation Program, held a transformative two-day sensitization workshop in Oldonyiro Ward, Isiolo County.

The workshop, which took place last week, aimed to empower local law enforcement agencies and community leaders with critical knowledge and skills in preventing and responding to SGBV.

Participants from the Kenya police, judiciary, and local administration were engaged in comprehensive training that focused on identifying the root causes of SGBV, understanding the legal frameworks, and promoting survivor-centered approaches. The session provided law enforcement officers with practical tools for responding effectively to incidents of violence while fostering an environment of empathy and support for survivors.



Participants pose for a group photo during the Transformative Workshop

This initiative marks a significant step in Isiolo County's ongoing efforts to build safer, more resilient communities.

By creating a platform for collaboration between local authorities, civil society organizations, and community members, the workshop seeks to foster a culture of awareness, accountability, and collective responsibility in addressing SGBV.

“The fight against SGBV requires not just law enforcement but a collective, community-driven effort,” said a representative from the Isiolo Regional Office. “Through awareness and collaboration, we can ensure that survivors are protected, perpetrators held accountable, and our communities are safer for all.”

The workshop reflects a broader commitment to transforming societal norms and empowering communities in Isiolo to take proactive steps in ending violence against women and girls. With the support of organizations like MID-P and the Girl Generation Program, Isiolo County is leading the charge in fostering a more equitable, violence-free society.

As these efforts continue, the hope is that the lessons learned will spark a wider movement across the region, paving the way for lasting change in the fight against SGBV.

Hon. Mohammed Tubi Visits Isiolo Regional Office to Strengthen Collaboration for Empowering Special Interest Groups

The Isiolo Regional Office recently had the privilege of hosting Hon. Mohammed Tubi, MP for Isiolo North, during a fruitful courtesy visit.

The meeting centered on fostering collaboration to promote public education and community sensitisation within the region. Key discussions focused on enhancing awareness of government policies and initiatives aimed at empowering Special Interest Groups, such as women, youth, persons with disabilities, and other marginalized communities.

This partnership marks a significant step towards advancing equality and inclusion at the grassroots level, ensuring that no one is left behind in the development process.

Empowering Resilience: How Special Interest Groups in Kenya Are Leading Inclusive Climate Action



2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference

As climate change accelerates, the most vulnerable groups in Kenya, particularly persons with disabilities (PWDs), women, and children, face disproportionate challenges. However, through the Global Disability Caucus, efforts are intensifying to include PWDs as active agents of change in climate action.

This shift moves beyond viewing these groups solely as victims of environmental crises to recognizing their capacity for innovation and resilience.

In Kenya, special interest groups (SIGs) are spearheading community-driven solutions to mitigate climate impacts.

From adaptive farming techniques to renewable energy initiatives, these grassroots efforts provide invaluable insights into how inclusive climate strategies can empower all sectors of society.

The collaboration of local communities with international organizations is crucial in ensuring that climate actions are both sustainable and equitable, fostering an inclusive future for all.

Youth Drive Kenya's E-Mobility Future in Dynamic Nairobi Forum

The Youth and Children Division recently hosted a dynamic youth stakeholder meeting in Nairobi under the theme, "Innovate, Include, Inspire: Youth in Kenya's E-Mobility Commerce." The event aimed to ignite discussions on how young people can transform Kenya's transport sector with sustainable, tech-driven e-mobility solutions.

Bringing together students from leading institutions like the University of Nairobi, JKUAT, and Kenyatta University, the meeting provided a platform for thought leaders and innovators to explore the policy landscape, technological advancements, and youth-led innovations in the sector.



Engaged and attentive: Youth actively participate in a dynamic stakeholder meeting

Financial opportunities and pathways for youth empowerment through entrepreneurship were also key focus areas. The meeting concluded with a call for youth to take the lead in driving inclusive, innovative, and sustainable change in Kenya's transport sector, underscoring the critical role of young people in building a greener and more equitable future.

Malindi Office, NCPWD Celebrate 20 Years of Disability Inclusion in Mombasa

The Malindi Regional Office joined forces with the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) to commemorate two decades of disability inclusion in Mombasa County. Hosted at the Methodist Wesley Hall, the event, led by NCPWD Regional Coordinator Ms. Juliet Ruwa, highlighted the journey toward equity and accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).



Malindi Regional Head, Ms. Beatrice Zhige (far left), moderates during the event

Moderated by Regional Head Ms. Beatrice Zhige, the dialogue united state and non-state actors to share achievements and strategies. Honorees included BOMU Hospital and the Technical University of Mombasa for fostering inclusive spaces.

Individuals like Mr. Solomon Kago, a tuk-tuk driver providing accessible transport, and Mr. Obed Mogendi, Nyali Sub-County Assistant Chief, were lauded for their dedication. The celebration underscored significant progress and reinforced the commitment to leaving no one behind in advancing disability rights.



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