

MUSLIMS WOMEN ADVANCEMENT OF RIGHTS AND PROTECTION



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ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE.

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Organizational Background and Capability

The Organization is duly registered as a non-profit organization 2021. Muslim's Women Advancement of Rights and Protection is a women led organization that focuses on engaging girls, young mothers and women in the democratic and socio-economic and civil rights processes to ensure their full enjoyment of rights. The main objectives of the organization are anchored in the Kenyan constitution specifically under the Bill of rights and the Kenya Vision 2030 with three "pillars": Economic, Social, and Political. MWARP operates in the former coast region counties and North Eastern counties. The areas of operation of MWARP have faced acute marginalization from the previous successive governments before devolution and therefore acknowledges such communities deserves equal opportunities in order to progress political, social, civic and economically. The organization is governed by a board of directors who are overall decision making body for the institution.

Vision

"Women's full enjoyment of human dignity, security, enhanced access to justice, and redress for violations of women's rights"

Mission

"Actualizing the legal rights of women in all spheres of life through Leadership, advocacy, capacity building, movement building, and the provision of legal and support services"

Motto

"We educate women because it is smart, We empower women because it changes the world"

Values

- Professionalism
- Respect for human rights
- Constitutionalism and the rule of law
- Inclusiveness
- Transparency and accountability
- Equity
- Excellent quality of service

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PILLAR I: Peace and Security Pillar

- Strengthening the peace structures
- Prevention/Countering violence extremism

PILLAR II: Economic, social and Civil Rights

- Economic empowerment for women
- Environmental protection
- Health rights
- Child rights
- Education for all
- Community mobilization, awareness and sensitization

PILLAR III: Access to Justice for women and girls

- Legal aid and counselling programme
- Prevention of Gender/sexual based violence

PILLAR IV: Citizens Participation, Women and Governance Pillar

- Social accountability
- Voter education
- Women and girls leadership trainings
- Women for democratic participation and transition

PILLAR V: Muslims Women Advancement of Rights and Protections (MWARP) Institutional strengthening and growth

- Effective organizational structure
- Policies and procedures that foster a sound and supportive working environment.
- Foster a culture of learning and knowledge sharing.
- Improved funding for Muslims Women Advancement of Rights and Protections (MWARP)
- A robust performance management system
- A sound monitoring and evaluation framework in place.
- Staff capacity enhancement on legal, technical, and psychosocial aspects of topical development issues
- Ensure board effectiveness.
- An integrated and efficient information system
- Adequate Human resource that is highly skilled and Motivated
- MWARP recognized as a well-established and accountable reference point on women's rights at the Coast and North Eastern region.

At MWARP, women are at the heart of our core business. The 2019 population and Census results show that the Kenyan population has grown to 47.6 million with women marginally outnumbering men. Men account for 23,548,056 of the population while women hit 24,014,716.

We defend and protect the rights of women, girls and children accountably, responsively and professionally. We do this in a manner that is consistent with the values in the Constitution of Kenya, recognizing and encouraging staff creativity, continuous learning and teamwork, in partnership with communities of human rights defenders and other stakeholders.

In this context we aim to achieve the following objectives:-

- To ensure women's participation in peace-building, conflict prevention, and mitigation
- To support and create safe spaces for women in difficult circumstances including victims of gender violence, victims of extra judicial killings and disappearance, victims of violent extremism.
- To stimulate and motivate women at the grassroots to achieve a better and higher standard of living.
- To ensure women's access to and improve their participation in governance, power structures, policy and decision making bodies.
- To sensitise the public on the plight of the under privileged women.
- To design, implement and monitor effective policies and programs that will foster the advancement of women.
- To advocate and support women to narrow the gaps in education, training, and employment.

The board and staff have a vast experience in implementing programs aimed at heightening the awareness of communities on a variety of issues including elections. This has been with the understanding that as an organization, we form the bridge between the grassroots communities and the policy makers. For the community to be able to make meaningful participation on national agendas, it is imperative that key steps for awareness creation are taken including civic education. MWARP staff have vast experience and have been at the forefront of rallying communities to participate fully on issues touching on social economic issues, democracy and governance.

MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS AND BODIES

MWARP is a member of the Migration and Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism Technical Working Group (MPCVE TWG). The MPCVE TWG forms part of the three working groups established by the Kenya UN Network on Migration (KUNNM). The KUNNM was established on March 2020 to ensure UN coordinated support to the Government of Kenya in the implementation, follow-up and review process of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM). Given the national priorities, three technical working groups have been created to ensure the whole-of-society

approach when implementing the GCM and relevant policies. One of the main objectives of the MPCVE TWG is to act as a platform where relevant stakeholders can discuss to strengthen mechanisms to monitor and anticipate the development of risks concerning Migration and P/CVE. The meeting of the Migration and PCVE is chaired by IOM and UNDP as chairs, and IRCK as co-chair. MWARP has been engaging this platform to handle issues of human trafficking which we are committed to as part of our peace and security pillar. MWARP is a member of the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers Sub-Saharan Africa Working Group. The Sub-Saharan Africa Working Group (SSA WG) provides vehicles for communication, networking, planning, joint analysis, and knowledge exchange and can serve as the catalyst for joint activities and the financing of effective consortiums. The SSA WG fosters collaboration among various actors working in Sub-Saharan Africa with the shared goal of increasing the active collaboration between religious and traditional actors and other key stakeholders in peacebuilding, mediation and conflict transformation. MWARP is a member of the technical working group due to the uniqueness of the platform and commitment in supporting the inclusion of women, youth and marginalized groups in peacemaking and broader peace-building processes by ensuring that their expertise, experience, and commitment are recognized and supported.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

I. Civic Education and Voter Education Program

Since its formation , the organization has had several civic education sessions with the communities. The organization also used participatory education theatre outreaches to conduct civic education in public places such as markets, barazas, chiefs' camps, religious and other informal gatherings. The organization has been accredited as voter educators and is in the process of being accredited as long term election observers a by the IEBC. Mwarp has also partnered with IEBC in conducting voter registration and awareness to communities. Mwarp has been accredited by IEBC as a voter education provider and long term election observes in the 7 counties of our area of operations.

The organization has been engaged in analysing county budget estimates with a focus on gender and health. Several memorandums and petition have been done to the county assemblies of Lamu, Tana River and Kilifi counties regarding the same. The staff have also organized webinars and radio talk shows to analyse and communicate the same to the communities to provoke feedback from the citizens.

The organization has also been monitoring proposed project in the development agendas and status of implementation of stalled project and ensured that they follow up with the relevant departments to ensure they are completed for the benefit of the citizens.



I. Partnership in Registration of Persons

MWARP has partnered with the department of registration of person to ensure that children are registered for birth certificates and national identification cards. Currently the organization is partnering with IEBC to organize mobile clinics for the registration of voters in Lamu, Tana River and Kilifi counties.



I. Elections Reforms and Observation program

MWARP is also part of the technical working group led by ELOG (Elections Observers Group) with a mandate of strengthening democracy in Kenya and the African Region through the promotion of inclusive, transparent and accountable electoral processes comprising of 17 Civil Society Organizations and Faith-Based Organizations spearheading elections reforms ahead of 2022 general elections. The TWG has had a series of meetings held with CSO TWG and duty bearers' technical teams, proposed critical

reforms ahead of 2022 elections and a corresponding risk-matrix were developed assist CSOs on lobbying and advocacy on timely implementation of electoral reforms.

I. Sexual and Gender Rights Advocacy Program

The organization has also been following up on SGBV cases and ensured that they provide psychosocial support and legal advice to the victims but also proper documentation/ preservation of evidence for a watertight case once its referred to partners who will assist in taking the case to court. There are also several cases of early pregnancies which the organization had worked with different stakeholders to ensure the victims are able to be integrated back to schools especially In Kipini location and Kilifi County. In the month of September , 7 girls (5 at polytechnic and 2 in secondary) in Malindi Sub County.



Women and girls and children also face marginalization in terms of recording of vital statistics of child's births. We have assisted children and youths in secondary to get the vital document such as a birth certificate. The organization also has assisted over 300 children to get birth certificates in the interior part of Tana River County and Lamu East Sub County, Lamu County. These are essential documents however due to the vastness of the county, the communities are not able to access the services due to logistical costs. The births have assisted some of the girls to be enrolled in secondary school since it is now a mandatory document.

The organization has successfully advocated for the supply of an ambulance in Kipini dispensary to due to many health conditions that were being experienced especially by women during labour. This was done through advocacy.

I. Mentorship Program

We have also provided mentorship and carrier guidance in the schools. Sessions are held every week in different parts of where the organization works in both secular

schools and integrated schools to assist children progress in terms of their academics. We have also held talks on SGBV Prevention, awareness and reporting to the women and girls. We have assisted boys and girls who have finished their secondary education apply for placements in the KUCCPs through partnerships with other organizations such as Lamu Youth Assembly (LYA), Faza Youth Action Group (FYAG). We have also assisted youths to be enrolled in vocational trainings that are offered in their locations



I. Women and Girls Capacity Building Program

MWARP also has had economic empowerment sessions with different women groups through the maskani sessions. These sessions have had an impact in terms of explaining to the women the different opportunities available and how they can be involved. Several self-help groups have also been assisted and registered with the department of social services. The organization has also assisted and is still assisting the women and pwds to ensure they are conversant with proposal writing to enable them qualify for the different government funds such as women funds, uwezo funds.



I. Waste Management and Environmental Conservation Program

As an organization that promotes the rights of women and girls, the environment is one of the key pillars of our work. We protect the environment because we believe women and men use natural resources different ways to cater for their gendered roles and responsibilities however, they do not have the same access to decision making. We have planted over 2,000 mangroves during the 5th of June in Lamu and Tana River County and have had several beach clean-up exercises in the different parts of our operations.



All MWARP's programmes and activities will be based on influencing counties, their people and governments to embrace change and realize development focusing on the socio-economic, civic and political aspects of life's. Even when dealing with the national government and international partners, it will be with the view to advancing counties' interests.

MWARP's Partners

MWARP has identified the following as its partners:

- Community members and individual citizens
- Philanthropist
- Youth assemblies
- Individual women/ human rights defenders
- Community based and grass roots organizations
- Women, youth and persons with disabilities organizations
- Constitutional commissions
- National and county governments
- Gender Commissions and other gender and social services departments
- Local and international non-governmental organizations
- Institutions of higher learning
- Learning institutions both formal and informal
- The government of Kenya
- Development partners and donors
- International community

MWARP's SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

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ORGANIZATION'S COVERAGE AREA

MWARP will primarily be working at the six counties of the former Coast Region and Northeastern specifically in Garrisa as at the beginning. However, depending on the issue being addressed and the expansiveness of different matters, MWARP will also work outside two regions and where need arises, also at the international level.

ORGANIZATION'S WORKING UNIT

MWARP's basic working unit will be the County. Kenya is divided into 47 Counties and MWARP will seek to build bridges between the organization and the counties.

MWARPS PHYSICAL LOCATION(S) AND CONTACTS

Head Office:

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