

MUSLIM WOMEN ADVANCEMENT OF RIGHTS AND PROTECTION



OUR VISION

A just society where women and girls realize, embrace and enjoy their full rights and dignity.

OUR MISSION

Actualize and advance women's and girls' social economic, legal and civil rights

OUR MOTTO

We educate women because it is smart. We empower women because it changes the world.

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Dear Valued Partners, Friends and Supporters

As we conclude another impactful quarter, I am delighted to reflect on the milestones we have achieved together in advancing the rights and well-being of women, girls, children, and marginalized communities. These achievements are a testament to the power of partnership, community participation, and our shared commitment to creating lasting change.

This quarter marked the commencement of the Plan International Kenya Sponsorship Programme, ushering in a new chapter in our commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable children and their families. During the reporting period, MWARP successfully conducted 22 cluster meetings, reaching 818 parents and caregivers with key messages on child protection, education, sponsorship responsibilities, and child well-being. To ensure children remained in school, the programme provided school fees support totaling Ksh 2.2 Million to 127 sponsored children, easing the financial burden on their families and promoting continued access to education. We also strengthened collaboration with Community Volunteers and Focal Point Persons to establish a strong foundation for programme implementation.

This quarter marked the successful launch of the AgroBlue Project, a three-year initiative being implemented by MWARP in partnership with Action Against Hunger Kenya, CEFA Kenya and Somalia, and POLIMI to strengthen climate resilience and improve livelihoods in Kwale County.

The project was officially introduced to the Kwale County Steering Group, where it received overwhelming support from county leadership and key stakeholders. During the engagement, MWARP and Action Against Hunger Kenya were formally welcomed as members of the County Steering Group, establishing a strong foundation for collaboration with government institutions, development partners, and other actors working to enhance resilience within the county.

As part of the inception phase, the project team held a series of consultative meetings with key county departments and institutions, including the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA), the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Production, the Department of Health and Nutrition, the Department of Water and Sanitation, and other relevant stakeholders. These engagements were instrumental in aligning project objectives with county priorities, strengthening partnerships, and laying the groundwork for coordinated implementation. Over the next three years, the AgroBlue Project will promote sustainable agriculture, strengthen food security, improve water resource management, and build the resilience of vulnerable communities to the impacts of climate change, contributing to long-term sustainable development in Kwale County.

Through the RITAI Project, MWARP continued to promote informed and active citizenship by conducting a series of community engagements across Lamu and Garissa Counties. The sessions increased public awareness of the Access to Information Act, 2016, and digital safety, equipping community members, particularly young people and women with the knowledge and confidence to safely access information and meaningfully participate in governance processes.

During the quarter, the project directly reached 720 beneficiaries, comprising 474 participants in Lamu County and 246 participants in Garissa County. In addition, trained Community Champions extended the project's reach by engaging 206 beneficiaries (125 in Lamu and 81 in Garissa) through community-led awareness activities. Overall, the RITAI Project reached 926 beneficiaries across the two counties this quarter, demonstrating the effectiveness of combining direct engagement with community-led outreach to expand awareness and strengthen citizen participation.

This quarter also marked an important milestone in our institutional growth as MWARP participated in the Five-Day African Feminist Academy in Zambia. The academy brought together feminist leaders and organizations from across the continent to strengthen the African feminist movement through shared learning, collective reflection, and solidarity. The experience deepened our understanding of feminist leadership, movement building, and transformative advocacy, while fostering strategic partnerships that will strengthen our work in advancing gender justice across the communities we serve.

As we concluded the TIMIZA Project, we celebrated the meaningful impact it created in promoting inclusive governance and civic participation. One of the project's defining achievements was supporting adolescent girls and young women, alongside male champions, to actively participate in the Kilifi County 2026/2027 Budget Estimates public participation forums. By amplifying the voices of young people in county planning and decision-making processes, the project demonstrated the value of inclusive civic engagement and leaves behind a stronger foundation for sustained citizen participation and accountability.

Our commitment to empowering women and girls continued through the Scaling Care Project, implemented in partnership with Eco Dada and supported by the AKU Institute for Human Development. During the quarter, women and girls in Matondoni Village gained practical skills in the production of reusable sanitary pads, enhancing menstrual dignity while promoting environmentally sustainable practices.

The initiative also created opportunities for economic empowerment by equipping participants with finance literacy hence improving household resilience. Through the project's various interventions, a total of 308 women and girls were reached, contributing to improved menstrual health management, increased confidence, and stronger community resilience.

Additionally, MWARP joined fellow stakeholders in commemorating the Day of the African Child, advocating for improved Early Childhood Development through better hygiene, nutrition, environmental stewardship, and child protection. Through our active participation in the Lamu Court Users Committee, we also collaborated with justice sector institutions and county government departments to strengthen access to justice and improve service delivery for communities.

As we reflect on this quarter, we are encouraged by the progress made and inspired by the resilience of the communities we serve. Every achievement reinforces our belief that sustainable change is possible through collaboration, innovation, and meaningful community participation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire MWARP team, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our donors, partners, government institutions, community volunteers, and the communities we serve for your unwavering support and partnership. Together, we continue to build stronger, more inclusive, and more resilient communities, and we look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead.



Rahma Gulamu, Shujaa 2025

Executive Director

Muslim Women Advancement of Rights and Protection

WHAT WE DO



THEMATIC AREAS FOR MWARP



**WOMEN PEACE
AND SECURITY**



**SEXUAL & GENDER-
BASED VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN AND
GIRLS**



**WOMEN
PARTICIPATION
IN LEADERSHIP
AND
GOVERNANCE**



**INSTITUTIONAL
STRENGTHENING
AND GROWTH**

THEMATIC PILLAR #1: WOMEN PEACE AND SECURITY

United for Justice, Committed to Peace

MWARP joined fellow civil society organizations, human rights advocates, faith leaders, and community peace actors in a coordinated effort to strengthen accountability and advance justice through strategic institutional engagements.

The engagement resulted in strengthened collaboration among key stakeholders, enhanced coordination on accountability efforts, and renewed commitments to addressing emerging tensions through dialogue and lawful processes. A joint press briefing also provided the public with updates on the current situation, reinforced confidence in ongoing security measures, and amplified a unified call for peace, justice, and stability.



Strengthening Peace from the Ground Up: Lessons from Lamu County

MWARP, in collaboration with the Horn Center for Democracy and the Agency for Peacebuilding, convened a peer-to-peer learning exchange on mediation and peacebuilding mechanisms. The hybrid session, broadcast live from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, brought together regional stakeholders to share practical, community-driven peacebuilding experiences from Lamu County, Kenya.

The exchange provided a platform for dialogue on community security, alternative dispute resolution including court annexed mediation, coordination in preventing and countering violent extremism, and strengthening policy frameworks. Participants emphasized the importance of women-led initiatives and locally grounded approaches in building sustainable peace and improving regional coordination.



Women Leading Peace: From Voice to Action

MWARP Executive Director joined a high-level regional engagement convened by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, alongside women leaders from across Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Djibouti, Somalia, and Ethiopia.

Received by Commander Abebe Muluneh, Director of IGAD Peace, the delegation presented a strong call to action on the Women, Peace and Security agenda, emphasizing the central role of women in advancing sustainable peace and development in the region.

The discussions highlighted key priorities including strengthening women's participation in peace processes, expanding leadership in peace and security spaces, promoting climate action through a gender lens, enhancing digital literacy and security, addressing cross-border security threats, and investing in early warning and response systems to support long-term stability.



MWARP Joins Regional Dialogue on Women, Peace, and Leadership in the Horn of Africa

MWARP participated in the "Women at the Peace Table: Regional Learning, Solidarity, and Advocacy in the Horn of Africa" virtual convening held on April 1, 2026. The high-level session brought together women leaders, peace advocates, and civil society actors from across the region to reflect on inclusive peacebuilding and strengthen collaboration on women's meaningful participation in decision-making spaces.

During the engagement, participants exchanged experiences on advancing gender-responsive peace processes and addressing structural barriers that limit women's leadership in conflict prevention and resolution. MWARP contributed perspectives from its grassroots work in Kenya, emphasizing the importance of community-driven advocacy and sustained regional solidarity in shaping more inclusive and peaceful societies.

The dialogue reinforced a shared commitment to ensuring women's voices are not only heard but actively shape peace and governance agendas across the Horn of Africa.

3rd Regional Webinar Series

Women at the Peace Table

Regional Learning, Solidarity, and Advocacy in the HoA.

Date: 1st April 2026

Time: 02:30 PM - 4:00 PM EAT

Platform: Zoom

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes online session.

Language: English with Arabic Translation

women's leadership in peace processes in Sudan and South Sudan, providing real-time conflict analysis from women peace experts and members of PAC.

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THEMATIC PILLAR #2: WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Strengthening Digital Voices for Greater Civic Impact

MWARP successfully enhanced the digital advocacy capacity of community groups, youth networks, and women's organizations across Faza, Lamu Island, Mpeketoni (Lamu County), and Dadaab Sub-County (Garissa County) through the RITAI Project, supported by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Nairobi through Uraia.

Participants gained practical skills in digital literacy, social media advocacy, digital storytelling, access to information, and digital security. As a result, they are now better equipped to confidently leverage digital platforms to amplify community voices, advocate for transparency and accountability, combat misinformation, and foster inclusive civic participation, creating stronger and more informed communities.



Community Strengthened on Access to Information and Civic Action

Through the RITAI Project, MWARP successfully strengthened the capacity of communities in Lamu and Garissa Counties to exercise their right to access information and actively participate in governance. The training sessions empowered women, youth, elders, and community representatives with practical knowledge on the Access to Information Act 2016, enabling them to confidently engage in public participation processes and demand accountability.

As a result, participants enhanced their understanding of budget-making processes, developed skills in drafting memoranda, and learned the correct procedures for requesting information from public institutions. They also gained awareness of the role of the Commission on Administrative Justice in addressing access-to-information complaints, equipping them with practical mechanisms to seek redress and promote transparent, inclusive, and accountable governance within their communities.



Communities Equipped to Demand Better Services Through Access to Information

Through the RITAI Project, Muslim Women Advancement of Rights and Protection (MWARP) strengthened community capacity in Manda Maweni on the implementation of the Lamu Access to Information Act, 2025, empowering residents to effectively exercise their right to access public information.

As a result of the training, participants gained practical knowledge on how to request information from public institutions, monitor government service delivery, and use access to information mechanisms to promote transparency, accountability, and good governance.

The workshop also enabled community members to collectively identify priority development challenges affecting their village, including gaps in education, healthcare, infrastructure, land management, and electricity access. To sustain advocacy efforts, participants established a community committee that will engage duty bearers, follow up on identified issues, and champion evidence-based advocacy for improved public services and greater government responsiveness.



Strengthening Access to Information Through Multi-Stakeholder Action

MWARP, through the RITAI Project, convened Capacity Building and Technical Support Forums on the Access to Information Act in Mokowe and Amu Island, Lamu County, bringing together government institutions, community leaders, and accountability actors to strengthen transparency and citizen participation in governance.

A key outcome of the forums was the formation of a Multi-Stakeholder Coordination Committee, which will champion access to information, coordinate accountability efforts, monitor community concerns, and drive implementation of agreed action points. This milestone strengthens collaboration between duty bearers and communities, creating a sustainable mechanism for promoting transparency, accountability, and responsive governance.



THEMATIC PILLAR #2: WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Communities Shape Budget Priorities for Inclusive Development

MWARP successfully convened pre-public participation dialogues on the FY 2026/2027 budget in Msambweni and Lungalunga Sub-Counties, creating a platform for communities to directly influence budget planning and decision-making.

The engagements resulted in the identification of key development priorities, including equitable resource allocation, gender-responsive budgeting, transparent project planning, environmental sustainability, and strengthened support for vulnerable groups. Participants also proposed innovative local revenue generation strategies to enhance service delivery and sustainable development. The dialogues strengthened citizen participation in governance and reinforced the importance of people-centred budgeting, ensuring that community voices inform policies and investments that respond to local needs and aspirations.



TAX SMART: Empowering Communities in Dzombo Ward Through Tax Education

MWARP, under the Equanomics Project and supported by UNDP Kenya through Amkeni Wakenya, conducted a Tax Education Outreach in Dzombo Ward, Lunga Lunga Sub County.

The session brought together women, youth, and persons with disabilities in an inclusive learning space aimed at simplifying tax systems and strengthening civic understanding. Participants were guided on key areas including tax obligations, penalties, KRA PIN registration, e-TIMS usage, and access to opportunities such as the Biashara Fund.

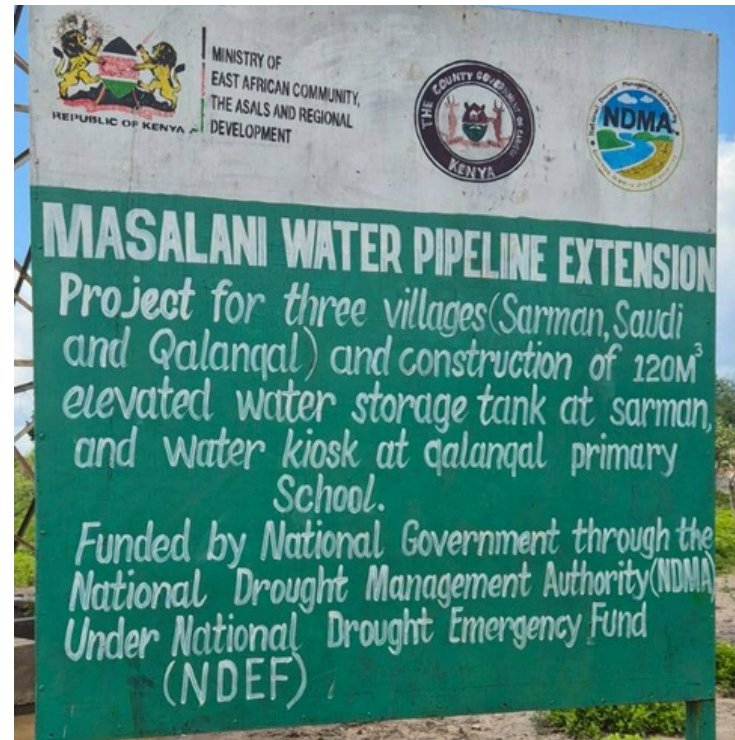
The engagement strengthened community awareness on taxation and encouraged active participation in county budget processes, while promoting more inclusive and responsive development planning.



Masalani's Quiet Transformation Through Community Action

During MWARP's implementation of the RITAI Project in Garissa County alongside Uraia, a powerful shift in Masalani community became evident. Once marked by unfulfilled development promises, the area is now experiencing real change driven by community-led advocacy.

Markets have been built, roads repaired and tarmacked, and access to clean water has improved significantly. These developments reflect a growing sense of accountability and active civic participation, where residents are increasingly shaping the development agenda of their own community.



Voices in Action: Garissa Communities Driving Real Change

MWARP Garissa Office, under the RITAI Project, convened a powerful community engagement session focused on outcome harvesting and validation.

The session brought together community champions, youth, and women advocacy groups in a dynamic space filled with inspiring stories and lived experiences of change. Participants shared real achievements reflecting increased awareness, stronger participation, and improved accountability within the community.

Through interactive group discussions and one-on-one engagements with duty bearers, the dialogue provided deeper insights into progress made so far, the challenges that remain, and practical ideas to sustain momentum. The session reaffirmed the growing impact of community-driven action in shaping inclusive development in Garissa.



THEMATIC PILLAR #2: WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Lasting Results from the Amkeni Wakenya Programme

This quarter, two impact stories were shared across our social media platforms, showcasing the lasting results of the Amkeni Wakenya Programme.

In Ramisi and Dzombo Wards of Lungalunga Sub-County, the programme strengthened citizens' capacity to participate in public decision-making and advocate for their development priorities. Through the support of trained budget facilitators, community members successfully influenced local planning processes, contributing to improved access to clean and safe water for households. The programme also empowered women to take a more active role in governance, increasing their participation in public forums, budget discussions, and local decision-making processes. Although the programme has come to an end, its impact continues to be felt. These stories demonstrate how strengthened civic engagement, inclusive participation, and community ownership have empowered citizens—particularly women—to influence development priorities and deliver sustainable, people-centred results.



Airwaves and Digital Platforms Driving Access to Information and Digital Safety

This quarter, MWARP, through the RITAI Project, successfully conducted a series of radio talk shows across Lamu and Garissa Counties, alongside one X Space, to increase public awareness of the Access to Information Act, 2016 and promote digital safety.

The engagements reached diverse audiences with practical information on citizens' right to access public information, safe online practices, and responsible digital engagement. Through interactive discussions and live audience participation, community members gained a better understanding of how to request information from public institutions, protect themselves from online risks, and use digital platforms to advocate for accountability and good governance.

These outreach efforts strengthened public awareness, expanded access to reliable civic information, and empowered more citizens to confidently exercise their rights both offline and online.



THEMATIC PILLAR #3: SEXUAL & GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

TIMIZA Project Closes with Stronger Citizen Engagement in Budgeting and Gender Equality

As the TIMIZA Project, funded by CREAM, came to a successful closure, MWARP delivered lasting results through a series of community engagement forums across Kilifi County. During the quarter, MWARP convened three County Budget Engagement and Annual Development Plan (ADP) forums in Jilore, Adu, and Gongoni Wards, alongside a community dialogue on gender-based violence (GBV) and community development in Dabaso Ward.

The engagements strengthened citizens' understanding of county planning and budgeting processes, enabling women, youth, and other community members to actively contribute to development priorities. Participants developed practical skills to engage in public participation processes, submit informed proposals, and advocate for equitable allocation of county resources.

The GBV dialogue further strengthened community awareness of gender equality, prevention of violence, and the importance of collective action in creating safer and more inclusive communities. The forums also fostered stronger collaboration between citizens, community leaders, and county stakeholders, promoting accountability and responsive governance.



AGYW Influence Kilifi County Budget Priorities

Through the TIMIZA Project, MWARP successfully supported Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) and male champions to actively participate in the 2026/2027 Kilifi County Budget Estimates public participation forums across Dabaso, Jilore, Adu, and Gongoni Wards.

As a result, AGYW and community members directly presented their development priorities and challenges to county decision-makers, ensuring youth voices were included in the budgeting process. The engagement strengthened inclusive citizen participation, amplified community voices, and advanced gender-responsive governance and accountability in Kilifi County.



MWARP Strengthens Feminist Leadership at the African Feminist Academy

MWARP proudly participated in the African Feminist Academy held in Lusaka, Zambia, bringing together feminist leaders, civil society organizations, and activists from across Africa.

The academy provided a valuable platform to strengthen partnerships, exchange knowledge, and explore transformative approaches to care, advocacy, and movement building. MWARP remains committed to applying the knowledge and networks gained to advance gender equality and inclusive development in our communities.



Strengthening Community Ownership for Child Well-being

MWARP, in partnership with Plan International Kenya under the Sponsorship Project, convened cluster meetings across Lungalunga, Kinango, and Msambweni Sub-Counties, reaching 657 parents, guardians, and community members. The meetings strengthened community ownership and accountability, fostered collaboration to improve children's well-being, and successfully introduced MWARP as the new implementing partner, ensuring a smooth transition and continued community engagement.



Building Financially Resilient Communities

Through the Scaling Care Innovation Project, funded by the AKU Institute for Human Development, MWARP empowered community members in Lamu County with practical financial literacy skills. Participants strengthened their ability to budget, save, manage income responsibly, and make informed financial decisions, improving household economic stability and long-term financial resilience.

THEMATIC PILLAR #3: SEXUAL & GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS



Strengthening Collaboration for Accessible Court Services in Lamu

The Lamu Court Users Committee (CUC), with Muslim Women Advancement of Rights and Protection (MWARP) as a member, participated in a multi-stakeholder engagement forum to discuss the planned relocation of the Lamu Law Courts. The dialogue brought together government agencies, transport operators, and other key stakeholders to strengthen coordination and ensure a smooth, inclusive transition.

The forum resulted in a shared commitment to a transparent, people-centred relocation process that safeguards public access to justice while minimizing disruption to livelihoods and seafront activities. MWARP reaffirmed its role in promoting civic participation, institutional accountability, and equitable access to court services throughout the transition.

Women and Girls Gain Skills for Sustainable Menstrual Health

Through the Scaling Care Project supported by the AKU Institute for Human Development, MWARP, in partnership with Eco Dada, trained women and girls in Matondoni Village, Lamu County, on menstrual hygiene management and the production of reusable sanitary pads using locally available, eco-friendly materials.

The training strengthened participants' knowledge, reduced menstrual stigma, and equipped them with practical skills to produce affordable reusable pads, promoting better menstrual health, environmental sustainability, and new opportunities for economic empowerment within the community.



THEMATIC AREA 4: INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND GROWTH

MWARP Staff Strengthen Safeguarding and PSHEA Response Capacity Through Intensive Training

The MWARP team participated in a four-day Safeguarding Training facilitated by Plan International Kenya at the organization's headquarters in Mombasa.

The training sessions continued to build on previous learnings, with a strong focus on strengthening staff capacity to effectively report, prevent, and respond to safeguarding concerns, including Protection from Sexual Harassment, Exploitation, and Abuse (PSHEA). Participants were equipped with practical knowledge and skills aimed at promoting accountability, safe programming, and the protection of children and vulnerable communities in all areas of operation.

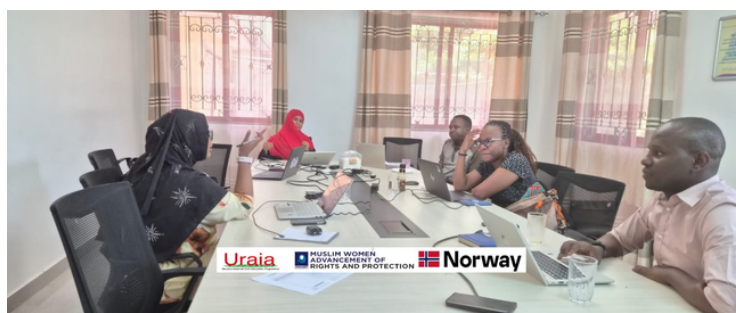


Reflecting on Impact, Strengthening the Future

Uraia, under the RITAI Project, conducted a Monitoring and Evaluation visit to the MWARP headquarters in Mombasa as the project approaches its final phase. The visit provided an opportunity to reflect on the progress made, assess achievements, and document key lessons learned throughout the implementation period.

During the engagement, meaningful discussions were held on the successes, challenges, and growth experienced across the project areas. MWARP shared inspiring success stories from Lamu and Garissa Counties, highlighting how communities have benefited from improved access to quality public services, increased civic awareness, and stronger participation in governance processes.

The project has played a significant role in empowering communities to actively engage duty bearers and take part in decision-making processes. A major achievement has been strengthening the capacity of community members and stakeholders to understand and utilize the Access to Information Act, 2016, promoting transparency, accountability, and inclusive governance.



Strengthening Feminist Movements Through Inclusive Dialogue

MWARP hosted a team from CARE Kenya at its Mombasa office for a Focus Group Discussion on Intersectional Gender and Power Analysis. The session brought together women's rights organizations from the Coastal Region to share experiences and recommendations aimed at strengthening the implementation of the RWVL Programme in Kenya.

Key discussions focused on enhancing the capacity of women's rights organizations, supporting women human rights defenders, and advancing feminist movements that promote the rights of women and girls facing multiple forms of marginalization. Participants also examined strategies for movement-building, inclusive leadership, safety and care systems, sustainability, and structural challenges affecting feminist organizing.

Strengthening Support for Sponsored Children Through Joint Reflection

Plan International Kenya and MWARP convened a Reflection and Sponsored Children Monitoring Feedback Meeting with Community Volunteers and Focal Point Persons.

The meeting enabled participants to review progress in the field, share experiences, and identify key challenges affecting implementation. Practical solutions were developed to improve support systems, and stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing coordination and ensuring timely, effective support for sponsored children across communities.



THEMATIC AREA 4: INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND GROWTH

AgroBlue Project Gains Strong County Backing

MWARP, in partnership with Action Against Hunger Kenya, officially introduced the new AgroBlue Project to the Kwale County Steering Group (CSG), marking a significant milestone in the project's launch. The initiative received unanimous support from CSG members, with the Kwale County Commissioner welcoming the project and recognizing its alignment with county development priorities.

As a key outcome, both organizations were formally onboarded as members of the CSG, strengthening coordination and collaboration with county stakeholders. The project has also secured a dedicated agenda slot for a comprehensive presentation at the next CSG meeting, laying a strong foundation for successful implementation and long-term impact.



MWARP Strengthens Partnerships for Human Development

MWARP participated in a high-level international conference organized by the AKU Institute for Human Development in Nairobi, engaging with global stakeholders to exchange knowledge and innovative approaches for advancing sustainable and inclusive human development.

The conference strengthened partnerships, fostered collaboration across sectors, and generated practical solutions to improve community wellbeing, reinforcing MWARP's commitment to delivering impactful, people-centered development initiatives.



MWARP Introduced to Community Volunteers to Strengthen Sponsorship Programme Delivery

MWARP was officially introduced to Community Volunteers and Focal Point Persons by Plan International Kenya under the Sponsorship Programme.

The engagement brought together representatives from Lungalunga, Msambweni, and Kinango sub-counties, reinforcing coordination at the grassroots level. It strengthened collaboration, built shared understanding of the programme's goals, and clarified roles in supporting implementation.

The meeting enhanced partnerships that will improve service delivery and sustain impact for children, families, and young people across the region.



Monthly Coordination Meeting Strengthens Programme Delivery

MWARP, in collaboration with Plan International Kenya under the Sponsorship Programme, held the June Monthly Meeting with Community Volunteers and Focal Point Persons from Lungalunga, Kinango, and Msambweni, resulting in strengthened coordination and improved planning for programme implementation.

The meeting produced clear action points to enhance communication with parents and families of sponsored children, resolved key implementation challenges raised by community volunteers, and reinforced a shared approach to community engagement. These outcomes are expected to improve follow-up, increase accountability, and enhance support for sponsored children and their families.



PARTNERSHIPS, COLLABORATIONS, ENGAGEMENTS, AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS CELEBRATIONS.

Strengthening Child Protection and Advancing Early Childhood Development

During the Day of the African Child 2026 commemoration at Hindi Primary School, MWARP joined fellow stakeholders to champion the rights, protection, and well-being of children. The engagement strengthened advocacy for quality Early Childhood Development by promoting improved hygiene, proper nutrition, and environmental awareness as key pillars for ensuring children have a healthy and supportive foundation for growth and learning. It also provided an opportunity to reaffirm the shared responsibility of families, communities, and institutions in safeguarding children's rights.

The event further amplified calls for the establishment of a Children Protection Unit (CPU) and a Safe House to strengthen child protection systems and improve support for vulnerable children. Through the collective commitment demonstrated by stakeholders, the engagement reinforced partnerships, advanced dialogue on child protection priorities, and renewed efforts to create safer, healthier, and more nurturing environments where every child can survive, learn, develop, and thrive.



SIGNIFICANT STORIES OF CHANGE

Empowering Futures Through Education and Protection

April marked a significant milestone for MWARP as the Sponsorship Programme officially commenced, setting the foundation for a transformative journey aimed at empowering vulnerable and deserving learners through education, protection, and holistic support.

The programme began with a successful onboarding meeting conducted in partnership with Plan International Kenya, bringing together programme teams and key stakeholders to align on the vision, objectives, and implementation strategies of the initiative. The engagement created a strong platform for collaboration, coordination, and shared commitment toward improving access to quality education for young people, particularly girls and marginalized learners within the community.

As part of strengthening programme delivery, MWARP also participated in intensive safeguarding and child protection training sessions designed to enhance institutional capacity in promoting the safety, dignity, and wellbeing of children and young people involved in the programme. The training equipped staff with practical knowledge on safeguarding principles, reporting procedures, prevention mechanisms, and the importance of creating safe and inclusive learning environments free from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and harm.

These important engagements not only strengthened the technical capacity of the MWARP team but also reinforced the organization's dedication to accountability, child-centered programming, and community-driven approaches. The sessions inspired deeper reflection on the collective responsibility of protecting children's rights while ensuring that learners are supported both academically and socially.

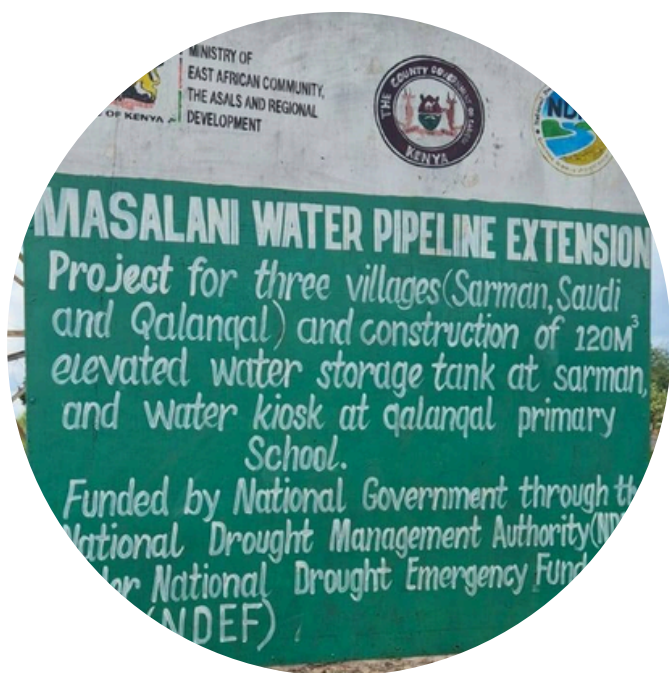
From Silence to Action: How Community Voices Are Driving Change in Masalani

For many years, the people of Masalani in Garissa County watched development promises remain on paper while essential services and projects failed to reach the community. Limited citizen participation and weak accountability left many residents feeling unheard and excluded from decisions affecting their lives.

Through the RITAI Project implemented by Muslim Women Advancement of Rights and Protection (MWARP) in partnership with Uraia, this narrative is steadily changing. Women and young people have gained the confidence and capacity to engage in public participation forums, advocate for community priorities, and demand accountability from local leaders.

As a result, the community is now witnessing tangible improvements, including better road infrastructure, newly constructed markets, and increased access to clean water. These changes reflect the growing impact of community-led advocacy and the importance of empowering citizens to take part in shaping their own development agenda.

The progress seen in Masalani stands as a powerful reminder that informed and organized communities can influence meaningful and lasting change.



SIGNIFICANT STORIES OF CHANGE

Transforming Lives Through Basketry Making Training in Matondoni Village

For many years, women in Matondoni Village devoted most of their time to unpaid care and domestic work, leaving them with few opportunities to earn an income. Although the village is renowned for its basketry heritage, many women lacked modern weaving, value-addition, and business skills needed to produce marketable products. As a result, most households relied on small-scale fishing and casual labor, limiting women's financial independence and their ability to support household needs.

Through the Scaling Care Innovation Project, implemented by the Muslim Women Advancement of Rights and Protection (MWARP) with support from Aga Khan University (AKU), women caregivers and youth received training in basket weaving, product design, finishing, value addition, and entrepreneurship. The training equipped participants with practical skills to produce high-quality baskets, improve product appeal, and access better markets while enabling them to continue caring for their families.

The training has transformed basket weaving into a sustainable source of income for many participants. Women now produce and sell higher-quality baskets that attract more customers, including tourists, enabling them to earn income for food, education, healthcare, and other household needs. Beyond the economic benefits, the initiative has strengthened participants' confidence and economic independence while preserving Matondoni's rich basketry heritage.



Empowering Young Women to Shape County Development Through the TIMIZA Project

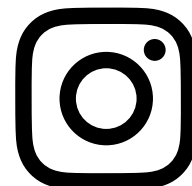
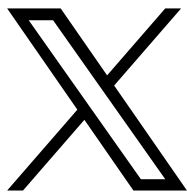
For many young people in Kilifi County, public participation forums have often been viewed as spaces reserved for older community members or local leaders. As a result, the voices of Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) have historically been underrepresented in decisions that directly affect their lives. Through the TIMIZA Project, MWARP sought to change this by equipping AGYW with the knowledge, confidence, and platform to engage meaningfully in county governance.

As the project came to a close, one of its most significant achievements was supporting AGYW alongside male champions to participate in the Kilifi County Budget Estimates Public Participation Forums for the 2026/2027 Financial Year across Dabaso, Jilore, Adu, and Gongoni Wards. Before the forums, participants were sensitized on the county budgeting process, the importance of citizen participation, and how to effectively present community priorities. This preparation enabled them to engage confidently with county officials and other stakeholders during the consultations.

During the forums, the AGYW spoke openly about challenges affecting their communities, including limited access to quality education and skills development opportunities, inadequate health services, youth unemployment, and the need for greater investment in programs that support young women and vulnerable groups. Male champions reinforced these priorities, demonstrating the value of collaborative advocacy in advancing inclusive community development.

Their active participation ensured that the concerns and aspirations of young people were formally presented during the county budgeting process. More importantly, it challenged long-standing perceptions that young women have little role in governance, proving that when provided with the right information and opportunity, they can confidently influence public decision-making.

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