



WOMEN'S VOICE *and* LEADERSHIP PROJECT

Canadian High commissioner Lisa Stadelbauer (Center) with representatives from CARE Kenya (Right) and GAC (Left) during WVL project launch.

INTRODUCTION

The Women's Voice and Leadership Kenya (WVL-K) project aims to contribute to gender equality and the increased enjoyment of human rights by women and girls in Kenya. It is a 5 years' grant by the government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and is anchored on Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP) which puts gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls at the heart of international development, humanitarian, peace and security efforts.

WVL-K is premised on the understanding that women and girls cannot enjoy human rights, and that gender equality will not be seen in Kenya without a vibrant, sustained and healthy women's

rights movement, or without a civil society in which women's rights organizations operate as equals amongst Civil Society Organizations (CSOs.)

KEY OBJECTIVES

- To improve management, programming and sustainability of local Women rights organizations in Kenya, particularly those representing vulnerable and marginalized women and girls.
- To enhance delivery of quality services and advocacy by Women's Rights Organizations (WROs) to advance gender equality in Kenya.
- To increase effectiveness of National and sub-national women's rights platforms, network and alliances to effect gender sensitive policy change and policy implementation in Kenya.

BEST PRACTICES & INNOVATIONS

- Strengthening women rights movements in Kenya.
- Partnering and working with Women Rights Organizations in a Capacity building approach.
- Supporting women to take leadership roles and be active in decision making structures/ processes.
- Embracing the Feminist development principles of Inclusion, Participation and Empowerment in Programming.
- Supporting Intergenerational approach, mentorship and guidance



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- ◆ Launch of the Women Voice and Leadership Project.
- ◆ Strategic planning support with the 4 Principal partners.
- ◆ Participatory development of project PIP, work plans and budgets.
- ◆ Sub-granting MoU signed with the 4 Principal partners.
- ◆ Participatory capacity assessment for the 4 principal partners.
- ◆ Project Steering committee in place and operational.
- ◆ Capacity Assessment conducted for the 4 principal partners.
- ◆ Nationwide WRO mapping conducted
- ◆ Gender analysis conducted Issued
- ◆ 26 multi-year grants and 15 to WROs. Emergency response grants issued towards COVID-19 response benefited at least 1,980 women and girls in Kenya



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CARE Kenya and UAF-Africa staff during partners' capacity assessment exercise at UAF Africa's office in in June 2019

Canadian High commissioner Lisa Stadelbauer (Center) with CARE Kenya's Country Director Philippa Crosland-Taylor (Left) during WVW-K project launch.

OUR APPROACHES

- ◆ Multi-year granting to 50 WROs
- ◆ Fast responsive funding to 70 WROs
- ◆ Coalitions, networking and alliance building

