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YOUTH EMPOWERMENT (Womens & Girls in Science, Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM))

Girls Excel Initiative

ENA Girls Excel Initiative with Kithangari Girls Secondary School has taken off. 504 girls attentively listened to the team led by the Group CEO Dr. Jennifer Riria during a visit at the school. Dr. Riria challenged the girls to visualize what they will be in the future if they excelled in Mathematics and other Science subjects.

Additionally, she advised them to keep off sexual activity to avoid serious related consequences of teenage pregnancies.

The initiative's patrons also addressed parents whose daughters are expectant and about to give birth. It emerged that the affected parents require urgent support to cope with additions in the already stressed Families.



She Did it, We can!: In recognition to her achievements, Ms. Norah Mukami, (Left) with Ms. Lucy Gitau, Principal, Kithangari Girls (Right) admire Dr. Jennifer Riria's Moran of the Burning Spear and Elder of the Burning Spear gold medals during the launch of the Girls Excel Initiative at the school.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: AQUACULTURE & REVOLVING LOAN FUND

ENA Engendering Aquaculture in Homa Bay County.

ENA in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries successfully trained 100 women from the 4 selected beaches namely Kaugege, Litare, Mrongo and Wakula on aquaculture with specific focus on cage farming.

The training aimed at building the skills and knowledge of the women on cage farming. Topics covered were training on cage design and materials, fish stocking density, feeds and feeding ratios, harvesting and packaging of the fish, cage maintenance, environmental audit and marketing of the produce.

ENA also engaged and trained 20 Trainers of Trainers (TOT's) who will be tasked with training the 100 women beneficiaries on Financial literacy, Entrepreneurship, Group Formation and Management under the Aquaculture Project. The ToTs were drawn from Local Based Organizations in Homa Bay County namely Liverpool Voluntary Counselling and Testing, Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops, Ace Africa, Uraia Trust, Afya Ziwani, Ekialo Kiona, Impact Institute for Disability, Orphans and Widows with Hope, Development Empowerment Link (DevLink) and Wanawake Wavuvi (WA-WA).

ENA hopes that Jaboya (sex for fish) will be a thing of the past in Homa Bay after women are trained on fish cage farming.



Participants present at Mrongo beach during ENA 's training on cage fish farming in Homa Bay county.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2019 Annual General Meeting

Echo Network Africa held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday, 9th August at the Ngong Hills Hotel, Nairobi.

This year's AGM brought together more than 100 ENA members drawn from all over the 47 counties. During the meeting, ENA GCEO, Dr. Jennifer Riria addressed the members on the future management plans of the Customers Share Ownership Plan (CSOP) - TRUST. Financial statements for the fiscal year 2018 were presented and approved. Dr. Riria informed members that the institution was financially sound and will continue to work with others to catalyze development.



ENA Board of Directors present during the 2019 AGM Press briefing from left to right Ms. Elizabeth Mang'eni, Ms. Selinah Kandie, Dr. Jaine Mwai, ENA Board chair, Dr. Jennifer Riria, ENA GCEO and Ms. Damaris W. Gitonga, ENA Board Vice-chair



Members present keenly following the AGM proceedings



ENA members enjoy a dance during the Annual General Meeting.

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- 1) Girls Excel Initiative: 20th September 2019
- 2) Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship and Group Formation Training: September 2019

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