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WORD FROM THE GROUP CEO



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You stand Blessed. You are therefore expected to bless others with the work of your hands. To do this, every member of ENA should pay close attention to what we have all agreed upon.

Every one needs to remember ENA's corporate strategy is the pillar of our work. ENA's mission and vision guides our thinking and that the ENA family must and will create and nurture an environment that enables joint learning, decision making and communication. It is therefore important to strengthen stakeholders' relationships by listening to each other and sharing experiences.

It is very important that all ENA's stakeholders are aware of ENA's objectives, values, opportunities and risks. This is the way to recognize opportunities with which you bless others who in turn bless you.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: AQUACULTURE & REVOLVING LOAN FUND

ENA's Strategy to Tackle Gender Issues in Aquaculture

Following the successful launch of the women aquaculture project in Homa Bay County, ENA has stepped up its efforts to ensure that gender issues are proactively addressed through out the life of the project. ENA has identified a consultant in collaboration with Local Implementing Partner (LIPs) to conduct a gender analysis in the fish farming sector and specifically in Homa Bay County and develop a framework for ensuring full inclusion of women in the entire fish value chain.

In addition, the survey will seek to provide homegrown strategies for enhancing the voice and participation of women in the fish sector while simultaneously addressing their human rights concerns. ENA intends to use the results of the survey to propose changes to the existing policy documents therefore entrench women as key players in the sector. The final document will also be used to inform program approaches and establish areas of collaboration between ENA and other stakeholders including the County Governments and Local Implementing Partners in aquaculture.

The aquaculture program, which is funded by the Open Society Foundation is collaboration between ENA and Local partners and is aimed at improving the living standards of the women and their families by building their capacity to actively and profitably engage in fish farming.



ENA's senior manager Ms. Terry Wakahia (standing), ENA Group CEO, Dr. Jennifer Riria (2nd right), Homa Bay County Health Executive Committee Member, Prof. Richard Muga (3rd right) and his Environment counterpart, Dickson Nyawinda (4th right) together with other county officials actively participating in the aquaculture stakeholders inception meeting.

The pilot project was launched in May 2019 by Dr. Jennifer Riria and staff from ENA and attended by high ranking officials from the National and County Government, beneficiaries, Local Implementing Partners and other stakeholders in the aquaculture sector.

COHESION FOCUS AREA

Catalytic Collaborations: ENA's First Local Implementing Partners Induction (LIP's) Forum

In its mission to catalyze development, ENA first Local Implementing Partners (LIP's) induction forum was held on 28th June 2019 at ENA Offices.

The forum aimed at building sustainable collaboration and partnership. It also provided a platform for ENA to identify innovative approaches implemented by partners that can be scaled up. Present at the meeting were representatives from Wanawake Wavuvi (WA-WA), Development Empowerment Link (DevLink), Center for Leadership (CTL), International Peace Initiative (IPI) and Millennials speak who are now corporate members of ENA.



Local Implementing Partners present during the first inception meeting held at ENA offices on 28th June 2019.

ENA will continue to collaborate with Local Implementing Partners to implement community-based programs with a focus on Women Empowerment (Women Inclusion in the Aquaculture Value Chain), Positioning (Tuvuke & Engendering Reform Processes), Advocacy (Sexual Reproductive and Maternal Health) and Youth Empowerment (Women & Girls in Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics [STEM]).

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

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

Working Together: ENA & Liberty Life Assurance to support girls in STEM

Echo Network Africa (ENA) and Liberty Life Assurance have commenced discussions to enhance uptake and performance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) among girls in Kenyan primary and secondary schools.

Once finalized, the partnership will see Liberty Life Assurance support ENA's Youth Empowerment program to set up Maths Clubs in selected secondary and primary schools in Kenya as one way of promoting the uptake of Mathematics among girls. The partnership will also involve parents and teachers to ensure that no girl is left behind by technological advancements or through teenage pregnancies, therefore hindered from attaining their full potential. Youth Empowerment with a specific focus on girls in STEM Subjects is one of the four areas of focus that ENA has identified in the 2018-2022 strategic plan.

In addition to the partnership on the Youth Empowerment Pillar, Liberty Life is in discussion with ENA on possible management of ENA's Staff gratuity with a view to improving staff welfare and therefore create a more satisfied and productive human capital to support implementation of its strategy.

ENA's corporate office support towards women and youth empowerment

Echo Network Africa through Dr. Jennifer Riria, G.CEO, attended and addressed participants during the National Microfinance Conference held on June 19th -21st 2019 at the University of Nairobi, Chandaria Auditorium.

As one of Africa's leading women entrepreneurs on a mission to transform the lives of women and their families, and with a rich background experience in the microfinance sector, Dr. Riria spoke on the role of the Youth and Women towards achieving sustainable development goals.

Consequently, in working together for impact, ENA held a partnership meeting with CARE Kenya, Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB), Barclay Bank and Hansidel Foundation.

ENA values private and public sector relationships that bring impact and promotes gender equality in all spheres of life.



The ENA team led by the CEO Dr. Jennifer Riria (5th from left) were privileged to host Ms. Catherine Odawa and Mr Stephen Awuor (4th from left and 3rd from left, respectively) from Barclays Bank to discuss partnership on how we can work together to empower more women and youth.



Dr. Riria (center) with Care Kenya's Dorothy (left) and Joyce (right) when an ENA team visited Care offices in Nairobi.

EVENTS IN THE MONTH

1. Democracy Trust Fund Meetings - 3rd July 2019
2. ENA Thanksgiving Ceremony- 5th July 2019
3. ENA's Advocacy and Youth Empowerment pillar Introductory meeting in Meru- 8th to 9th July
4. ENA Board Meeting -24th July 2019
5. Aquaculture Stakeholders Forum- 26th July 2019

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