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SAY NO TO FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

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Word from the Group CEO Say NO to FGM!



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Echo Network Africa's (ENA) mission is to be a catalyst that empowers, positions and advocates for women, young women, women with disabilities and women from marginalized communities towards attainment of their full potential.

On 6th February, 2022 we joined the world in celebrating the International day of Zero tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

Over 200 million girls and women alive today have undergone FGM in 30 countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia where FGM is practiced (Ref; WHO Fact sheet report 2022).

FGM directly affects the health, education and economic advancements of girls and women in the society. This is a dangerous practice that must be stopped to safeguard our future generations.

To promote the elimination of female genital mutilation, coordinated and systematic efforts are needed, and they must engage whole communities and focus on human rights, gender equality, sexual education and attention to the needs of women and girls who suffer from its consequences.

ENA seeks to catalyze acceptance and commitment by communities to eradicate and abandon FGM through the Girls Excel Initiative! The focus area promotes the learning of Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects as an alternative rites of passage.

This is because STEM fields in Kenya and the world over offer greater pay and job stability hence empowering girls and women.

“Together we can eradicate and abandon Female Genital Mutilation. Let us stand up for our girls and women!”

ENA RESTORES HOPE TO FAMILIES IN LAIKIPIA



Lending a hand; ENA Group CEO Dr. Jennifer Riria (right) hands over donations for the families affected by the Laikipia fires to Laikipia Maendeleo ya Wanawake Chair, Helen Kurutu (Center) and Magdalene Wacheke (Left) resident of Nanyuki

Echo Network Africa (ENA) through its peace initiative pillar; TUVUKE, works with grassroots women networks/ groups to create a broad-based women's grassroots movement engaged in peace-building activities in informal settlements.

The community based approach relies on women becoming community-based peace actors/ambassadors to facilitate early warning and response within the informal settlements. In addition, the initiative works to strengthen networks of women peace ambassadors, community peace leaders, and local organizations to identify and mobilize existing peace resources on the ground and facilitate collaborative work with CBOs, and the local government, for effective and sustainable conflict management.

On 31st January 2022, Over fifty vulnerable families in Nanyuki were left homeless after fire razed their homes. Fires impact people, property and the environment.

In some cases, the resulting losses are extraordinary, causing deaths, widespread damage to property and significant impact on the environment. More often, fires may cause one or more casualties or affect a single home or even a community at large disrupting peace.

As part of TUVUKE's relief efforts towards restoring peace to the affected families, in kind donations in the form of household items and foodstuffs (e.g. blankets, flour, green grams, cooking oil and assorted household items) were donated to the affected families.

ENA flagged off a donation caravan for vulnerable families affected by the 31st January fires in Majengo slums and Blue Gum region in Nanyuki. Dr. Jennifer Riria, ENA Group CEO flagged off the donations at Echo Network Africa offices on Friday 18th February, 2022.

The Initiative has implemented programs on peace, conflict interventions and women participation in electoral processes since 2011. Through local community interventions, TUVUKE has helped prevent, mitigate, and respond to politically instigated conflict.

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ENGAGING WOMEN IN PEACE MEDIATION



#AmaniKenya; Members of the Women Mediation Network- Kenya pose for a group photo with ENA GCEO Dr. Jennifer Riria (2nd left) and Ms Rana Taha UN Resident coordinator's office (2nd right) after a successful induction meeting.

The African Women Leaders Network Kenyan chapter (AWLN), Echo Network Africa (ENA) in partnership with the UN Women this month convened a one-day induction meeting for the Women Mediation Network – Kenya (WMN-K) to brainstorm on the need to bring women’s voices into peace building efforts ahead of the 2022 General Election.

The meeting brought together women from different walks of life representing different sectors and spaces ranging from women rights organization, women leaders, Church Leaders, Security sector, Media, training and research, professional mediators, County representation, gender expert (CCGD), Academia, among others.

Members of the network deliberated on their roles in peace building and mediation and developed a plan of action that will be implemented by a Technical group that is selected

to help in research and development, in collaboration with AWLN - Kenya in partnership with ENA and supported by the UN Women.

The WMN-K is meant to support initiatives that accelerate the attainment of the global and national goals encapsulated in the UN Resolution 1325 and domesticated in Kenya’s K- NAP 1 and 11.

Our goal is to support Government actions by providing a non-state action plan that will seek to increase recognition of the women, peace and security (WPS) agenda through a systematic, consistent, and comprehensive implementation of UNSCR1325 in Kenya.

The network will serve as a repository of women experts in conflict resolution to amplify gender responsive peace making processes ahead of the August 9th General elections.

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IT’S TIME FOR ACTION

Kenya has had its share of retrogressive cultural beliefs that have promoted gender based violence against women. Some of the impunitive practices include Female Genital Mutilation, Early Child Marriages, violence and bullying just to mention but a few.

Narok County is among the 22 hotspot counties where FGM is practiced with a prevalence rate of 78%. The rate of Child Marriage and Teenage Pregnancy is also high with the county recording the highest number of Teenage Pregnancy cases in the country.

This month, ENA joined the world over in celebrating the International Zero Tolerance to FGM in Narok County.

The theme of the day was; Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)— investing in programmes to provide services and response for those affected and those at risk and in developing and enforcing laws and fortifying institutional capacity to address eradicating FGM.

The event was marked on Friday 4th February and was critical as it brought together all the key players (state and non-state actors) under the County Gender Sector Working Group where ENA is a member to show case their work.

Among partner's present included: County Government of Narok, Amref Health Africa, World Vision, COVAW, Community Health Partners, AfriAfya, SNV, CREAM, Masai Mara University, Kenya Wildlife Services, Kenya Prisons, Anglican Development Services (ADS) among others.

The promotion of STEM subjects through Hesabu clubs is one of the approaches that Echo Network Africa uses to achieve its mission under the Girls Excel Focus Area whose main goal is: To contribute towards the eradication of Female Genital Mutilation, Period Poverty, Teenage Pregnancies, Early marriages, and Accelerate the uptake of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) by girls in Kenya.



Catalytic Synergies: Narok County Gender Sector Working Group members introduce themselves to stakeholders during International Day of Zero Tolerance to FGM in Narok County.

TO LET



The Jennifer Riria Hub is an ultra-modern, state of the art facility developed by Echo Network Africa (ENA). Located at the junction of Tom Mboya and Kipchoge Keino road in Nakuru town (Soon City). The Hub has 108 shops and 184 parking slots making it the perfect and hustle free place for shopping, business, indoor and outdoor events.

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(GROUND FLOOR)

&

7,640.29 Sqft
(UPPER GROUND FLOOR)

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